The Nugget

News from the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office

January 2016

Holly Hermansen, Superintendent

Science Technology Engineering Art Math EXPO 2016

Coming Soon to Nevada County Schools!

News & Notes

The 2nd Annual NCSOS Summer Learning Academy, Adventures in Learning, will be held from June 27, 2016 to July 21, 2016, Monday thru Thursday with the exception of Monday, July 4th. The three program sites are Cottage Hill, Lyman Gilmore, and Ready Springs Schools. Adventures in Learning is a countywide summer learning program of the Nevada County Supt. of Schools office for students grades K-5. This program provides a unique summer experience for the children of Nevada County who tend to fall behind during the school year and additionally during summer months.

There is no charge for camp. To be eligible to participate in the program a student needs to be enrolled in a K-5 classroom and referred by a site administrator to the NCSOS office. Referrals usually start in the classroom with the teacher. Now is the time to begin the referral process. In the past month, brochures and referral forms were distributed to K-5 site administrators. Be considering referrals as you have SST and parent conferences. This year the referral period deadline is March 31, 2016 – no exceptions. Because the referral process has been streamlined considerably from last year, it should be a relatively painless process.

Staff, including teachers and aides, will be hired at the beginning of 2016. Two age-groups, K-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade, will rotate everyday between science/physical education and English/math. The adult-to-student ratio is 1:8. Application information will be provided to K-5 site administrators.
Last year teachers filled the month with enlightening hands-on experiences over and over again. This program is truly a gift to any of your students that deserve a great experience and a wonderfully positive academic boost. Kids did not feel they were in school. They truly felt they got a summer camp experience full of fun and adventure.

Celebrating National Youth Art Month: Young at Art
Judy Nielsen
Program Coordinator

Young at Art is an annual exhibition that takes place each year at the Eric Rood Government Center and is the largest exhibit of its kind in Nevada County. This exhibition celebrates the value of the arts for all students and recognizes State & National Youth Art Month, which nationally, is the month of March. This year Young at Art will take place February 29 – May 19, 2016. The exhibit is extended each year because it is so loved by the community. The program is sponsored by the County of Nevada, Nevada County Arts, and the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office.

Nevada County Arts will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, March 5 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with a special reception from 11:00 a.m. – noon. This is a great opportunity for families to attend the exhibit and for students to view their art in a public place. Having the reception all day on Saturday allows for families to plan it into their busy schedules.

Submissions are accepted from any public or private school students, grades K-12th with installation taking place February 24-25-26. Many times the challenge for teachers is getting their class art project hung. A technique is to hang the art all on a roll of background paper before coming to the Rood Center. Then they simply unroll it, hang the entire piece of paper, and they are done. Many times wonderful volunteer docents are able to hang the art for the classroom. Space is available on a first-come basis and can be displayed on wall panels in the upstairs landing and on the walls of the second floor hallways. We’re looking forward to seeing you all at the Rood Center!

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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

These MIM Educational Programs are at a minimal cost:

+ Carnegie Link Up
+ Young Composers

Education Director Mark Vance

Trainings

Early Childhood Education Leadership 2015-16
Workshop Series
#3 of Six: Emergency Preparedness
Thursday, January 21, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. join presenter Chris Espedal, NCSOS’s Safety and School Climate Coordinator for ‘Changing Trends in School Safety’. 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. Workshops take place at NCSOS. For more information contact Sandi at First 5 Nevada County at 274-5361 or sandi@first5nevco.org. To sign up go to http://www.first5nevco.org/early-childhood-education-classes-201516/

Babysitting Certification

The Child and Babysitting Safety Certification class has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 12, 2016 in the Houser Room at the NCSOS office. This program is for students a minimum of 12 years old and in the 7th grade or higher. $35 fee includes workbook and certification card. Go to http://nevco.org/sitter/ to register on-line.

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Opportunities for All

Artistic Discovery Contest
This is a nationwide arts competition for high school students and sponsored by the members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The finalist from each State has the honor of their artwork hanging in the Washington D.C. walking tunnel that our representatives use to get to their chamber. Deadline for submission is April 1, 2016. For further information or assistance contact Nevada County Arts Director Eliza Tudor at eliza@nevadacountyarts.org or 718-0727.

Nevada County STEAM Expo
Planning meetings for the Nevada County STEAM Expo are January 25, February 22, and March 14 at the NCSOS Annex. Contact Shar Johns sjohns@nevco.org, Teena Corker t corker@pennvalleyschools.k12.ca.us or Judy Nielsen - jnielsen@nevco.org to get involved in this rewarding opportunity.

