

The Nugget



News from the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office

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Scott W. Lay, Superintendent

News & Notes



WELCOME BACK!

Scott W. Lay
Nevada County
Superintendent of Schools

Welcome back for the 2017-18 school year! As your new Superintendent of Schools, I'm very excited to be working with all of our school districts, charter schools, community agencies, and the people of Nevada County. Over the course of the next several months I hope to visit all of our schools and see the excellent educational settings our county is known for fostering.

I come to this job with over 25 years of experience in our school systems. I spent nine years as the middle school grades teacher at Clear Creek School before becoming the Superintendent/Principal/Teacher for the past sixteen. During this time I have been fortunate to have met a lot of the staff in our district schools and our charter schools. Diversity of educational environments makes our county unique and the quality of the people in our schools makes it special.

I'm looking forward to the challenges this position will present and working with all of you to create the best learning environment for all of our students in Nevada County.

Curriculum and Instruction

Kathleen Kiefer
NCSOS Dir. Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability

The NCSOS Instructional Coaching Team welcomes you to the 2017-2018 school year! In response to new and

exciting statewide collaboration opportunities as well as to our districts' emerging individual needs, we have made some changes to our coaching model.

This year, our coaches will be focusing on attending Communities of Practice (COP) meetings in their specified area of focus and reporting back directly to teachers with the latest and greatest news and resources. The goal of these COP meetings is: *To gather content from experts each of our state's 58 counties (using the California Content Frameworks as the anchor for the work) in an effort to focus on building capacity, sharing best practices, developing useful resources, and organizing the work in all 58 California counties in order to build systems that make a positive change in every California classroom.*

Each coach will also be available for presentations at district PD days, staff meetings, and site PLC team meetings. Also available again this year are grade level and one-on-one coaching opportunities. To schedule support please contact Kathleen Kiefer, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Accountability by calling 530-478-6400 ext. 2046 or email kkiefer@nevco.org.

NCSOS is proud to present our 2017-2018 NCSOS Instructional Coaches:

K-8 ELA (supporting K-5 math as needed) – Christy McCracken, ELA/ELD COP representative
K-8 Math – Jim Richards, Math COP representative
K-8 Science – Carrie Ferrero, Science COP representative
K-12 History/Social Science and 9-12 ELA – Steve Hansen, History/S.S. COP representative
Our Instructional Coaching flyer can be downloaded at: <http://nevco.org/professional-development/>

Sharyn Turner, MA, RN
Coordinator of Student Health

IT'S THE RULE SHOTS BEFORE SCHOOL

Parents will be dropping off their children with a new sense of security as school opens this year. There's a good reason for their relief.

With the inception of the new law SB277, a mandate requiring preschool and school-aged children to have their routine immunizations prior to attending school, 2016 proved to be a benchmark year in Nevada County, and 2017 is looking even more promising as parents stepped up to the task of getting their children vaccinated and ready for a new school year. Nevada County Public Health, under the direction of Ken Cutler M.D., Public Health Officer, and Nevada County School Nurses provided two additional immunization clinics prior to school start which resulted in hundreds of vaccines given to kids to avoid exclusion from school the first day.

Since the new law, Nevada County has seen an 8% increase in fully vaccinated kindergarteners, as evidenced by last year's immunization reporting. The rate of fully immunized kindergarteners increased to 81% in 2016, up from 77% in the previous year. Preschoolers have similarly increased their immunization rates. The increase was largely driven by the new law, but also in part by the Nevada County Public Health Department's perseverance in making vaccines accessible to those children who otherwise may not get them. The Public Health Department did not do it alone, however. School nurses, local health practitioners, and our various dedicated community partners all contributed to Nevada County's increase in immunization rates.

Incoming seventh graders can't register for school unless they've had booster immunizations against tetanus (also called lockjaw), diphtheria and pertussis (better known as whooping cough). And if they haven't previously been vaccinated against another seven diseases (measles, bacterial meningitis, mumps, polio, rubella, hepatitis B and chicken pox), those seventh graders must get it done before their enrollments can proceed.

Those seventh graders receiving Tdap showed a larger turnout, from 88% in 2015 to 91%. Vaccination rates of seventh graders reportedly reached record levels during the last school year, the first in which the new, stricter rules applied. Statewide, the Department of Public Health reports that seventh graders meeting school-entry vaccination requirements stood at 98.4 percent last spring, up 1.8 percent from three years earlier.

Nevada County's increase in vaccinated children is significant, however, it is still below the California average

of 93%. Because of this, many vaccine preventable diseases, which require community immunity of 90-95%, still threaten the health of our residents, especially those who are particularly vulnerable.

For more information and eligibility requirements regarding Nevada County's Immunization Program, go to www.mynevadacounty.com or contact 530-265-7265. Most children's vaccines are provided through the Vaccines for Children Program.

