

The *Nugget*



News from the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office
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Holly Hermansen, Superintendent



The NUGGET is ON-LINE

Publication of the *Nugget* has taken a maiden journey into cyber-space. The November issue of the *Nugget* has been sent electronically to designated staff at each site. Distribution methods originate from that point. Designated persons have also been asked to make limited copies for lunch/break rooms and for distribution to those employees who do not have access to the internet. The *Nugget* is also archived on the NCSOS website at www.nevco.k12.ca.us We hope you continue to utilize the *Nugget*, as the NCSOS believes it is a valuable tool to further awareness and opportunities in Nevada County's educational community.

News & Notes ...

Safe Schools Healthy Students Grant: Funds New Family Resource Centers By Project Director Marina Bernheimer

The Safe Schools Healthy Students (SSHS) collaborative is funding many evidence-based services, programs, and curriculum to support local children and families in Nevada County. Family Resource Centers are one of the most exciting new investments in our community funded by the SSHS grant. Family Resource Centers (FRCs) offer multiple services to families co-located in a single building. With SSHS grant funding, we have opened one FRC on the Hennessy school campus, one FRC on the Ready Springs campus, and expanded the hours and services of a pre-existing FRC on the Oak Tree campus on the San Juan Ridge. Together, the three FRCs are part of the newly formed FRC Network serving Western Nevada County called PARTNERS; *People and Resources Together, a Network of Education, Recreation, and Support*. Although the FRCs are located on school campuses, they are intended to meet the needs of all families in the region, not just those whose children attend school at that location.

Each of the Family Resource Centers offers the following core services: Parenting Classes and Workshops; Behavioral Health Therapists; Lending Libraries with parenting and employment resources; GED Assistance; Family Fun Nights; Child Development Information; Drop-In Play Space; Clothes Closet; Computer Lab; and more. Spanish speaking staff is available at the Hennessy and Ready Springs sites.

Each of the FRCs is staffed by a Community School Liaison (CSL) who works directly with families to connect them with

the resources and services they need. If the needed services are not offered at the FRC, they will work with families to navigate systems and connect with resources available in the broader community. Most services at the FRCs are free of charge and families are encouraged to drop in during operating hours. FRCs have comfortable, inviting space for parents and children, including changing tables, toys, rocking chairs, couches, and the like.

If you are aware of a family that is in need of basic support and/or services, please refer them to one of the PARTNERS Family Resource Centers.

PARTNERS FRC in Grass Valley:

235 S. Auburn Street (next door to Hennessy School)

Hours: Monday-Friday 9am to 6pm.

CSL: Karen Wallack-Eisen (530) 273-4059

PARTNERS FRC in Penn Valley:

Ready Springs School, 10862 Spenceville Road

Hours: 9am to 5pm Monday –Friday (open until 8pm Thursdays)

CSL: Casey McCormick (530) 432-1118 ext. 249

San Juan Ridge FRC:

Oak Tree School Campus, 18847 Oak Tree Rd.

Hours: 10am to 4pm Monday –Friday

CSL: Diana Pasquini/Diana Malley (530) 292-3174

The Nugget highlights aspects of the SSHS on a monthly basis.

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Brummitt-Taylor: Where are you?

With the generosity of Music in the Mountains (MIM), Brummitt-Taylor is a classical music kit that is provided to 150 classrooms in Nevada County schools. This introduction to classical music is an easy-to-utilize format for the individual classroom teacher. Some teachers use Brummitt-Taylor for relaxation after recess or lunch, setting a tone for a calmer learning environment. The kit includes curriculum that includes background information on the composer of the week. You can use the kit a lot or a little, but

however you choose to use it, 5 minutes a day gets the ear attuned to listening; says MIM education committee member Barbara Swisher, "The nice thing for the teacher is that you don't need to know a thing about music."

