

## News & Notes

### BTSA

Susan Clarabut

NCBTP Coordinator

Though Nevada County is far from the California coast, we still have many things in common with that area, including beautiful landscapes, gorgeous rock outcroppings and BTSA Induction. Yes, BTSA (Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment) has been provided in Nevada County for the last 9 years by the North Coast Beginning Teacher Program (NCBTP). Nevada County is part of a regional consortium including Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte and Lake counties that have banded together to provide a high-quality, State approved credential program to newly employed teachers who hold preliminary teaching credentials, Level 1 education specialist credentials and/or teacher interns. In addition to its affiliation with multiple county offices of education and over 100 school districts, charter schools and private schools, the NCBTP is also affiliated with multiple universities, including Humboldt State, Sonoma State, Dominican and University of San Francisco.

The two year induction program includes a 1:1 support provider who meets with the beginning teacher on a weekly basis, monthly seminars at NCSOS, and an online system used by participants to provide evidence of their work on the state adopted California Standards for the Teaching Profession. Participating teachers are in either a Year 1 or a Year 2 cohort, a group that becomes in effect a PLC for beginning teachers. Over the two year program the group of participating teachers and support providers

become close colleagues, sharing their successes, concerns, successful teaching strategies, lesson plans, and classroom management techniques.

Teacher interns are those teachers who are fully employed, have met subject matter competency, and are enrolled in a university intern program, but who have not completed student teaching or yet obtained a preliminary teaching credential. The support offered to interns includes an assigned support provider, additional university supervision, and workshops in basic teaching strategies.

Congratulations to the following teachers who completed their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of BTSA induction this month and will be recommended to the CTC for their clear professional teaching credentials: Elyce Canter, Maggie Daly, Lisa Demeter, Melissa George, Guy Greever, Eric Halseth, Dan Hurley, Angela Otwell, Debbie Phillipson, Jim Pyacek, Lindsey Wheeler, Sadie Wight, Julie Wivholm, and Jennifer Woodbridge.

Newly hired teachers should consult with their districts to determine, based on their credentials, whether they should sign up for BTSA. Questions should be directed to the district office and/or to Susan Clarabut, the NCBTP coordinator for Nevada County, at [sclarabut@scoe.org](mailto:sclarabut@scoe.org). Additional information about the North Coast Beginning Teacher Program can be found at [www.ncbtp.org](http://www.ncbtp.org).

## Safety and School Climate

**Chris Espedal**

*Safety & School Climate Coordinator*

In the past two months Safety & School Climate Coordinator Chris Espedal has had the opportunity to visit nearly one-third of the school sites in Nevada County. The primary focus during site visits has been to offer resources available through NCSOS in regard to school safety and climate. As a result of those visits Chris has been invited to observe school safety drills and make recommendations for improvement. Schools in Nevada County are working hard to provide a safe learning environment for all students and staff.

NCSOS has developed a collaborative and cooperative partnership with local law enforcement and Nevada County Office of Emergency Services. This partnership allows for open communication, cooperation, and sharing of ideas regarding emergency preparedness and crisis planning.

The Community Agencies United for Safe Schools and Safe Streets (CAUSSSS) committee continues to bring school administrators, law enforcement, and supporting agencies together monthly to discuss the climate of our County. Concerns affecting students are addressed and recommendations are shared. Topics such as truancy, suspicious activity, increased use of electronic cigarettes, and drug identification give school administrators first-hand information relevant to school sites.

Chris Espedal says "It has been a busy start to my new position, but the welcome and outreach from the school sites confirm the need for this position in Nevada County schools."

