

# The *Nugget*



**News from the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office**

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**NEW!**

## **Common Core Corner:**

*Each month in the 'Opportunities for All' section of **The Nugget!** find recommended links, upcoming workshops, tips for your classroom, and more.*

## **News & Notes**

### **NCSOS Educator Grant Program: One Cycle Down ~ Two to Go!**

**Shar Johns**

*Associate Superintendent, Educational Services*

The NCSOS office is pleased to share eighteen programs that have been approved in the first cycle of the NCSOS Educator Grant Program. Pursuant to a continuing goal to provide services and support to the students of Nevada County, these grant opportunities will assist in your district's ongoing efforts to increase student achievement. Congratulations are extended to all participants in this process. We look forward to the impact and outcomes these programs will provide to Nevada County students.

Cycle One grantees include a broad variety of innovative ideas on the part of Nevada County teachers. The programs awarded include four arts programs, four book programs, one program for GPA improvement, two living history programs, a physical education program, and six programs that support not only science but also integrate the arts in a number of cases.

More specifically, and just to whet your imagination, programs include global drumming and storytelling, full class sets of specific chapter books, library resources in Spanish, the return of Raven Radio Theatre of the Air, STEM enrichment kits and much, much more.

Grants are available on an as needed basis as funds allow, with a \$1000 maximum award. Letters of interest for the two remaining cycles are due December 1 and/or March 1. There is *no* form ~ simply a letter of interest. To receive a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) with required information go to <http://nevco.org/educator-grant-program/> on the NCSOS website or contact Judy Nielsen at [judy@nevco.k12.ca.us](mailto:judy@nevco.k12.ca.us). Now is the time for teachers to put on your thinking caps and request!

### **Geography Tournament: Where am I?**

**Bonnie Smart**

*Tournament Coordinator*

On October 2 twenty-four top seventh grade students from local schools competed in the countywide Geography Tournament. The Nevada County

Superintendent of Schools Office coordinated the annual event and Dan Zeisler, Superintendent of Chicago Park School District, filled the role of emcee.

The students worked in teams of three, completing a 105-question written test with Magnolia School taking first place. Seven Hills finished in second place and Nevada City School of the Arts took third place in the team competition. Test your own knowledge with these sample questions. What African country is the most economically developed? How many U.S. states share a border with Canada? The southern boundary of Nevada County is what river?

After the team competition one student from each participating team then competed in the individual competition in a "Jeopardy" style contest. The first place

trophy and a world atlas went to Ryan Morgan of Seven Hills School. Skylar Mims of Nevada City School of the Arts and Katie Desplancke of Magnolia finished in second and third places respectively. Colby Koster of Pleasant Valley garnered the fourth place ribbon and Ashley McCullough of Union Hill took fifth place.

This is the fifteenth year for the county's geography tournament, which was modeled after those put on by the National Geographic Society. This tournament is sponsored by Soroptimists International of the Sierra Foothills and David McGlocklin of Nystrom Maps. The NCSOS office launched this tournament to increase interest in the subject of geography. By the way, can you name the capitals of Rhode Island, New York, Wisconsin, Germany, and Spain?

## ***Trainings • Field Trips • Opportunities for All***

### **Trainings**

#### **Early Childhood Education Leadership 2014-15 Workshop Series ~ #2 of Six: Teaching Strategies for Challenging Behaviors**

On Thursday, November 20, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. join presenter Kim Woods for an enlightening presentation where you will learn teaching strategies for challenging behaviors. Individuals attending at least four of the six workshops will receive a \$60 stipend. See the *Quick Reference Calendar* below for a complete list of workshop dates and topics.

A light dinner is provided. Individuals from Truckee attending via videoconference need to RSVP a minimum of one-week prior to the workshop. Call 274-5361 for more details or [www.first5nevco.org/](http://www.first5nevco.org/) to register. Workshops take place at NCSOS and are sponsored by NCSOS, First 5 Nevada County, Sierra Nevada Children's Services, and the Childcare Coordinating Council.

#### **Attend a Week-long, All-expense Paid PD Program**

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers can attend a week-long, all-expense paid professional development (PD) program that equips them with new tools to inspire students in math and science. A teacher can be nominated or can apply themselves. Applications for the 2015 Mickelson Exxon Mobil Teachers Academy closes October 31. Go to [www.sendmyteacher.com](http://www.sendmyteacher.com) for additional information and to apply.

### **Field Trips**



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

These MIM Educational Programs are FREE to Nevada County Schools:

- + Peers Performing for Peers
- + Music Live
- + Classics 4 Kids
- + Take Five for Music (formerly the Brummitt-Taylor Classical Music Listening Program)

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#### **The Altar Show: Renewal & Remembrance**

Over the years many Nevada County Schools have taken part in the Altar Show. The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Altar Show takes place November 8-16, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the Nevada County Fairgrounds, Northern Mines Building. The public opening reception takes place Sunday, November 9 from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. And Poetry Eveing takes place Thursday, November 14 at 7 p.m. For additional information go to [www.thealtarshow.org](http://www.thealtarshow.org).