Each kit is valued at \$300, thus a \$45,000 contribution on the part of MIM directly to Nevada County classrooms. Each kit includes eight CDs and a booklet with standards based lesson plans for each week of the year. Over a long period of time MIM and NCSOS have lost track of many kits: Who put their kit in a closet and forgot about it? Who retired and the

kit is sitting in the classroom? Who has kits sitting in a school office and don't know what they are or where they came from?

In an effort to locate all outstanding Brummitt-Taylor kits, a survey was circulated in May of 2010. Half of our teachers replied, but half did not. If you **did not** respond to the survey in May, please contact Sallie Dies at 272-8120 or e-mail at gvsallie@sbcglobal.net. If your kit is incomplete or in need of repair Sallie will also be able to rejuvenate your kit.

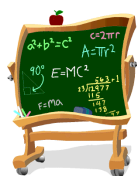
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Trainings

Art Docent Program 2010-2011

A county-wide hands-on workshop for all art docents will take place November 9. This workshop provides the opportunity to learn dozens of projects that enhance docent knowledge of age appropriate art projects for your classroom. The workshop runs 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for grades K-2 and noon – 2:30 p.m. for grades 3-6. Be sure your classroom art docent is informed of this event, as they won't want to miss this annual opportunity. For further information contact Judy Nielsen at 478-6400 x208 or judy@nevco.k12.ca.us.

Second Countywide 4th Grade Math Collaboration



The second in a series of four 4th grade math collaboration sessions has been coordinated by NCSOS and a countywide committee. Sacramento

County Office of Education (SCOE) Director of Math Instruction Pat Duckhorn and the planning committee will again facilitate the second 4th grade collaboration that will focus on division. This session is scheduled for **December 16, 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** One-half day substitute expenditures

may be billed to NCSOS. Via e-mail all 4th grade teachers will receive a flier and registration form. Although there is no fee, it is necessary to register upon receipt of the form. For more information call Judy at (530) 478-6400 ext. 208.

The first workshop was attended by over 90% of 4th grade math teachers in the county. Based on teacher evaluations, session one was a true success and a valuable use of time. Teachers were appreciative with new tools and understanding.

EMSA CPR/First Aid Training for Child Care Providers

An Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) certified CPR/First Aid class will be offered January 29. This class is designed especially for child care providers/preschool employees required by law to have staff qualified under EMSA standards. There must be a minimum of four people in attendance for the class to take place. To pre-register e-mail Anna McMillen at amcmillen@nevco.k12.ca.us or call (530) 478-6400 x201. The \$65 fee must be prepaid to confirm your reservation.

CPR & First Aid Training for 2010-11

The Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office offers training for MEDIC FIRST AID BasicPlus CPR, AED, and First AID. The Medic First Aid Infant and Child Supplement can be included following Adult

CPR/First Aid that deals specifically with the treatment of life-threatening events involving children.

To pre-register e-mail Anna McMillen: amcmillen@nevco.k12.ca.us or call (530) 478-6400 x201. The \$30 fee must be prepaid to confirm your reservation.

Additional information can be found on the NCSOS website at:

www.nevco.k12.ca.us/teachers

Upcoming class dates for 2010:

November 6 Saturday 9 – 1

November 11 Thursday 3 – 7

December 18 Saturday 9 – 1

CTEL Preparation Course: Spring 2011

No CTET preparation course will be offered in Nevada County. The San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) will be presenting the course, hosted by the Placer County Office of Education in Auburn.

The CTET Preparation Course for Spring 2011 will prepare participants for tests 1, 2, and 3 of the CTET state examination. The class is on a first come basis and is limited to 20 participants. Register early to reserve a space. For further information contact Seng Kingkhilysack at SJCOE, skingkhilysack@sjcoe.net.

Field Trips

The Mud Hut at As.If Studios

Correction to the Nugget: incorrect contact information appeared in the September/October Nugget.