## 2014 Classified School Employees of the Year

**by Judy Nielsen**

*Nugget Editor*

Each year the California Department of Education promotes a program to honor classified employees. This year eight Nevada County school districts each have a Classified School Employee of the Year (CSEY) who is being honored during Classified School Employee Week, May 19-23, 2014. These fine people represent the contributions of classified school employees who support the education of California's public school students in preschool through grade twelve. The goal of the program is to identify exemplary classified school employees in the categories of: Office & Technical; Child Nutrition; Maintenance, Operations, & Facilities; Para-educator & Instructional Assistance; Support Services & Security; and

Transportation. This year these Nevada County exemplary employees are:

- Para-educator & Instructional Assistance
  - Kathleen Hanlon – Grass Valley SD
  - Debi Juric – NCSOS office
  - Lana Hansen – Pleasant Valley SD
  - Sadie Neher – Ready Springs Union SD
  - Justine Riley – Union Hill SD
- Maintenance, Operations & Facilities
  - Mike Menezes – Pleasant Ridge SD
- Office & Technical
  - Candy Slayton – Nevada City SD
  - Jeanine Atkins – NJUHSD

When you see these people hard at work, take a moment to recognize their excellent contributions that benefit the children of Nevada County and your educational site.

## NCSOS Common Core Coaching Team Services Begin in August 2014

**Kathleen Kiefer**

*Curriculum, Instruction, & Accountability Director*

NCSOS is proud to officially announce the establishment of a Common Core Coaching Team comprised of Nevada County teachers! The math coaches are: Susan Lima (Williams Ranch) K-2, Sarah Schwartz (Alta Sierra) 3-5, Jim Richards (Magnolia) 6-8, and Michael Hughes (Bear River/Nevada) high school. The English language arts coaches are: Stacey Welch (Cottage Hill) K-2, Andrea Marks (Deer Creek) 3-5, Jill Massie (Lyman Gilmore) 6-8, and Steve Hansen (Nevada Union) high school. Lead by Kathleen Kiefer, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability, this team will address the unique individual instructional needs of each of our districts through one-on-one coaching, school site or district professional development opportunities, and workshops. There are eight workshops (designed according to already expressed teacher needs) in the planning stages for early August! Specific information will be provided to your site administrator before the end of school. Teachers and district/school leaders are welcome to contact Kathleen at [kkiefer@nevco.k12.ca.us](mailto:kkiefer@nevco.k12.ca.us) at any time with requests for services, answers to pressing questions, and/ or resources that the coaches will be able to provide. We look forward to teachers taking full advantage of what will prove to be a fabulous resource.

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## Field Trips



### *Music in the Mountains*

Classics Peers Performing for Peers could be a delightful way to end your school year. Young musicians come to your classroom to perform and interact with your students. Call MIM Education Director Mark Vance at 265-6273 for more information.

## Trainings

### **Budgeting Basics**

The Grass Valley Partners FRC is offering a free basic budgeting class on Tuesday, May 20 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Topics include managing monthly expenses, how to stay within your means, resources to cut monthly costs, and future goals. Call 273-4059 to RSVP.

### **Title I and the Arts**

Principals, district administrators, financial officers, school site council members, and categorical funding experts are invited to learn about State and federal guidance on how schools can use arts education strategies to achieve Title I goals. May 21, SCOE Curriculum and Intervention Annex, 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. For more info contact Cheryl Robers at [crobers@scoe.net](mailto:crobers@scoe.net) or call (916)228-3908.

### **Arts Academy with the SCOE Leadership Institute**

Join the SCOE Leadership Institute for Year 2 of the Arts Academy. Gain understanding of the CCSS through integration of visual and performing

arts. Learn strategies, design K-12 lessons, and develop a PLC. July 21-25, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. each day. \$400 includes textbook, materials, field trips, admissions, and some meals. An additional \$120 includes 3 units from UC Davis Extended Learning. For more info contact Cheryl Robers at [crobers@scoe.net](mailto:crobers@scoe.net) or call (916)228-3908.