### **Opportunities for All**

#### **CDE Student Art Exhibit**

The California Department of Education (CDE) Literacy, History, & Arts Leadership Office is seeking donations of student art to be displayed in the CDE building at 1430 N Street, Sacramento, CA. This is an opportunity to showcase the creativity, imagination, and expertise of our visual art students throughout the grade levels, pre-K-12 for a 2-year period. All forms of 2-D art are accepted, such as drawings, collage, graphics, auto design, drafting, hand bills for student

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performances, very thin relief items including masks, and much more. A student Art Release Form must be provided for each piece of art work donated. Submissions are due no later than November 28, 2014. To receive specific electronic guidelines, where to submit art, and the release form contact Larina Moreno-Harris at (916) 323-3927 or [lmoreno@cde.ca.gov](mailto:lmoreno@cde.ca.gov).

### To Arms for Independency!

The Delaware Regiment of the Brigade of the American Revolution is still on the search for an enthusiastic teacher that loves living history. Revolutionary War Days takes place each September in Pioneer Park, along with the Marching Presidents and the Independence Day Parade. The 'Regiment' would like to expand

their portion of the program by developing school programs, with a Friday School Day program as the objective. The expertise, input, and enthusiasm of a teacher is needed. If you're the one, contact John Hess at [jhess1776@innercite.com](mailto:jhess1776@innercite.com).

### New to The NUGGET!



### Common Core Corner

### Tip #1 of 5: Setting High Academic

### Expectations

(adapted from *Teach Like a Champion* by Doug Lemov, 2010)

No Opt Out: A sequence that begins with a student unable to answer a question should end with the student answering that question as often as

possible. Have other students help in one of four ways:

- state the correct answer for the student
- suggest a place where the answer can be found
- give the next step in the process required at the moment
- give another name for the term that's a problem

End by requiring the struggling student to state the answer clearly in his/her own terms.

### CPR & First Aid Training

See the *Quick Reference Calendar* below for dates & times thru November 13, 2014. CPR & First Aid Training is \$30. 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).

## 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).



### Beginning Teachers Support & Assessment

All seminars not online take place in the NCSOS Houser Room from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

DATE	GROUP	OTHER INFORMATION
Oct. 21	Year 1 teachers	seminar
Oct. 22	Year 2 teachers	seminar
Nov. 18	Year 1 teachers	seminar
Nov. 19	Education Specialists	Special education seminar
December	Year 1 & 2 teachers	ONLINE seminars
Jan. 20	Year 1 teachers	seminar
Jan. 21	Year 2 teachers	Seminar
Jan. 22	Education Specialists	Special education seminar
Feb. 17	Year 1 teachers	seminar
February	Year 2 teachers	ONLINE seminar
March	Year 1 & 2 teachers	ONLINE seminars
April 21	Year 1 teachers	seminar
April 22	Year 2 teachers	seminar
May 19	Education Specialists	Special education seminar

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### **InConcert Sierra**

October 31, 2014      Autumn Youth Scholarship deadline extended  
April 20, 2015      Countywide 3<sup>rd</sup> grade concert featuring The Farallon Quintet



### **Upcoming CPR Class Dates**

CPR & FIRST AID	Thurs. 11/13	5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
CPR & FIRST AID	Sat. 11/22	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
CPR & FIRST AID	Thurs. 12/4	5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
CPR & FIRST AID	Tues 12/16	3 p.m. – 7 p.m.



### **Tournament Schedule for School Year 2014-15**

EVENT	GRADE	DATE	LOCATION
Spelling	5 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>	11/4	Miners Foundry
Spelling	7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	11/6	Miners Foundry
Writing	7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	1/22	Miners Foundry
Math	5 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>	1/27	Miners Foundry
Math	7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	1/29	Miners Foundry
Speech Prelims	4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	3/12	Calvary Bible Church
Speech Finals	4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	3/24	Nevada Theatre



### **Poetry Out Loud**

November 7      Commitment to participate  
March 15-16      State finals poetry recitation run-offs in Sacramento in the Senate Chambers and the State Capitol rotunda!



### **Early Childhood Education Workshop Series**

November 20      *Teaching Strategies for Challenging Behaviors*  
January 15      *Children with Special Needs*  
February 19      Panel Discussion: Legalities in Childhood  
March 19      Supervision  
April 16      *Hands-on Math*

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**NCSOS Educator Grant Program:**  
**Letter of Interest due dates for Cycle II & Cycle III**

December 1, 2014

Cycle II

March 1, 2015

Cycle III



**The Secret Life of Bees**

December 4, 2014

Student matinee at the Center for the Arts: 10 a.m.



**Bessie's Happy Art Contest**

December 31, 2014

Submission due date