Required shots for K-12 schools can be found at <http://www.shotsforschool.org/k-12/>



Find Your Compass

**Countywide Professional Development Day
September 18, 2017**

Kathleen Kiefer

Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability

TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATORS:

SAVE THE DATE for NCSOS Countywide PD Day

When: Monday, Sept. 18, 2017: 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Where: Nevada Union High School

Keynote Speaker: Phil Boyte, author of *School Culture by Design*

We look forward to sharing a day full of engaging and relevant professional learning opportunities focused on addressing students' academic, behavioral, and social/emotional needs. A special thank you goes out to the leadership of Nevada Joint Union High School District for partnering with NCSOS and offering the use of the Nevada Union campus for this event.

Our theme this year, "Find Your Compass", will point educators in a direction that fosters success. Registration will be open on OMS (Online Management System) from August 23rd – September 1st. Sessions include offerings for teachers, administrators, para professionals, and front-line office staff. Your participation should prove to be an inspiring and unifying professional development opportunity. Session topics and descriptions will be distributed by site-administrators before August 23rd. It is required that all participants must be registered with OMS. If you did not establish a user name and password last year, *new* teachers, administrators and para professionals should register with OMS for individual login information by linking to <http://nevco.k12oms.org/login.php>.

Trainings • Field Trips • Opportunities for All

Trainings

NCSOS Countywide PD Day: Monday, September 18, 2017

Nevada County's countywide PD Day takes place Monday, September 18 at Nevada Union High School, from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. OMS (Online Management System) requires personal log-in set-up prior to registration by following this link: <http://nevco.k12oms.org/login.php>.

This can be done now. Registration takes place August 23 – September 1. Here is the link: <http://nevco.org/pd-day-9-18-17/> to the NCSOS website.

Tournament Schedule for School Year 2017-18

See the *Quick Reference Calendar* at the end of the NUGGET for the 2017-18 Tournament Schedule.

BTSA Teacher Induction

See the *Quick Reference Calendar* at the end of the NUGGET for the 2017-18 BTSA Teacher Induction program seminar calendar. Contact for the program is Susan Clarabut at sclarabut@scoe.org with any questions about the program.

Triple P: Power of Positive Parenting Classes

Triple P is a program of the NCSOS office and is conducted by Parenting Specialist Meg Luce, LMFT. Two current 8-week sessions of Triple P takes place Sept. 6 - Oct. 25 from 6 p.m.–8 p.m. at Cottage Hill Elementary School; and Sept. 7 – Oct. 26 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Scotten School. Triple P is for parents of children ages 2-12. There is a materials fee of \$35. Scholarships are available. Pizza and childcare activities are provided! For more info or to register call 913-2745. Space is limited.



Field Trips

51st Annual Nevada City Constitution Day Parade & Weekend Celebration

There are a multitude of activities over the course of the weekend that include Revolutionary War Living History reenactments at Pioneer Park, reenactment of the signing of the U.S. Constitution, Gold Country Duck Race, outdoor concerts and, of course, the parade on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. The Constitution Day Parade is a living-history educational opportunity perfectly suited for students. School groups, including band groups, are enthusiastically invited to join in the 51st Annual Nevada City Constitution Day Parade on Sept. 10. Schools or classes that enter to participate in the parade will be provided with flags to carry, provided by the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce. Join the festivities and bring some positive exposure to your school.

This year's parade honoree is Bill Falconi, former Nevada City Engineer. The Grand Marshal will be Bruce Gallaway of the Masonic Grand Lodge of California. For more info on the calendar or events or the parade registration form go to: <https://www.nevadacitychamber.com/nevada-city-events/constitution-day-parade/>.

17th Annual Nevada City Film Festival Coincides with STEAM again!

The theme of Nevada City Film Festival (NCFE) is 'Exploration', which leaves the door wide open for science and technology in the arts. This year a Virtual Reality truck will be making stops throughout Nevada County before and during the festival. This is a free experience that lasts 2-5 minutes. Bill Nye of "Bill Nye, the Science Guy" will be in attendance at the screening of the documentary film

Bill Nye: Science Guy, along with co-directors Nevada City native Jason Sussberg and David Alvarado. NCFE is extremely proud to know that they have screened nearly every one of Jason's films, including shorts he made while at NU to his master thesis at Stanford. Festival takes place Sept. 8-15, 2017. For more info go to www.nevadacityfilmfestival.com.

Opportunities for All

School Backpacks Available

For students in need, PARTNERS Family Resource Centers (FRC) have backpacks available at the FRCs. They are located next to Grass Valley Charter School, Ready Springs School, and Oak Tree School. For more info regarding qualifying students call 273-4059.

