

## **NEW!** ~ Highlights from the CDE Calendar of Events:

Each month a simple list of selected calendar items will be listed from the CDE Calendar of Events. Learn, at-a-glance, what the CDE promotes.

## **News & Notes**

### **NCSOS Instructional Coaching Team is the Name of the Game**

**Kathleen Kiefer**

*Director of Curriculum & Instruction*

After significant input from our county superintendents, principals and teachers, NCSOS is pleased to announce the newly formed Instructional Coaching Team for 2016-2017:

**Kathleen Kiefer:** Lead Coach and Educator Contact

**Christy McCracken:** K-5 Math

**Steve Hansen:** K-5 ELA/ELD/Literacy

**Carrie Ferrero:** Technology/Science K-12

**Jason Bohrer:** Technology/ELA & Literacy K-12

**Jim Richards:** Technology/Math K-12

As requested by the Nevada County educational community, the coaching team will be implementing a new model of professional development which will include four-session workshop sets. This will allow teachers to experience ongoing training and direct contact with and personal support from the presenting coach throughout the year. Each coach introduced his/her multi-session workshop at the NCSOS Countywide Professional Development Day on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Sign-ups for session sets are now available thru the OMS system. See the *Quick Reference Calendar* below for session topics, dates, and links to sign-up. And note that when you register on the OMS system, you have automatically signed up to attend the series of 3 or 4 workshops.

Still available will be presentations at staff meetings, PLCs, grade level meetings and professional development days. Teachers may also request one-on-one personal coaching at any time. Educators needing reference to vetted and relevant materials, resources, and trade literature are welcome to contact the coaching team in this regard as well. For more information or to schedule support, contact Kathleen Kiefer at [kkiefer@nevco.org](mailto:kkiefer@nevco.org) or 478-6400 ext. 246.

### **Supporting the Social-Emotional Health of Students**

**Marina Bernheimer**

*NCSOS Project Director*

According to new research by the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, "Children who enter kindergarten behind in social-behavioral development are more likely to be held back, need more individualized supports and services, and be suspended or expelled". The recently-released study resonates nationwide as social, emotional, and behavioral difficulties are now top chronic disabilities affecting children and their success in school.

Nevada County Superintendent of Schools (NCSOS) is committed to supporting the social-emotional health of young children by providing "Second Step", an evidence-based curriculum that teaches social and emotional learning for children in local preschools and transitional kindergarten classrooms.

Goals for the Second Step program are for children to develop empathy, solve problems without anger, manage emotions, and treat others with compassion. The curriculum is implemented by a classroom teacher for 30 minutes once per week, with scripted lesson cards and DVDs that lead to role playing and discussions.

The Second Step Pre-School Program is funded by a Nevada County Mental Health Services Act grant under the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools. Now in the sixth year, the program has been implemented at more than 25 local classrooms and pre-schools. During the 2015/16 school year, a total of 557 children in Western Nevada County participated in the program. We look forward to serving you again this year.

### **We Asked and We Received: Tournament Coordinators for 2016-17**

**Kathleen Kiefer**

*Director of Curriculum & Instruction*

For many years countywide tournaments were coordinated by NCSOS staff. This year begins a change in implementation. Each tournament: Geography, Spelling, Writing, Speech, and facets of STEAM 2017, will be coordinated by Nevada County teachers, past and present. Last month a call was put out for coordinators. And this month we are introducing the new and exciting team.

- Linda Katz: Geography – 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- Wendy Baker and Dusty Beahm: Spelling - grades 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>
- Stephanie Facchini: Speech - grades 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)

- Nela Dwyer: Writing (grades 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>)
- Nancy Markson: STEAM Projects (former Science Fair) – grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> judged and grades K-5<sup>th</sup> not judged
- Dave Lawell: STEAM Technology (grades 4-8)
- Jim Richards: STEAM Math (grades 5/6 and 7/8)
- Shar Johns and Kathleen Kiefer: AMC 8 & AMC 10/12

Each coordinator will be communicating with site contacts directly. We're looking forward to another great year!

### **50<sup>th</sup> Annual Nevada City Constitution Day Parade**

**Judy Nielsen**

*Editor of the NUGGET*

The 50<sup>th</sup> Constitution Day Parade was a wonderful conglomeration of events, with participation from a number of Nevada County Schools. It was great to see Lyman Gilmore, Seven Hills, Union Hill, Bear River HS, Nevada Union HS, and Yuba River Charter students and faculty all out strutting their stuff. The schools walked away with honors. First place for Best Marching Unit was Nevada Union. In the category of Best Marching Band, Lyman Gilmore placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Union Hill placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. And finally the Mayor's Choice, in first place, went to Bear River. There's nothing like being in a parade, and what a significant way to celebrate the U.S. constitution. Congratulations go out to all that participated.

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

### **Trainings**

#### **Art Docent Program**

For those schools who participate in the Art Docent Program, Head Art Docents should be in place. The annual orientation, training and review, for new and returning art docents, takes place on Thursday, September 22. There are two sessions to choose from – 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. or noon – 2:30 p.m. at NCSOS in the Houser Room. For further information contact Judy Nielsen at 478-6400 x208 or email [jnielsen@nevco.org](mailto:jnielsen@nevco.org).

#### **Early Childhood Education**

A series of six Early Childhood Education workshops are provided each year through a collaboration with NCSOS, First 5 Nevada County, Sierra College Child Development Center, and the Child Care Coordinating Council. The first presentation takes place on Thursday, October 13 at NCSOS, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The topic is Safety Plans & Drills with Pre Schoolers, presented by Chris Espedal. A stipend is available for those who attend a minimum of four presentations. A light dinner will be served. See the *Quick Reference Calendar* below for the 2016-17 schedule.

