

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
January 12, 2018

Upcoming Events – Matthew Duffy

January 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, Schools and Offices Closed
January 16: Academic Committee, DeAnza, 5:30 PM
January 17: Board of Education, DeJean, 6:30 PM
January 18: LCAP Meeting, Kennedy Library, 6:30 PM
January 20: Special Education Parent & Caregivers Conference, PSC, 8:30 AM
January 20: Elementary Sports Basketball League Kickoff, Greenwood Academy, 9:00 AM
January 24: LCAP Town Hall, Kennedy Library, 5:00 PM
January 24: CBOC, FOC, 6:00 PM
January 27: ILT Gathering, DeAnza, 8:30 AM

Closed Session for Next Meeting – Matt Duffy

Closed Session for the January 17 meeting will begin at 4:30 PM.

Recognizing Excellence with the “You Make a Difference Awards” – Steve Collins

On March 15, 2018 the Community Advisory Committee for Special Education will host its annual “You Make a Difference Awards” ceremony, recognizing individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to the lives and educational experiences of our special education students in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Honorees were nominated for their extraordinary contributions, generosity, inclusive practices, and program enhancement. The Community Advisory Committee is proud to announce this year’s recipients.

Please join us on March 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at DeJean Middle School to celebrate the extraordinary contributions of these very worthy honorees.

The Jake Rockeman Award Recipients

Faith Parsons, Juliet Hernandez, Mia Freeman, Valeria Gomez Lopez - Collins Elementary
Vivien Mossman – Kensington Elementary
Austin Snyder – Riverside Elementary

Special Recognition

Steve Collins - Assistant Superintendent, Special Education

Administrators

Nia Rashidchi -Associate Superintendent, Educational Services
Katherine Acosta-Verprauskus - Principal, Montalvin Elementary

Special Education Teachers

Claudia Ibarra – Lupine Hills Elementary
Pia De La Cruz – Balboa Preschool

Related Services Providers

Amee Evangelista-Marcayda – Speech Language Pathologist
Jacquelyn Meinen – School Psychologist

Support Staff

Brittany Garza - Classroom Support Aide – Korematsu Middle School
Karina Rangel - Classroom Support Aide – Hanna Ranch Elementary
Jackie Davis – Behavior Technician – Tara Hills Elementary

Community

Maddie Yuen – Past Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) President, Hercules Middle/High School

Brian Rutford Memorial Award

Sunny Ma - First Student Driver

Yamileth Lechado Sanchez – First Student Driver

Educational Technology News: We Got Tech Game! – Nia Rashidchi

WCCUSD will have 4 presenters at the *California League of Schools Teaching with Technology Conference*, taking place February 2-4 in Monterey. Teachers and administrators from across the state will gather to attend sessions addressing the conference theme, *Technology with a Purpose: Creating Lifelong Learners*.

Two WCCUSD EdTech coaches will be offering sessions exploring integration of "best practices" for specific grade levels / subjects. Secondary coach Caroline King will present "Experiential History Rooted in Hyper Docs and Google Classroom," geared toward middle/high school teachers. Elementary coach Darcy Long targets primary level integration in "Powerful K-2 Padlets: Beyond Scribbles on Digital Walls."

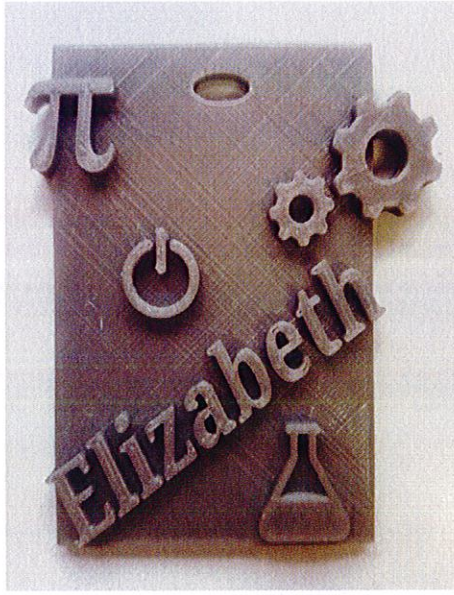
Mira Vista's principal Gabriel Chilcott and Tech Teacher Leader Caralee Spafford, will offer two sessions intended for administrators and teacher leaders who would like to learn more about planning and implementing a 1:1 site roll-out. "Blended Learning and Leading" is for attendees with access to technology at their sites, but who are unsure of how to utilize it to the best of their ability. "0-60: From Zero Tech to 1:1" is geared towards schools that are in the early adoption phase of 1:1 or integrating tech.

