Resources Together, a Network of Education, Recreation, and they are intended to meet the needs of all families in the Western Nevada County called PARTNERS;

Each of the FRCs is staffed by a Community School Liaison available at the Hennessy and Ready Springs sites. 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 flyer 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 $30 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.

CTEL Preparation Course: Spring 2011
No CTEL 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 CTEL Preparation Course for Spring 2011 will prepare participants for tests 1, 2, and 3 of the CTEL 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 Kingkhlysack at SJCOE, skingkhlysack@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 / cjjeffers@netskel.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 the 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 Amargal 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, handheld 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, online 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.

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