

The Nugget



News from the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office

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News & Notes

Nevada County Reads & Writes

Judy Nielsen

Committee Member

Nevada County Reads & Writes is a countywide program with a target audience of 9th grade to 101 years old. Sponsored by Nevada County Libraries and the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, it is an annual event in which the community is encouraged to read the same book and then participate in subject-related events. The main drive behind the program has remained the same for the duration of the program: to get people to pick up a book and read, especially those that have never or rarely read for enjoyment.

Now in its 14th year, Nevada County Reads & Writes planning committee is pleased to announce the book selection for 2018, *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng. *Everything I Never Told You* is many things: a thriller and mystery, but also a look into suicide and mental health, expectations on oneself and family, race and culture in America, communication, and gender identity

Programs and events will begin in January 2018, which gives all 9th – 12th grade students and the community at-large, plenty of time to pick up this quick read. Two of the book-related events specifically target high school students: a school assembly presentation; and a creative writing competition. School assemblies have ranged from author visits, panel discussions, and re-enactments of a given book by local actors, all followed with Q & A. A prompt is provided for the writing competition, which culminates with an awards event at the Center for the Arts.

With such an early announcement of the book choice, the committee is looking forward to great participation this year. This book will prove to be thought provoking and educational for age-appropriate students.

NCSOS Instructional Coaches are “Being Called Out”!

Kathleen Kiefer

Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability

Here are just a few of the “Hot Topics” our NCSOS coaches are already providing support for this year - as per our schools’ unique requests:

- One-on-one & small group/grade level NGSS coaching
- Support with creating an on-campus Maker Space
- Direction in using Visual Thinking Strategies school wide in unique situations
- Creating & implementing thematic units of instruction
- New teacher observation and coaching
- Support for classified math staff
- Guidance in analyzing data and using improvement science to make instructional changes
- Help in creating integrated curriculum
- Teacher support for accessing and using the Library’s mobile technology van
- Instruction regarding use of the Interim Assessment Blocks
- CAASPP and Dashboard Data trainings
- Follow-up Countywide PD Day workshop support
- Personalized workshops for groups of educators requesting coverage of a particular topic/skill

Please don’t hesitate to be another educator to “call out” our coaches. Call or email Kathleen Kiefer (478-6400 ext. 2046 / kkiefer@nevco.org) to schedule support for your district/school/grade-level/individual needs. First come, first served!

PBIS in Nevada County Schools

Chris Espedal

NCSOS Safety and School Climate Coordinator

PBIS is an organized, data-driven system of interventions, strategies, and supports that positively impact school-wide and individualized behavior planning. Using the most current best practices, strategic teams are trained to positively impact behavior at three key behavioral tiers: Tier I – Universal: addresses the whole school; secondary Tier II – Individual: addresses individual child or group of at-risk students; and, Tier III - Intensive: addresses students with complex needs and

behaviors that severely impact the student, school and/or community functioning.



The 2017-18 school year is already very busy for the NCSOS PBIS team. Currently nine schools are at various stages of PBIS implementation. From kindergarten to high school, PBIS common language helps students know the expectations and build relationships with staff and one another. Using agreed-upon positive strategies provides the opportunity to build great school culture, where education, at its best, can happen.

Trainings • Field Trips • Opportunities for All

Trainings

PG&E Offers STEM High Schools Program

In partnership with NEED (National Energy Educational Development Project/since 1979), Pacific Gas and Electric Co. is delighted to offer valuable resources for STEM and Career Technical Education classrooms across Northern CA. The program is a combination of webinars and workshops for teachers. Energy topics crosscut through a variety of disciplines including science, math, engineering and technology, and align with NGSS and Common Core standards. Free monthly offerings include energy expert guest speakers, curriculum tools, hands-on teaching kits, and opportunities for paid student internships, scholarships, and mentoring. Webinars take place the 1st Wednesday of each month, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Workshops occur throughout Northern California. For more information contact Wendi Moss at wmoos@need.org or register for one or all seminars/workshops at: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=hyzzrodab&oeidk=a07e ejkrjesab69f5ca...>

CATS Offers 25 Scholarships for 2-day Workshop on Immigration & Migration

Community Asian Theatre of the Sierra has received a grant from Community Players Trust to conduct a 2-day workshop for educators. Teachers, aides, counselors, and administrators may apply. Workshop takes place November 18-19 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Houser Room. For further info or to sign up contact Jeannie Wood at info@catsweb.org.

