Thanksgiving, which occurs on the fourth Thursday in November, is based on the colonial Pilgrims' 1621 harvest meal.

Did you know, the woman who wrote "Mary Had A Little Lamb" is also the person responsible for making Thanksgiving an official holiday? After petitioning the government for 17 years, writer Sarah Josepha Hale finally convinced Abraham Lincoln in 1863 to make Thanksgiving a national holiday that takes place every year.

Halloween Tidbits:

- The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.
- Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.
- Halloween candy sales average about two billion dollars annually in the United States.
- Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the Roman harvest festival that honors Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees.
- Black cats were once believed to be witch's familiars who protect their powers.
- The fear of Halloween is known as Samhainophobia.
Do you have questions about the Next Generation Science Standards? Are you looking for resources, training, and a network of educational leaders working together to implement the instructional shift required to teach NGSS? Nevada County Superintendent of Schools is proud to announce the launch of our NGSS Curriculum Resource Page. On this page you will find links to standards, phenomena based instruction, training opportunities and more! Check it out today!

- **Looking for the standards?** You can navigate the standards either by [DCI](#) or by [Topic](#).
- **Need more information on each of the three dimensions?** To understand the complexities of the science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and disciplinary core ideas, as well as many other key shifts in NGSS, an [outline of the appendices](#) is available.
- **What is three dimensional instruction?** Shifting to NGSS instruction in the classroom, requires an understanding of [three-dimensional learning](#).
- **How do we assess NGSS?** To support in the development of assessments, Achieve has developed evidence statements and a sampling of [assessment tasks](#) - that demonstrate three-dimensional assessment.
- **How do we evaluate lessons and units for alignment?** To help evaluate lesson and units, Achieve has created and updated the [EQUiP Rubric for Lessons and Units: Science](#). NCSoS is offering CA Time Rubric Workshops for NGSS state adopted programs. Interested sites should contact Carrie Ferrero at [cferrero@nevco.org](mailto:cferrero@nevco.org) to arrange for a site training on the CA Time Rubric for NGSS.
- **What new resources are available?** For additional information contact Carrie Ferrero, NCSoS Instructional Coach at [cferrero@nevco.org](mailto:cferrero@nevco.org). To keep up to date with the latest NGSS resources, sign up for the [NGSS NOW Newsletter](#).
PARTNERS Family Resource Centers (FRC) welcomes two new staff members and sends best wishes to two dedicated staff members who retired in July. We thank Meg Luce, Parenting Specialist, and Nohemi Mead, Promotora, for their dedication and positive approach. They leave some big shoes to fill and we are grateful for their service to families over the past 8 years. Both are missed, but we are lucky to have found new staff members who are energized and ready to go.

We are very pleased to introduce Rocio Mojica-Bierwirth and Annie Keeling, who joined us at the Grass Valley FRC to take the reins from Nohemi and Meg.

Rocio Mojica-Bierwirth is our new Latino Outreach Specialist. She has jumped right in and is drafting new ways to engage and support Latino youth and families. We were fortunate that Nohemi and Rocio worked side by side for a month. Together they created a fun community party to welcome Rocio and to say thank you to Nohemi for her support.

Email Rocio: rmojica-bierwirth@nevco.org
Cell: 530-268-5317  Office: 530-273-7077

Annie Keeling is the new Parenting Specialist and has two classes scheduled for after the first of the year (see flyers) and is available to consult with families on a one-on-one basis during the fall. Annie will be offering the Triple P curriculum and also comes with extensive knowledge to support parents who are challenged by their children’s off-track behaviors.

We hope you’ll have a chance to meet Rocio and Annie this year. Please don’t hesitate to call them to learn more, and please spread the word about the services they offer. Their family support services are available to all families in Western Nevada county.

Email Annie: akeeling@nevco.org
Phone: 530-268-5086
NCSOS enjoyed hosting the Teacher of the Year dinner event at the Miners Foundry Cultural Center.

Congratulations to our teachers of the year!

Rob Metcalfe, Drama Teacher at Nevada Union High School from the Nevada Joint Union High School District was awarded County Teacher of the Year.