The Mud Hut, formerly operated by NCSOS, is now a community ceramics center at As.If Studios, and provides a variety of classes for students and teachers, from 'Fire up the Fun' and 'Kids Clay for Home School Students' to 'Practical Classroom Ceramics for Teachers'. For more information contact long time Mud Hut teachers: Denise Wey at www.denisewey.com / 477-7843 or Claudia Jeffers at 477-0128 / cjeffers@netshel.net.

Opportunities for All

8th Annual EcoKids at Burton Homestead

EcoKids is an ecology-oriented fair. Stations are required to be hands-on activities for kids.

This year EcoKids takes place Sunday, November 7th at Burton Homestead (moved from the Imaginarium of Nevada County), noon – 4 p.m., \$1/kids and \$5/adults. For more information call Stacy Prater-Vigil, Nevada County Land Trust at 272-5994 ext.7 or Marge Kaiser, SNDEI at 265-6649.

Music in the Mountains Includes School Choirs in Holiday Concerts

Music in the Mountains (MIM) has again invited area school choirs to participate in MIM annual Holiday Chorale Concerts. Three school choirs will each sing one of their own songs

and two pieces with the MIM Festival Chorale. Each school choir will sing in one of three concerts as follows:

Fri., Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m. ~ Lyman Gilmore
Sat., Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. ~ Magnolia
Sun., Dec. 12, 2:00 p.m. ~ Bear River

The 85-voice MIM Festival Chorale is the premier chorus of the foothills, with roots dating back to the 1960s. The concerts, which will include many holiday favorites as well as the masterwork, John Rutter's "Gloria", will be held at the Amaral Festival Center at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Tickets are available by calling 265-6124 or at www.musicinthemountains.org.

Toys for Tots Drop-off Location at NCSOS

The NCSOS office will be a drop-off location for the Marine Corp Toys for Tots program from November 8 thru December 15. You may donate a new, *unwrapped* toy valued at \$10 or more for children ages birth to 17. There is a special need for toys for teenagers.

The best donations are sporting goods, toy cars/planes/boats, dolls, board games, books, bicycles, scooters, puzzles, models, hand-held video games and small electronics. Please do not donate toys that are religious, political, sexual, or war related.

Finding Funding

The Pepsi Refresh Project began in January of 2009. From the 1st to the 15th of each month Pepsi accepts up to 1000 ideas for projects to be funded from \$5,000 - \$250,000. Categories for ideas are Education, Health, Arts & Culture, Food & Shelter, the Planet, and Neighborhoods. Applications are accepted from individuals, small groups, companies, and organizations. The following month after submission, on-line voting takes place for the entire month. Individuals can vote once per day. At the end of the month ideas with the most votes

are announced. The application process is easy and you never know – someone has to receive the grant and it could be you. For more information go to www.refresheverything.com.

The Nugget hopes to provide a monthly suggestion for funding opportunities. If you have an opportunity to share contact Nugget Editor Judy Nielsen at 478-6400 x208 or e-mail judy@nevco.k12.ca.us.

MUSIC in the MOUNTAINS presents...

Young Composers

This collaborative program between Music in the Mountains (MIM) and the Nevada County Composers Cooperative works with middle school thru college level students throughout the school year. To have students apply go to: musicinthemountains.org.

Music Live

Since 2007 Music in the Mountains (MIM) has presented *Music Live*, bringing live classical music performances to Nevada County's K-8 schools, free of charge. *Music Live* is offered January thru May. For scheduling opportunities contact Judy Nielsen at 478-6400 x208.

Peers Performing 4 Peers

Music in the Mountains *Young Musicians* goes directly into Nevada County K-6 classrooms to perform January thru May, free of charge. To schedule a classroom visit call Mark Vance at 265-6173 x20

2010-2011 ACADEMIC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Writing: January 12 (Miners Foundry)

Math-Grades 5/6: January 26 (Miners Foundry)

Math-Grades 7/8: January 27 (Miners Foundry)

Speech: March 10 (Calvary Bible Church)

Speech Topic: "The Best Event in American History"

Contact: Bonnie Smart 470-8510 ext. 204