Carnegie Link Up

3rd-4th-5th grade students learn to play a recorder, sing, and move in the classroom, learning the basic fundamentals of music. No previous musical background is necessary on the part of educators. MIM can provide a professional musician to come into your classroom for recorder instruction. For the culminating concert later in the school year, students bring their newly acquired musical skills to the concert hall where, from their seats, they perform with a professional orchestra. Schools that have participated in the past two years know this to be a powerful experience. Participating school sign-ups should take place by September 8. This music literacy program is implemented in your classroom beginning in October and continues throughout the school year. For more information, site administrators should contact MIM Education Director Mark Vance at mark@musicinthemountains.org or 265-6173 x202.

Young Composers Project

Application deadline for Music in the Mountains Young Composers Project is Friday, Sept. 15. Curriculum includes theory, history, harmony, listening,

conducting, visiting musicians, rehearsals/performance, dictation, software notation, public speaking, and composition. Go to www.musicinthemountains.org for the application form or call Education Director Mark Vance at 530.265.6173 x202.

MIMYO

The Music in the Mountains YOUTH ORCHESTRA, better known as MIMYO, is beginning year two and is actively seeking all instrumentalists, 5th thru 12th grade. For more info go to www.musicinthemountains.org/education/mimyo/ or call Education Director Mark Vance at 530.265.6173 x202.

Girls Who Code Club

The Girls Who Code Club is open to all 6th-9th grade girls. Club meetings take place every Tuesday at the Seven Hills Middle School library from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m... Orientation takes place September 12th. Sessions begin

September 19th, 2017. Class is limited to 24 with an active waiting list. Register on line at <https://goo.gl/forms/cCX5zzDpnqwiltx23>.

CPR & First Aid Training

CPR/AED courses are taken on-line, followed by a CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo Check 'class', coordinated by NCSOS. Certification is received once you have met the demonstration requirement. The initial on-line training course is estimated to take up to 3 hours; if you are renewing, count on much less time. Class fee of \$45 must be paid prior to on-line course access. See the *Quick Reference Calendar* below for classes scheduled thru September. Register online at www.nevco.org/register or contact Faith Yamamoto at fyamamoto@nevco.org.

SPHERO Classroom Set

Following PD Day, where two workshops will be offered by SPHERO

Education ('Welcome to SPHERO Education' and 'You Started to Code ~ now what?'), NCSOS will be awarding a classroom set of SPHEROs to one classroom teacher. A selection will be made no later than October 6, after letters of interest have been received from interested teachers. The letter should articulate how the set of SPHEROs will be implemented in your classroom. Submit letter of interest to Judy Nielsen at NCSOS no later than Tuesday, September 26.

62? Time to Get Your National Parks & Federal Recreational Lands Senior Pass

At 62 years old you can purchase a lifetime senior pass for \$10 – that is, before August 28, 2017. The price has not gone up since 1994 but will soon be \$80. On-line purchases have maxed out but you can purchase directly at the Tahoe National Forest Headquarters on Coyote Street in Nevada City. Hours are 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Quick Reference Calendar...

Calendar events have been highlighted in previous editions of *The Nugget* and are listed in chronological order. Back issues of *The Nugget*, with additional information, can be found at www.nevco.org/news-events.



CPR/AED/First Aid Class Schedule

DATE	CLASS DESCRIPTION	TIME
Thursday, September 7, 2017	CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo check	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 27, 2017	CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo check	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

BTSA Teacher Induction Program

All seminars not online are 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at EJ Educational Options 112 Nevada City Highway ~ Houser Room

DATE	YEAR ONE GROUP	ON-LINE
Tuesday, September 5, 2017		
Tuesday, October 3, 2017		
Tuesday, November 7, 2017		
December seminar		X



<u>BTSA calendar</u>	<u>continued</u>	
DATE	YEAR ONE GROUP	ON-LINE
Tuesday, January 9, 2018		
Tuesday, February 6, 2018		
March seminar		X
Tuesday, April 3, 2018		
DATE	YEAR TWO GROUP	
Wednesday, September 6, 2017		
Wednesday, October 11, 2017		
November seminar		X
December seminar		X
Wednesday, January 10, 2018		
February seminar		X
March seminar		X
Wednesday, April 4, 2018		
DATE	Optional Mentor Seminars	
Tuesday, December 5, 2017		
Tuesday, March 6, 2018		



NCSOS Countywide Professional Development Day

Monday, September 18, 2017 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Nevada Union High School



Tournament Schedule for School Year 2017-18

EVENT	GRADE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Geography	7 th	10/3	9-1	Chicago Park School
Spelling	5 th - 6 th	11/14	9-2	Miners Foundry
Spelling	7 th – 8 th	11/15	9-2	Miners Foundry
Writing	7 th – 8 th	1/9	9-2	Miners Foundry
Speech Prelims	4 th – 8 th	3/8	9 - 12:30 1 - 4:30	Calvary Bible Church
Speech Finals	4 th – 8 th	3/13	6:30 - 8:30	Nevada Theatre
STEAM Expo 2017	K-12 th	4/7	9-3	Nevada County Fairgrounds