

Friday Memo June 11, 2021

Upcoming Events – Dr. Kenneth C. Hurst Sr.

June 11: Vista High School Graduation, 11:00 AM
June 11: Gateway to College Graduation, 2:00 PM
June 11: Budget Committee Meeting, 3:00 PM
June 12: El Cerrito High School Graduation, 5:00 PM
June 14: Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Meeting, 2:00 PM
June 14: Safety Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM
June 15: Agenda Setting, 4:00 PM
June 16: Facilities Committee Meeting, 3:00 PM
June 16: Juan Crespi Renaming Committee, 6:00 PM
June 19: Juneteenth Caravan & Celebration, 10:00 AM
June 21: Charter Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM
June 23: Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment - Gabriel Chilcott & team

Math Department - Mark Lobaco & Team:

2020-21 Elementary Math Teacher Leaders (MTL) - Despite distance learning challenges, about 25 elementary teachers from throughout the district participated in the MTL program this school year. Teachers learned, practiced, shared, interacted, and built community around high quality math practices. [HERE](#) is a synopsis of the final session's evaluation.

Library Services - Francie Kunaniec, Allyson Bogie, & team:

District Librarian Allyson Bogie created the [Interactive Summer Reading flyer](#) that links to our free eBooks and audiobooks. Students can find the link in their Clever Portal. Community Engagement shared the flyer with parents via Peachjar.

All students, except graduating seniors and those leaving WCCUSD, will be keeping their Chromebooks and hotspots this summer. Access to their Clever Portal and [instructional apps](#) will continue to be available.

Visual And Performing Arts - Pat Martin & team:

Artists from Pinole Valley High School received awards for excellence when their art was shown at the County Fair and garnered interest from many community members:

[Alameda County Fair-Rankings with Ribbons](#)

[Alameda County Fair Art Awards](#)

On the music scene at Pinole Valley HS

Emmanuel Soto, tuba player was named to the All State Band this past week! Emmanuel is modest and low key but already a professional musician, moonlighting with his Dad who plays in mariachi bands. Ole!

And from Hercules HS:

6 of our HHS Music Students qualified to perform for the California Music Educators Association (CMEA) State Virtual Solo Festival due to achieving a Superior/Superior + Command Performance Rating from the CMEA Bay Section Virtual Solo Festival. They achieved the following ratings:

Amanda Amiller, vocal solo - Superior
Paolo Serafica, piano - Superior
Angelina Yue, violin - Excellent
Jaidon Ranieri, vocal and guitar - Excellent
Kaylee Dokko, violin - Excellent
Sebastian Cruz, violin - Excellent

Thank you for your continued support of our Music Department!

Learner-Centered Design - Sarah Breed & Alison Makela

We wrapped up our year long Equity Centered Deeper Learning Community of Practice for Principals on May 24th. Principals from the schools with Hewlett Funded Deeper Learning projects came together to reflect on their Equity Leadership, to share best practices for Deeper Learning, and to integrate [concepts of Deeper Learning](#) into their preparation for Summer School and Re-Opening. Our partnership with Eastern Carolina University supported this year long Community of Practice. The Equity Centered Deeper Learning practices of personal narrative, dynamic mindfulness, and consultancy were the focus for adult learning in this collaborative space for school leaders. Project Based Learning, Academic Discourse, Exhibitions, Portfolios, and Student Led Conferences were among the focal areas for the 18 schools who participated. We are grateful to the Hewlett Foundation for the support for this Community of Practice this year and look forward to deepening the work in the coming years.

In partnership with the Stanford Graduate School of Education and the Gardner Center for Youth and their Communities, we participated in a research study focused on Learner Centered Design at Harding Elementary School this year. Many thanks to Linda Takimoto for supporting this Participatory Action Research focused on Learner Centered Math Practices. The final [Learner Centered Design Research Report](#) is linked here for your reference.

In April, we concluded our Year Long course [Deeper Learning 101: A self paced study into Deeper Learning and Learner Centered Design](#). Open to all members of the WCCUSD community and held in a salon format, participants engaged in learning and discussing concepts and principles of Deeper Learning.

The Office of Learner Centered Design is supporting the planning and design of the WCCUSD Virtual School. Concepts of Personalization, Deeper Learning, and Learner Centered Design are integrated into the planning process with staff.