### **Opportunities for All**

#### **Flu Shot Opportunity**

There will be a Flu Clinic on Monday, October 3, 2016 from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room at GVSD. Flu vaccines are free to any school employee covered by SIG. RSVPs to your school representative are necessary, to ensure there are the correct amount of vaccines available at the clinic.

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

CPR/AED/First Aid courses are now implemented on-line, followed by a skill-demonstration session at NCSOS. Certification is awarded when both steps have been completed. To apply to take the

on-line course fill out the registration form at [www.nevco.org/register](http://www.nevco.org/register). Once the form has been processed you will be sent a link to the on-line course. This step can be taken any time. The skill-demonstration dates are forthcoming. For further information contact Faith Yamamoto at [fyamamoto@nevco.org](mailto:fyamamoto@nevco.org).

### Teacher Grant Opportunity

This \$500 Teacher Grant opportunity is sponsored by Save On Energy. K-8<sup>th</sup> educators are invited to submit a lesson plan that helps students learn about

energy or sustainability. The submission deadline is October 21, 2016. Winners are announced November 4, 2016. Link to: <https://www.saveonenergy.com/teacher-grant/> for grant information and the submission form.

### Highlights from the CDE Calendar of Events

- September 23 is Native American Day
- October is CA School Bus Safety Awareness Month, Character Education Month, Crime Prevention

Month, Filipino American History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, National Energy Awareness Month, and more!

- October 3 is Child Health Day
- October 9 is Week of the School Administrator
- [www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/fb/cdecalendar.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/fb/cdecalendar.asp) is a direct link to the complete CDE Calendar of Events.

## 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).

### NCSOS Instructional Coaching Team Schedule of Sessions

Workshops take place 3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. with the exception of Visual Thinking Strategies

PRESENTER/TOPIC	GRADE	DATES	LOCATION/LINK TO SIGN UP
Jason W. Bohrer: Digital Citizenship	K - 12	9/26 11/7 2/6 5/9	NCSOS Annex 117 New Mohawk NCSOS Houser Room NEW! 380 Crown Point Circle – training rm. “ <a href="http://nevco.k12oms.org/2029-122903">http://nevco.k12oms.org/2029-122903</a>
Carrie Ferrero: STEAM Teams w/Design Thinking	TK – 12	11/14 2/9 5/8	NCSOS Houser Room NEW! 380 Crown Point Circle – training rm. “ <a href="http://nevco.k12oms.org/2029-122926">http://nevco.k12oms.org/2029-122926</a>
Jim Richards: 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Technology in the Classroom	TK - 12	10/13 11/8 2/14 5/4	NCSOS Annex 117 New Mohawk NCSOS Houser Room NEW! 380 Crown Point Circle – training rm. “ <a href="http://nevco.k12oms.org/2029-122922">http://nevco.k12oms.org/2029-122922</a>
Christy McCracken: Growing A Math Mindset	K - 8	10/6 11/17 2/15 5/11	NCSOS Houser Room “ NEW! 380 Crown Point Circle – training rm. “ <a href="http://nevco.k12oms.org/2029-122923">http://nevco.k12oms.org/2029-122923</a>
Steve Hansen: Visual Thinking Strategies	n/a	n/a	On-site trainings to be arranged with participating schools

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## **A Little Work of Art**

Friday, September 23 Teachers, students, entire classrooms: submit a handmade birthday card to Judy Nielsen at NCSOS, for Mrs. Herberholz, founder of the Art Docent Program.



## **Teacher Induction (formerly BTSA)**

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

DATE	GROUP	ON-LINE
Tues., October 4	Year 1 Seminar	
Wed., October 5	Year 2 Seminar	
Tues., November 1	Year 1 Seminar	
November Seminar	Year 2	X
December Seminar	Year 1	X
December Seminar	Year 2	X
Tues., January 10	Year 1 Seminar	
Weds., January 11	Year 2 Seminar	
Tues., February 7	Year 1	
February Seminar	Year 2	X
March Seminar	Year 1	X
March Seminar	Year 2	X
Mon., April 4	Year 1	
Tues., April 5	Year 2	



## **Tournament Schedule for School Year 2016-17**

EVENT	GRADE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Geography	7 <sup>th</sup>	10/11	9-1	Chicago Park School
AMC	8 <sup>th</sup>	11/15	3:30 - 5	380 Crown Point Circle – training room
Spelling	5 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>	11/15	9-2	Miners Foundry
Spelling	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	11/17	9-2	Miners Foundry
Writing	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	1/10	9-2	Miners Foundry
AMC	10 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	2/7	3:30 – 5:15	380 Crown Point Circle – training room
Speech Prelims	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	3/9	9 - 12:30 1 - 4:30	Calvary Bible Church – Speech Topic: “What Music Means to Me...”
Speech Finals	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	3/14	6:30 - 8:30	Nevada Theatre
STEAM Expo 2017	K-12 <sup>th</sup>	3/25	9-3	Nevada County Fairgrounds

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

October 13	Safety Plans & Drills with Pre-Schoolers
November 17	Challenging Behaviors from a Trauma Perspective
January 19	Puppets
February 16	Education through Music
March 16	STEAM
April 20	Infant Behaviors



### **Triple P: Power of Positive Parenting Classes**

August 25 – October 13      6 p.m. – 8 p.m.      Scotten School Library



### **STEAM Expo 2017**

March 23-24-25, 2017      Prepare students for STEAM Expo 2017 at <http://www.nevcoexpo.org>