## Opportunities for All

### **Nevada County Astronomy Day**

The Nevada County Astronomers present Astronomy Day 2014 at the Madelyn Helling Library. This free event takes place Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from noon-3 p.m. Enjoy planetarium shows in a Star-lab Planetarium, solar viewing in solar telescopes, telescope making demonstrations, meteorite display, planet walk, hands-on-science, videos, displays, and more. Great for all ages.

### **30<sup>th</sup> Annual Playwrights Project**

See your characters come to life on stage at a professional theatre in San Diego. Open to Californians under the age of 19. Collaborations accepted. Scripts will be evaluated in two age groups: under 15 and 15-18. Deadline to apply is June 1, 2014. Winning scripts presented in the 30<sup>th</sup> season of *Plays by Young Writers*. Learn more at [www.playwrightsproject.org](http://www.playwrightsproject.org).

### **CPR & First Aid Training**

See the Quick Reference Calendar below for dates & times thru June 2014, including an EMSA class on July. CPR & First Aid Training is \$30 and the EMSA class is \$65. The EMSA class is especially designed to meet the requirement for child care providers and preschool employees. Reservations are

first come, first serve. Fees must be prepaid to reserve a spot in the class. For further information call Faith at 478-6400 x201 or register on-line at [www.nevco.org/register](http://www.nevco.org/register).

### **Food Love Project**

Come pick your own organic veggies with your family, every Tuesday evening starting June 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at 16200 Lake Vera Road. All proceeds go to supporting farm to school education in our community. This project also offers the Food Love Project Summer Camp! And a day camp for teens. Call or email Amanda at [Amanda@sierraharvest.org](mailto:Amanda@sierraharvest.org) or 265-2343.

### **Some Camp Opportunities**

- Sierra Jazz Camp: Immerse yourself in music with Bill Douglass and faculty, July 16 – July 20. Learn jazz style or develop your improvisation. All ages, all levels, all instruments, and/or voice. Contact Nora Nausbaum at 273-5489 and visit <http://jazzcamp.sierrajazzsociety.com>.
- Mud Hut at ASiF Studios: Kid's Summer Clay Classes with Denise Wey for ages 6-15. Visit [www.asifstudios.com](http://www.asifstudios.com). Contact Denise at 477-7843.
- Center for the Arts: Visit [www.thecenterforthearts.org](http://www.thecenterforthearts.org) for a variety of camps in the arts - including many for teens and one camp called College Bootcamp.

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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](http://www.nevco.org/news-events).



### ***The Cinderella Project ~ Gorgeous Gown Sale***

May 16 5-8 p.m. 900 Golden Gate Terrace, GV  
 May 17 9-noon 900 Golden Gate Terrace, GV

High School Juniors & Seniors	Saturdays	4/5 thru 5/10	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation	Saturday	5/10	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



### ***Music in the Mountains***

April 11-May 30 Peers Playing for Peers Program  
 May 22 Classics 4 Kids county-wide 4<sup>th</sup> grade concert



### ***ELA Common Core Spring Workshop Series: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade***

May 19 Creating Text Dependent Questions  
 May 22 Close Reading



### ***Upcoming CPR Class Dates***

EMSA CPR & FIRST AID	Sat.	6/7	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
CPR & FIRST AID	Mon.	6/16	5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
CPR & FIRST AID	Thurs.	6/19	3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
CPR & FIRST AID	Thurs.	7/10	3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
CPR & FIRST AID	Tues.	7/22	5 p.m. – 9 p.m.



### ***Next Generation Science Standards for High School Teachers***

June 12 Phil Romig from SCOE  
 June 13 Teachers return to apply the previous day introduction to science standards

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## **Step Up to Kindergarten**

June 25 – July 16

Free Kindergarten Readiness Camp provided by First 5



## **ELA and Math Common Core Sessions**

August 4-8

Eight different 3-hour workshops presented by the CC Coaches



## **Next Generation Science Standards for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Teachers**

August 4

Phil Romig from SCOE

August 5

Teachers return to apply the previous day introduction to science standards