Opportunities for All



Tech Test Junior

Tech Test Junior is a 5th-6th and 7th-8th grade test that focuses on

STEM education. The program is hosted by AJA Video and TELESTREAM and is integrated with STEAM Expo 2018. Tech Test Junior gives younger students the opportunity to prepare for higher stake tests and tasks in high school and beyond. 25-40 questions are developed by a team of teachers. The goal is to have enough participation that each teacher only needs to develop 3-5 test questions. Contact David Pistone at:

david.r.pistone@gmail.com to be part of the question development team.



Done with the sun? We don't think so.

Check out the latest and greatest of our galaxy by introducing students to NASA's *Space Place*. Link to <https://spaceplace.nasa.gov>. NASA provides much support in education, including educational packages that can be used for classroom bulletin boards, monthly newsletters, fact-of-the-day, incentive stickers, and much more.

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 or students. MIM is able to provide a professional musician, free of charge, to come into participating classrooms 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. This music literacy program can be implemented in your classroom throughout the school year. For more infor-

mation, site administrators should contact MIM Education Director Mark Vance at 265-6173 x202 or mark@musicinthemountains.org.

CPR & First Aid Training

CPR/AED courses are taken on-line, followed by a CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo Check ‘class’, coordinated by the NCSOS office. 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 Demo Check classes scheduled thru November. Contact register online at www.nevco.org/register or contact Faith Yamamoto at fyamamoto@nevco.org.

Music in the Mountains

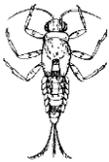
These MIM Educational Programs are free to Nevada County Schools:

- Peers Performing for PEERS
 - Music Live
 - Take 5 for Music
- Other MIM Educational Programs:
- Carnegie Link-Up
 - Young Composers Project
 - MIMYO (Youth Orchestra)

*Education Director Mark Vance
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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.



Environmental Science Investigations with Sierra Streams Institute

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 NCSOS Training Room 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.



CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo Check Class Schedule

DATE	CLASS DESCRIPTION	TIME
Monday, October 30, 2017	CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo check	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 9, 2017	CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo check	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 29, 2017	CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo check	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



McKinney-Vento Quarterly Meeting Schedule for 2017-18

All meetings take place from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at NCSOS.

MONDAY	November 6, 2017	Board Room
WEDNESDAY	February 7, 2018	Board Room
MONDAY	April 17, 2018	Board Room

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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, November 7, 2017		
December seminar		X
Tuesday, January 9, 2018		
Tuesday, February 6, 2018		
March seminar		X
Tuesday, April 3, 2018		
DATE	YEAR TWO GROUP	
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		



Tournament Schedule for School Year 2017-18

EVENT	GRADE	DATE	TIME	REGISTRATION DUE	LOCATION
Spelling	5 th - 6 th	11/14	9-2	10/30/17	Miners Foundry
Spelling	7 th – 8 th	11/15	9-2	10/30/17	Miners Foundry
Writing	7 th – 8 th	1/9	9-2	12/14/17	Miners Foundry
Speech Prelims	4 th – 8 th	3/8	9 - 12:30 1 - 4:30	2/22/18	Calvary Bible Church
Speech Finals	4 th – 8 th	3/13	6:30 - 8:30		Nevada Theatre
STEAM Expo 2018	K-12 th	4/7	9-3	3/16/18	Nevada County Fairgrounds



Two-Day Immigration & Migration Workshop

Saturday/Sunday, November 18-19, 2017

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

NCSOS Houser Room

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Poetry Out Loud

DATE	DESCRIPTION
September 1, 2017	Online Anthology is now available!
February 13, 2018	Nevada County competitions
March 4-5, 2018	State Finals competition
April 7, 2018	Nevada County STEAM Expo performances of poetry choices are associated to STEM subject matter
April 23-25, 2018	Poetry Out Loud National finals
April 28, 2018	Sierra Poetry Festival performances of Poetry Out Loud Nevada County finalists



CA Alliance for Arts Education Student Voices Campaign: 2-minute video program for 7th-12th Grade Students

TBD	deadline to submit to NC Arts for viewing at STEAM Expo 2018
April 1, 2018	deadline to submit to CA Alliance for Arts Education
April 7, 2018	STEAM Expo 2018 viewing of selected videos

