As our school year comes to a close, I would like to thank all our educators in Nevada County for working so hard to serve all our students. Your commitment to creating normalcy for your students and families in a tumultuous year took a tremendous amount of work and energy on your part. The Nevada County Board of Education also recognized this in the following proclamation. On behalf of them and the entire Superintendent of Schools Office, I wish you a restful summer break!

Scott W. Lay
Nevada County Superintendent of Schools

PROCLAMATION
Honoring Nevada County Educators and Staff for Their Exemplary Response to the Challenges During the COVID-19 Pandemic

WHEREAS, the 11,975 students in Nevada County schools are served by an accomplished community of more than 1,936 educators and staff that comprise a vital force in improving lives and livelihoods in our Sierra Nevada community; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic presented unprecedented professional and personal challenges for Nevada County Educators and Staff, requiring an immediate shift to online instruction resulting in stress for students, parents, and educators, including emotional health and safety concerns, critical childcare needs and expenses, and challenging teaching and learning issues; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County Educators and Staff, recognizing that the pandemic had disconnected our County K-12 students from daily routines and support systems, secured professional help for emotionally distressed students and often served themselves as vital emotional supports for students; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County Educators and Staff ensured that all students had access to laptops or tablets and established temporary WIFI hotspots allowing all students access to distance education; and

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Education Services

WHEREAS, many Nevada County Educators and Staff used their own money to purchase supplies for students who lacked necessities for online instruction, to buy computers and technical devices to improve teachers’ home “remote classrooms,” and, later in the pandemic, to acquire personal protective equipment and classroom cleaning supplies; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County Educators and Staff spent countless hours re-training in distance education methods for teaching and counseling students, maintaining academic rigor, and mastering online classroom management tasks; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County Educators and Staff delivered meals to families, spent untold hours in phone and online conferences with parents and students, accepted expanded workloads due to staff shortages in and out of the classroom, and collaborated with District and County colleagues to understand and comply with all local and state regulations; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County Educators and Staff navigated a successful return to in-person instruction, adapting to personnel shortages due to staff and student illnesses and quarantines, complying with legally required health mandates, and, all the while, maintaining academic rigor and classroom morale.

Now, THEREFORE, we, the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools and the Nevada County Board of Education hereby proudly commend Nevada County Educators and Staff for their dedication and professionalism throughout this pandemic.

Be it further resolved that the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools and the Nevada County Board of Education do hereby proclaim

The Month of May 2022

As

Nevada County Educators and Staff Month

A time to recognize achievements of our Nevada County Educators and Staff during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools and the Nevada County Board of Education has hereunto set our hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools to be affixed on this eleventh day of May, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-two in city of Grass Valley, California,

Scott W. Lay, Superintendent of Schools
Heino Nicolai, Board President
Susan Clarabut, Board Vice-President
Louise Bennicoff-Johnson, Board Member
Julie Baker, Board Member
Timothy May, Board Member

Proclamation Honoring Nevada County Educators and Staff for Their Exemplary Response to the Challenges During the Covid-19 Pandemic.
Established in 2008 by the California Department of Education, the Classified School Employees of the Year program highlights the contributions of employees who have performed exceptionally in support of public-school students, from preschool through grade 12.

This year, eight classified school employees, representing all Western Nevada County school districts, were honored at a special breakfast hosted at the historic Stone House in Nevada City.

County Superintendent of Schools Scott W. Lay and School District Superintendents express their heartfelt appreciation for the dedicated work that classified employees perform behind the scenes and in the classroom for the betterment of Nevada County students. The following school employees were honored with this special recognition for school year 2021-22:

**District AND County-wide CSEY’s**

Clerical and Administrative Services

*Emma Olafsson-Goldberg ~ Nevada City School of the Arts/NCSOA*

Custodial & Maintenance Services

*Steve Doughty ~ Arete Charter School, Pleasant Ridge Union SD*

Paraprofessional Services

*Malesha Hassfeld ~ Union Hill School, Union Hill SD*

**District AND Runner-up County-wide CSEY’s**

Paraprofessional Services

*Jamie Wilcox ~ Seven Hills & Deer Creek Schools, Nevada City SD*

*Lori Arvidson ~ Ready Springs School, Penn Valley Union Elementary SD*

**District CSEY’s**

Health and Student Services

*Stephanie Costantino ~ Nevada Union High School, Nevada Joint Union High SD*

Technical Services

*Jad Funk ~ Clear Creek School, Clear Creek SD*

*Valerie Bringolf ~ Grass Valley Charter, Grass Valley SD*

Pictured from left to right: Scott W. Lay, Nevada County Supt. of Schools with CSEY’s: Jad Funk, CCSD; Valerie Bringolf, GVSD; Jamie Wilcox, NCSD; Stephanie Costantino, NJUHSD; Lori Arvidson, PVUESD; Malesha Hassfeld, UHSD.