At the end of June, Laurie Roberts, our third EdTech coach, will be presenting a session titled "Get InFORMed: Using Google Forms to Get the Data You Want" at the annual International Society for Technology in Education conference. This year's ISTE conference takes place in Chicago from June 24th through the 27th. The ISTE Conference & Expo is the most comprehensive edtech conference in the world attended by thousands of educators from around the globe annually.

Chavez STEM Girls Club - Nia Rashidchi

The STEM Girls Club was started in an effort to increase the participation of underrepresented girls in the District's secondary science fair. The ultimate goal of this work is to heighten curiosity about opportunities in STEM careers. District STEM coaches recruited 6th grade girls from Chavez Elementary School to join the club. The club meets every Monday after school and conducts a variety of STEM activities with various topics: pendulums, color chromatography, building towers and stream tables, and using technology to understand the coordinate plane. Recently participants designed name tags in TinkerCad, which were printed at the Fab Lab. Next, they will design their own experiments and analyze their results. They will present these experiments at Open House.





Public Records Log – Marcus Walton

Included in this week's memo is the log of public records requests received by the district. If you have any questions, please contact me

Public Records Request Log 2017 - 2018
Week Ending January 4, 2018

	Date of Receipt	Requestor	Requested Records/Information	Current Status
26	10/23/17	Sarah Valdez / Legal Assistant Law Offices of Young, Minney Corr LLP	WCCUSD Elementary School, Middle School and High Schools' Records/Documents/Data	11/22/17 BATCH#1 Emailed with Links 11/22/17 ITEM#5 DOCs Available for Review at FOC 1/10/18 BATCH #2 Emailed with Links Gathering/Reviewing additional Docs
34	11/30/17	Anthony Narducci Northern CA Tile Labor	DeAnza High School / Building 10 Project	Gathering Documents 1/12/2018 DOCs available 1/10/18 Requestor no longer interested COMPLETED
35	11/30/17	Mary Amenu Northern CA Fire Protection Compliance Group	Kennedy High School / Welding Lab Project	Gathering Documents 1/12/2018 DOCs available
39	1/2/18	Denise Morgan Ca Charter School Association	Charter Schools' Facilities Requests made and written responses regarding projections of in-District and AD for 2018-2019 School Year	Gathering Documents
40	1/2/18	Ann Surapruik Bay Area Legal Aid	WCCUSD Applicant and Application Processes	Gathering Documents 1/26/2018 DOCs available
41	1/2/18	Ann Surapruik Bay Area Legal Aid	WCCUSD Rehabilitation Processes	Gathering Documents 2/9/2018 DOCs available
42	1/3/18	Todd and Paula Senigar	Accounting/Invoices for Attorney Fees spent on Special Ed Meetings and Accounting/Invoices for Fees spent on Justin Senigar matters for 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 SY	Gathering Documents 1/16/2018 DOCs available
Public Records Request Log / Ongoing 2016 - 2017				
29	9/14/16	Matt Cagle American Civil Liberties Union	Surveillance Technology and Digital Searches beginning January 1, 2013 – Present	12/2/16 Documents sent via email 3/31/17 Documents sent via email 5/5/17 Documents sent via email 7/13/17 Documents sent via email 9/22/17 Documents sent via email 10/27/17 Documents sent via email 12/1/17 Documents sent via email Gathering/Reviewing additional Docs 1/12/18 Additional Docs Available