



Nevada County Superintendent of Schools Office is ON THE MOVE: article below in **News & Notes**

## News & Notes

### Geography Tournament: Where were you on October 11?

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*Geography Tournament Coordinator*



*Photo: 1st Place Team - Magnolia Intermediate School (Max Tipton, Leilani Sauvageau, Max Nicholson)*

Twenty-four seventh-grade geography students from local schools competed in the countywide

Geography Tournament on October 11. This annual tournament is sponsored by Soroptomists International of the Sierra Foothills. Dan Zeisler, Superintendent of Chicago Park School District, hosted the event and acted as emcee.

Participating students worked in teams of three, completing the 101 question written test, with Magnolia Intermediate School taking first place, Seven Hills taking second place and Nevada City School of the Arts placing third in the team competition.

One student from each participating team then competed in the individual triple elimination competition. Each student was asked one question per round. The question was read aloud to the individual student who then answered verbally. After three missed questions, the student was eliminated from competition and joined his team on the bleachers as a spectator. The last two

remaining students were each given the same five questions printed on cards, placed face down. Each card was read silently by the student. Their responses were written on a white board. The emcee then read each question aloud and each of the two finalists showed their

answers to the emcee and scorekeeper. In the individual triple elimination competition there was a tie for third place, going to Michele Carmichael of Mount Saint Mary's and D'Jango Ruckrick of Nevada City School of the Arts. Garrett Arcand of Chicago Park took second place and the Nevada County champion

was Harry Retzler of Seven Hills School. Congratulations to all twenty-four top-notch seventh grade students who participated in the countywide Geography Tournament!



*Photo: Champion Harry Retzler - Seven Hills School*

### NCSOS Office is On the Move

Judy Nielsen

*Editor of the NUGGET*

Effective Monday, October 31, 2016 the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office will have moved. Their new home is located at 380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, 95945. The move has been a long-term goal and is the answer to numerous considerations.

Over the past number of years NCSOS office personnel, business services, and educational services have grown, occupying numerous facilities. Parking has also been an issue for years. The current facility on Nevada City Highway will be the new home of our alternative education program operated by NCSOS' Earle Jamieson Educational Options, which is the Nevada County community day school for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. While the new facility has two conference rooms, the Houser Conference Room will continue to be used for that purpose also.

We are excited about these transitions and are looking forward to welcoming you all to our new home!

## Teachers of the Year Honored

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GVSD Supt. Eric Fredrickson, Barry Kyle - GVSD Teacher of the Year & Nevada County Teacher of the Year, LG Principal Chris Roberts

Nine exemplary teachers have been selected as their school district's Teacher of the Year. They are Ryan Ellis (Chicago Park SD), Barry Kyle (Grass Valley SD), Brian Ellis (Nevada City SD), Dan Martinez (NCSOS Yuba River Charter), Nanci Smith (NJUHSD), Beth Baker (Penn Valley Union Elementary SD), Michelle Bollen (Pleasant Ridge Union SD), Cheri Smith (Twin Ridges Elementary

SD), and Wendy Goforth (Union Hill SD). 'Teachers of the Year' is a program of the California Department of Education, which begins at a school district level all the way to a national program. It is a voluntary program on the part of the districts and is a true honor to be selected for this recognition, as these teachers represent excellence in education in each of their academic arenas.

This year the Nevada Countywide Teacher of the Year is Barry Kyle, who currently teaches the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade STEAM Academy at Lyman Gilmore School. The nine school districts' Teachers of the Year were honored at a recognition dinner on October 6, 2016 by school board members, ACSA, and NCSOS. In his humbling acceptance speech Mr. Kyle expressed "As educators we teach our students many different subjects. I teach students math, science, and technology. But the subject matter we teach pales in importance to the *connections* we make with our students. I've never had a former student tell me she really appreciated the day I taught her the Pythagorean Theorem. My former students bring up things like the time I helped them with a personal problem, or played a class game with them, or laughed with them. It is through these connections that we teach them the most important subject: how to be good people. We model it for them every day. We counsel them to make good choices and to do the right thing. We show them we care about them. We don't give up on them. That is the greatest contribution a teacher can give." And this is a lesson for us all.

# Trainings • Field Trips • Opportunities for All

## Trainings

### 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 second presentation, Challenging Behaviors from a Trauma Perspective, takes place on Thursday, November 17 at NCSOS, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 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.

### NCSOS Instructional Coaching Team Sessions

The NCSOS instructional coaching team offers workshops in Digital Citizenship, STEAM Teams with Design Thinking, 21st Century Technology in the Classroom, Growing a Math Mindset, and Visual Thinking Strategies. Although the new model of professional development is designed in 3 or 4 session workshop sets, they are also designed so that you can sign-up anytime for any workshop. Registration is thru OMS and is open thru May at <http://nevco.k12oms.org/>. See the *Quick Reference Calendar* below for remaining dates, and the link to sign-up. For more information or to schedule

other formats of support, contact Director of Curriculum & Instruction Kathleen Kiefer at [kkiefer@nevco.org](mailto:kkiefer@nevco.org) or 478-6400 ext. 246.

## Opportunities for All

### 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. See the *Quick Reference Calendar* below for skill-demonstration

dates thru December. For further information contact Faith Yamamoto at [fyamamoto@nevco.org](mailto:fyamamoto@nevco.org).

### Poetry Out Loud

Poetry Out Loud is a national program that begins in our high schools. Teacher Guides are now available and the poem anthology is live at [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org).

### Highlights from the CDE Calendar of Events

- October 16: America’s Safe Schools Week
- October 17: National School Bus Safety Week
- October 23: Red Ribbon Week
- October 24: United Nations Day
- November 8: Election Day

- November 11: Veteran’s Day
- [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).



### Teacher Grant Opportunity for Energy & Sustainability

October 21, 2016: Deadline to apply for a \$500 grant  
<https://www.saveonenergy.com/teacher-grant/>



### 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., 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	

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## ***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	11/7 2/6 5/9	NCSOS Houser Room <b>NEW!</b> 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 <b>NEW!</b> 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	11/8 2/14 5/4	NCSOS Houser Room <b>NEW!</b> 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	11/17 2/15 5/11	NCSOS Houser Room <b>NEW!</b> 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



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

CPR/AED/FIRST AID Skills Demo Check	Wed.	11/9	4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
CPR/AED/FIRST AID Skills Demo Check	Mon.	11/21	4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
CPR/AED/FIRST AID Skills Demo Check	Thurs.	12/1	4 p.m. – 5 p.m.



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

EVENT	GRADE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
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 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**

November 17	Challenging Behaviors from a Trauma Perspective
January 19	Puppets
February 16	Education through Music
March 16	STEAM
April 20	Infant Behaviors



### **STEAM Expo 2017**

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