Not pictured: Steve Doughty, PRESD; Emma Olafsson-Goldberg, NCSA.
All districts and charters in Nevada County have access to three SEL eBooks collections: Cameron’s Camp for Wellness (elementary), Cameron’s Collection (middle and high school), and an SEL PD collection for all staff members. Find an overview of the programs here.

For more information about school access to the collections or the NCSOS SEL Community of Practice, please contact Meghan Salter (msalter@nevco.org; 530-478-6400 ext. 2054).
WRAP IS AT THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS!
We help kids build a plan to get the most out of life.
Establish tools to manage school work.
Explore ways to avoid peer pressure.
Stay on track with healthy learning habits and relationships that your children love and want to keep as they grow.

Summer is a time for exploration, so give us a call today and your kids can enjoy activities that align with wellness and self-empowerment.

Penn Valley
Family Resource Center:
530-432-1118 x2249
Idemartini@nevco.org

Grass Valley
Family Resource Center:
530-273-4059
kgood@nevco.org

San Juan Ridge
Family Resource Center:
(530) 292-3174
sjrfrc@nevco.org
Foster Youth Services completed the first annual "Raise Them Up" Fair and Appreciation Lunch. FYS partnered with Child Welfare Services, Sierra Stanford Youth & Families, Twin Cities Church and the Foster Youth Services mentor & ambassador. There was a showing over 17 agencies from Nevada County that provide services to youth. Including Young Parents Program, First 5 of Nevada County, The Foster Youth Ombuds-person, 211 Connecting Point, Community Beyond Violence, Veterans Services Office, The Nevada County Community Library, Nevada County Probation Department, Sierra College, CASA- Court Appointed Special Advocates, EA Family Services, Family Resource Centers, Children's Behavioral Health, California Highway Patrol, Sierra Nevada Children's Services, The Independent Living Program, and Bright Futures for Youth (formerly The Friendship Club, NEO and The SAFE Program). We were also joined by local small business, Little Loves Bows & Clothes & a bounce house from Awesome Party Fun. We had local face painters who created fantastic art work on our attendees as well as special guests from A to Z Reptile. The fair served over 150 attendees including current foster parents, prospective foster parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, siblings and other family members raising relatives, current foster youth and former foster youth; with over 50 vendor volunteers. Twin Cities Church created delicious hamburgers, hot dogs & veggie burgers. More than 50 volunteers from Twin Cities Church helped with face painting, carnival games, bounce house duty and much more. This event has generated positive feedback and survey results saying, "Do it again", "You don't need to change anything. Please bring back the food" and "I learned about Sierra College and loved the reptiles."

This month, June 13-30, the Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program is once again facilitating Academic Bootcamp. The bootcamp includes five days at Fox Walkers where the students focus on nature awareness, games, creating instruments and tools from nature as well as time social skill building with peers and adults. The second week of Academic Boot camp consists of STEM activities, one to one tutoring, outdoor exploration, park play, arts & crafts and a Lego building workshop. The staff work closely with mentors who have lived experience in foster or kinship guardianships to support healthy development including Social Emotional activities.

To sign up or get more information about the Bootcamp, please contact Melissa Balderston at mbalderston@nevco.org or 530-477-6400 x.2020.