2016 CA Arbor Week ~ ‘Trees & Water: Sources of Life’
Arbor Day has been celebrated since 1872. California Arbor Week takes place each year March 7-14. This is a great time to get students outside to learn about urban forestry. The 2016 theme is ‘Trees & Water: Sources of Life’. Go to http://arborweek.org/for-educators/ for educator resources and lesson plans. Also learn about the poster contest (3rd–4th-5th) or video contest (6th–7th–8th) – due date for submitting to the Arbor Day Foundation is February 12, 2016. If you would like student certificates-of-participation for your students contact Judy Nielsen at jnielsen@nevco.org with your location and number of certificates requested.

Curriculum & Instruction
The NCSOS Instructional Coaching Team is available for grade level and/or one-on-one coaching on a professional learning focus of the teachers’ choice. Some of the most recent areas of interest have been: classroom management, formative assessment, Interim Assessment hand scoring, and Step Up to Writing support. Call Kathleen Kiefer at 478-6400 x246 to discuss your needs and schedule coaching/training for yourself or your team.

CPR & First Aid Training
See Quick Reference Calendar below for dates and times thru March 1, 2016. CPR & First Aid Training is $30. Fees must be prepaid to reserve a spot in class. For further info call Faith at 478-6400 x201 or register on-line at www.nevco.org/register.

NCSOS
Hallway of Student Art
Site administrators or teachers can contact Judy Nielsen at jnielsen@nevco.org to reserve a month for your school to have an art exhibit at the Superintendent of Schools office. Not required but encouraged, a tie-in between your exhibit and the Educator Grant Program is proving to be inspiring to all. Timeslots remaining are:
• March 9 – April 15
• April 18 - May 20
• May 23 – June ?

National Arts & Humanities Youth Program Awards
The President’s Committee on the Arts & Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, is inviting applications for the 2016 National Arts & Humanities Youth Program award. Each of the 12 award-winning programs will receive $10,000. After-school and out-of-school-time arts and humanities programs sponsored by educational institutions (e.g. preschools; elementary, middle, and high schools) are encouraged to submit an application. Go to http://www.nahyp.org/how-to-apply/ for guidelines, eligibility criteria, and the application.

CA State Summer School for the Arts
The 30th session of the California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA) seeks teen artists, writers, and performers to attend one of the country’s premier summer arts programs. CSSSA takes place July 9 – August 5, 2016. Deadline to apply is February 29, 2016. To learn more or to apply on-line visit www.csssa.ca.gov or call the Sacramento headquarters at (916) 229-5160.

Chinese New Year Festival & Parade
Chinese New Year Festivals are rare in rural communities. The Chinese New Year Festival & Parade is an opportunity for students to have a cultural experience that plays a part in the history of Nevada County. The event takes place on Sunday, February 21, 2016 from noon-4:00 p.m. Attend as a spectator or to inquire about school participation in the parade contact Jeannie Wool at info@catsweb.org or call 265-2990.

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.

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**Upcoming CPR Class Dates**

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**Early Childhood Education Workshop Series**

- **January 21:** Emergency Preparedness
- **February 18:** Strategies for Resolving Challenging Behaviors
- **March 17:** Speech/Language Development: Early Signs for Intervention
- **April 21:** How do I know if I need to do a mandated report for child abuse?

**STEAM Expo**

- **January 25, 2016:** committee meeting
- **February 22, 2016:** committee meeting
- **March 14, 2016:** committee meeting
- **April 8-9, 2016:** STEAM Expo

**Poetry Out Loud**

- **January 27, 2016:** Countywide competition

**NCSOS Educator Grant Program: Report due dates**

- **February 1, 2016** (Cycle I)
- **April 15, 2016** (Cycle II)

**Beginning Teachers Support & Assessment (BTSA)**

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

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**Triple P - Positive Parenting Program**

- **February 17, 2016:** Deer Creek Elementary School
- **March 31 – May 16, 2016:** Sierra College Child Development Center

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**McKinney Vento: Quarterly School Site Liaison Meeting**

February 18, 2016  
NCSOS Annex  
May 12, 2016  
NCSOS Annex

**Tournament Schedule for School Year 2015-16**

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**Student Music Performances**

- March 10, 2016  
  MIM Music Live  
- March 11, 2016  
  MIM Music Live  
- April 7, 2016  
  MIM Music Live  
- April 8, 2016  
  MIM Music Live  
- April 19, 2016  
  InConcert Sierra 3rd grade concert

**CA Alliance for Arts Education Student Voices Campaign:**

*Call for 2-minute video program by 7th-12th Grade Students*

April 1, 2016  Submission deadline

**CSU Expository Reading & Writing (ERWC)**

April 8, 2016  NCSOS Houser Room

**Student Dance Performances**

April 27  Nevada Union dance performance ‘Into the Woods’