Congratulations are also in order for our district Teachers of the Year. We're so proud of you all!

- Amy Cimino - Chicago Park Elementary School District
- Andrea Hansen - Clear Creek School District
- Sarah White - Grass Valley School District
- Julie Bair - Nevada City School District
- Carrie Brunt - Nevada County Superintendent of Schools
- Rob Metcalfe—Nevada Union High School
- Susan Lima - Penn Valley Union Elementary School District
- Cynthia Hill - Pleasant Ridge Union School District
- Nicole Jennings - Union Hill School District

A two-year professional development program (2019-2021), where 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teachers in Nevada County will learn how to teach educational standards through authentic citizen science focused on the health of our local forests.

RSVP: Email Sol Henson
Phone: 530-477-7132 xt. 207

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Youth Community Action in Our Forests

OUR FORESTS

A professional development opportunity for Nevada County Elementary Teachers

Info night:
November 21st at Nevada County Superintendent of Schools in the Training Room from 3:45-4:45pm.
Please RSVP to Sol Henson - Sol@SierraStreams.org, (530) 477-7132 xt 207
The Arts

The Arts in Our Schools

Registration begins in November

Email for more info

NCSOS
Summary of Arts Education Programs:
2019-2020

Offering local, state, and national arts programs countywide, grades K-12.

Poetry Out Loud encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life. See timeline and calendar of events on page 9.

For more information contact:
Lead Teacher Liaison, Steve Hansen at shansen@njuhsd.com or Coordinator and Coach, Julie Valin at juleree_99@yahoo.com, or go to www.poetryoutloud.org
The Keeping Kids Safe In Cars webinar covers two local coalition development issues: Safety seat and CPS best and practical practices, and preventing kids from being left in cars. The safety seat program component will increase your knowledge about: Current safety seat technician training resources, and the nuts and bolts of programs to teach parents and caregivers to correctly use safety seats. The how to prevent kids being left in cars component will cover: How to elevate this issue, and prevention within the communities you serve, to reach parents, caregivers, law enforcement, business owners with parking, and community leaders. The bottom line is, to ensure that children travel safely in vehicles, and always, are not left in vehicles when the drive is over and/or the car is parked.

**WHEN:** Nov 21, 2019 – 10:00 AM Pacific Time

To register for Keeping Kids Safe In Cars webinar:

[REGISTER HERE](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.
HOMELANDS Free Event:
Saturday, November 2, 2019
10:00am-4:00pm
Sierra College, NCC
250 Sierra College Drive, Grass Valley

18th Annual “Read to Your Child” Halloween Book Giveaway.
Make reading a family tradition.
Thursday, Oct. 31st
10am to 1pm
Grass Valley Elks Lodge
109 S. School Street
Pick out a FREE book (English & Spanish)

Child Advocates Child Safety Puppeteer Program

10th Anniversary Nisenan Heritage Day:
Raising visibility and awareness of the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan.

Safe Trick or Treat For Preschoolers
Downtown Grass Valley
Free candy & treats from downtown merchants
October 31st
10am—1pm
Quick Reference Calendars

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 [The Nugget Back Issues](#).

**CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo Check Class**

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The cost of the class is $45.00 and must be paid PRIOR to us sending you a link to the on-line course – we accept exact cash or check only. **NOTE**: the fee is non-refundable.

You can either stop by our office to pay or mail the check - payable to NCSOS. **Please do not mail cash.**

Mail checks to: NCSOS 380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, CA 95945 ATTN: CPR.

**BTSA Teacher Induction Program**

All seminars are 4:00-6:00PM, held in the Training Room at the NCSOS office: 380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley

To learn more, visit [North Coast School of Ed](#).

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Submissions for future Nugget issues:

Have you something to share in future issues of The Nugget?

Please submit your request by the 15th of the preceding month for inclusion in the following issue.

Email: sshafran@nevco.org

Previous editions of *The Nugget* and are listed in chronological order.

Back issues of *The Nugget* be found at [The Nugget Back Issues](#).
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