The Independent Living Program is focusing on wrapping up classes for the school year. The final classes before the Summer break will be focused on The Ready To Rent curriculum. The focus is learning how to be a responsible renter, correctly completing a housing application, understanding a lease agreement, finding a compatible roommate, and budgeting housing bills. The programs are always interested in discussing housing assistance for landlords who are interested or willing to rent to young people with case management. If that is calling you, please call Morgan Welty-Geisick at 530-477-6400 x.2040

The Transitional Housing Plus Program has several new consumers joining the program before the end of 2022 and are looking forward to assisting the journey of these wonderful young people. The THP+ Program has continued its efforts in securing housing for young people in Nevada County. The programs continue to need low cost vehicles for this group so if you have an extra, old, no longer used vehicle you would like to gift or sell please contact, Morgan Welty-Geisick at mwelty-geisick@nevco.org.
The Seamless Summer Option (SSO) is a federal and state funded program that encourages school food authorities (SFA) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) to provide meals in low-income areas during the summer. The SSO combines features of the NSLP, SBP, and Summer Food Service Program.

Each of the below sites will offer free breakfast and or lunch to all children in the community 18 years and younger.

**Grass Valley Charter**
6/20 thru 7/21
Monday thru Thursday - Closed 7/4
Breakfast 9:50 - 10:45
Lunch 11:45 - 1:15

**Seven Hills Middle School**
Monday thru Friday
6/20 thru 7/29 - Closed 7/4 and 7/5
Breakfast 9:00—10:00
Lunch 12:00—1:00

**Grass Valley Library**
Monday thru Friday
6/13 thru 7/29 - Closed 7/4
Lunch 12:00-1:00

*Educationally Speaking* is a bi-monthly radio talk show on **KMVR 89.5** with host Superintendent, Scott W. Lay. Featuring teachers, students, and Nevada County community members discussing various topics and themes.

We would love to have you and your teachers/students on the show, showcasing and sharing out. Send Scott an email with your topic or event at: slay@nevco.org.
Hey there, camper! Are you ready for a summer adventure?

Sign up at any branch starting June 13th. Kids and teens receive a free book to kick-start the reading challenge!

Turn in your completed reading log by August 13th for entry in a prize drawing. Kids and teens receive a free ride ticket for the Nevada County Fair.

No library card required, and all events are free!

**SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Kick-Off Party at Madelyn Helling**
Wednesday, June 22 | 4-6pm
Let’s kick off our summer challenge with a great party featuring music by Buffalo Gals and entertainment by Izzi Tooinsky!

**Watershed Investigations with SYRCL**
*ages 8-12*
Penn Valley - 6/24 @ 1pm
Bear River - 6/28 @ 1pm
Grass Valley - 7/19 @ 1pm
Madelyn Helling - 7/26 @ 1pm

**Izzi Tooinsky**
Penn Valley - 6/29 @ 1pm
Grass Valley - 7/2 @ 1pm
Madelyn Helling - 7/9 @ 1pm
Bear River - 7/23 @ 1pm
Truckee - 7/28 @ 4pm

**NorCal Bats**
Madelyn Helling - 6/30 @ 1pm
Truckee - 6/30 @ 4pm
Penn Valley - 7/29 @ 11am
Grass Valley - 7/29 @ 1pm

**West Coast Falconry**
*different birds at each branch!*
Penn Valley - 6/21 @ 1pm
Grass Valley - 6/29 @ 11am
Bear River - 7/6 @ 1pm
Madelyn Helling - 7/13 @ 11am
Truckee - 7/21 @ 11am

**Wild Things Wildlife Rescue Program**
Grass Valley - 6/24 @ 11am
Madelyn Helling - 6/24 @ 1pm
Truckee - 7/14 @ 4pm

**Musical Mondays with InConcert Sierra**
Madelyn Helling
June 13-July 25 @ 11am
*no performance on July 4*

**Finale Party at Grass Valley**
Saturday, August 6 | 1-3pm
Celebrate the end of another fun summer with activities, music, and tasty treats!

**Lunch @ the Library**
Free lunches available for kids and teens at your local branch June 13 - July 29

Grass Valley, Madelyn Helling, and Penn Valley
Monday - Friday @ 12:00

Bear River
Tuesdays/Wednesdays @ 12:00

Truckee - please call 530-582-7846 for information

**Try BEANSTACK!**
Record your reading online this summer with the Beanstack app! Register, track activities, and enter for prizes — all from your phone!
Scan the QR code to start.

Summer Learning 2022 is brought to you by

Nevada County Library
what's happening this summer?

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* find more events, activities, and reading challenges at nevadacountyca.gov/summerlearning *
**Schedule of Events**

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