

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
July 19, 2019

Upcoming Events – Matthew Duffy

July 24: Facilities Subcommittee, FOC, 4:00 PM
July 24: Governance Committee, Alvarado, Room 1, 6:00 PM
July 25: CBOC, FOC, 6:15 PM
July 30: Agenda Setting, Superintendent's Office, 4:00 PM
August 6: Middle College High School begins
August 7: Board of Education, DeJean, 6:30 PM
August 12: Pinole Valley High School Grand Opening, 10 AM

Upcoming Agenda Items August 7 - Matt Duffy

AASAT Resolution Discussion
45-Day Budget Revision

Food Services Chef Update - Ken Whittemore, Barbara Jellison

The Food Service Department welcomed Chef Shellie Bourgault as a new team member last May. Chef Shellie was born and raised in the East Bay Area, which influenced her career as a chef. Her experiences in sustainability, organic, fresh, culturally diverse, farm to table, root to shoot, have all shaped the way she sees food. Chef Shellie Bourgault studied nutrition in college, and graduated from the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco.

A few of her mentors and instructors at the CCA were Jeremiah Towers, Production Chef, Wolfgang Puck Restaurateur, and Ken Hom, Cookbook Author and BBC Television Host. From the Culinary Academy, she moved to the Napa Valley to practice her culinary skills. From the Napa Valley, she traveled throughout France and Italy.

Upon her return, she moved back to the East Bay and worked at the well-known Chez Panisse. There, the amount of dedication and attention to details including composting and recycling had an influence on her practice of cooking.

Currently, her love of food has gone back to her interest in nutrition. To learn so much about the techniques of food without including the importance of what and how we eat would not make sense to her. She is passionate about food and she loves to share this passion with those she works with.

Kitchen work is hard work, but she notices that those who work hard in the kitchen do this through the love of feeding others. She sees that this is important to all of us working in the kitchens and the Nutrition Center.

This summer she is coming together with our team working to connect the central kitchen to school sites. During summer school, the team was able to pilot plated meals such as lasagna, teriyaki chicken, fresh made tacos, meatloaf, enchilada pie and much more. We received great feedback from students, teachers, administrators and our food service staff. There were many challenges such as

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staff training, speed of service, hands needed to serve, quantity of food and much more. The benefits were the smiles on the students faces, and food service staff seeing the change for the better is worth the journey. With this, Chef Shellie will be working on new systems for production, delivery and service.

The students seem to be enjoying the new food served and the style of food. We continue to offer these meals daily at Montalvin's Aim High program and at the Nutrition Center through our summer meal program for our children.

For more information on WCCUSD meal program, go to www.wccusd.net - Food Services department or call WCCUSD Food Services at 510-307-4580

Media Stories of Note - Marcus Walton

The following stories may be of interest to the Board and the public:

<https://news.berkeley.edu/2019/07/17/im-a-berkeleyan-latanya-tigner/> - I'm a Berkeleyan: Dance lecturer Latanya Tigner: 'African American dance is ethnic dance'

<https://edsource.org/2019/amid-budget-deficits-bay-area-district-braces-for-cuts-spending-reserves/615422> - Amid budget deficits, Bay Area district braces for cuts, spending reserves

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/sports/article/Pumpsie-Green-who-integrated-Red-Sox-after-14103791.php> - Pumpsie Green, who integrated Red Sox after rising from Bay Area, dies at 85

<https://www.southcoasttoday.com/nationworld/20190717/pumpsie-green-1st-black-player-on-red-sox-dies-at-85> - Pumpsie Green, 1st black player on Red Sox, dies at 85

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/mlb/redsox/2019/07/17/pumpsie-green-boston-red-sox-first-black-player-dies-85/1762757001/> - Pumpsie Green, first black player in Boston Red Sox history, dies at 85

<https://www.sfgate.com/sports/article/A-long-wait-but-finally-a-Tour-win-for-sprint-14104129.php> - Ernie Broglio, former major-league pitcher and an El Cerrito High alum, dies

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2019/07/17/san-joses-ernie-broglio-involved-in-baseballs-most-lopsided-trade-dies-at-83/> - San Jose's Ernie Broglio, involved in baseball's most lopsided trade, dies at 83

<https://richmondstandard.com/richmond/2019/07/12/richmond-fab-lab-offers-summer-workshops-open-hours/> - Richmond Fab Lab offers summer workshops, open hours