The Homeless Education team was very busy during the month of January. As part of our commitment to help community agencies come together and share their talents and resources with one another, we facilitated three virtual community conversations.

The ‘Helping to Identify Children 0-5 Experiencing Housing Transition’ meeting brought together various agencies throughout Nevada County such as First 5, Child Care Coordinating Council, Sierra Nevada Children’s Services, Booth Family Center, and others; to address the needs of this underserved population.

‘Creating Connections Among Bilingual Service Providers’ brought together agencies with bi-lingual staff or volunteers to meet and share with one another ways to help support Spanish speaking families in our community.

Rural counties often have a unique struggle around transportation for at-risk families. The ‘Let’s Talk Transportation’ Community of Practice enabled school personnel and LEA Homeless Liaisons to discuss challenges and highlight best practices.

Please reach out to one of us if you have any questions or ideas for future community conversations.

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Katie Dyer, Homeless Education Case Manager
kdyer@nevco.org
DO YOU KNOW...

A FAMILY OR STUDENT EXPERIENCING HOUSING TRANSITION?

CONTACT YOUR HOMELESS EDUCATION LIAISON AT YOUR SITE OR DISTRICT!

There are supports available for those students. Contact your site Homeless Education Liaison to learn more about these resources and how we can help students succeed.

To find your site liaison, go to nevco.org/homeless-youth-services/

*Housing Transition = lacking a regular, fixed, & adequate nighttime residence; living in a shelter, motel, or hotel; unsheltered - such as a car or park; doubled-up or couch surfing due to economic hardship; unaccompanied children or youth
Educators are invited to apply to participate in a three-day workshop in the Sacramento area from June 13 to June 15, 2023, to develop science instructional resources for the Tools for Teachers website. Participants will have six to eight weeks to complete an asynchronous pre-training course prior to the start of the workshop.

Tools for Teachers currently offers over 65 science resources created by educators from across the state. Resources include ready-to-use materials that are just a click away and can easily be adapted to meet the needs of students in diverse settings. Educators can obtain a Tools for Teachers account either through self-registration or by contacting their local educational agency (LEA) CAASPP coordinator. Resources on Tools for Teachers are free for California kindergarten through grade twelve public school educators.

If you are interested in participating in the next round of development of these science instructional resources for Tools for Teachers, complete this interest survey by Friday, February 3, 2023. We are looking forward to working with you this summer!

To learn more about the resources available to teachers visit: https://smartertoolsforteachers.org/

Inspiring Investigation: Interpreting & Analyzing Figurative Language

This month’s featured Tools for Teachers instructional resource—Inspiring Investigations: Interpreting & Analyzing Figurative Language (account required) —provides high school teachers with step-by-step directions for how to guide students to recognize, analyze, and explain the meaning of figurative language in a text and the impact it has on the overall meaning and tone, using William Wordsworth’s poem “I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud”.

This resource is included in the English language arts/literacy Interim Assessment Connections Playlist for high school—Read Literary Texts. Each playlist consists of instructional resources that can be used to teach the content assessed on the corresponding Interim Assessment Block. To access this resource and other instructional resources, LEA staff will need a free Tools for Teachers account, which can be obtained either through self-registration or through their LEA CAASPP coordinator.

For more information check out Smarter Balanced Tools for Teachers.
Independent Living Program + Foster Youth Services

Foster Youth Services is hosting an in person Nurtured Heart Approach training Saturday, February 11th, 2023 from 9am to 3pm with lunch provided.

Gretel Krilanovich will be training foster parents, relatives raising relatives, educators and parents with the evidence-based Nurtured Heart Approach. If you have yet to attend a NHA, we highly recommend it based on feedback from people who have taken the course in the past. If you would like to attend the class this month, please see the registration link on our website at www.nevco.org.

The Independent Living Program completed a class with high school aged youth who participated in the virtual reality career exploration project provided by the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools: Career Pathway.

Speech Tournament 2023

Nevada County Superintendent of Schools will be hosting the 2023 Speech Tournament on Friday, March 10, 2023 at Calvary Bible Church. The final competition will be hosted on Tuesday, March 14 at the historic Nevada Theatre.

The tournament is open to Grades 4-8. Each school is invited to enter no more than 2 students from each grade level.

The topic this year is “What human quality do we need more of and why?”.

Registration and participant names are due by 5:00 pm on February 17th.

If you are interested in participating or have tournament questions, please email: speechtournament@nevco.org or call Olivia Carson at 530-478-6400 x 2008.

We look forward to your participation!
Scientific Inquiry Showcase & Competition
Who: TK-12th grade Nevada County students
What: Investigate a real world problem or phenomena, design a solution or model using the scientific method. Students will need an electronic submission and an in person display. Individual and team projects are welcome!
When: Electronic submission deadline is Wednesday March 8, 2023 by 9pm on the NevCoExpo.zFair.com.
Winners will be announced at the Nevada County Fairgrounds STEAM Expo on Saturday, March 25th!

Arts Showcase & Competition
Who: TK-12th grade Nevada County students
What: Investigate a real world problem or phenomena, construct an artistic representation or model (must be submitted electronically and have an in person display component). We will provide a monitor for digital submissions. Artwork must be accompanied by an Artists’ Statement. Individual and team projects are welcome!
When: Submission deadline is Wednesday, March 8, 2023 by 9pm on the NevCoExpo.zFair.com.

On-the-Spot Engineering Design Challenges
Who: Nevada County students (check competition grade levels below)
What: On-the-Spot Engineering & Design challenges. Students will form cross-county teams on-the-spot, design, and test:
Mouse Trap Racers - K-12th Grades @ 9AM (Please pre-build racers!)
Richter’s Revenge - Earthquake Towers - K-12th Grades @ 10AM
Air Rocket Launch - 4th-8th Grades
9:30 AM - Build Rockets & 1:00 PM - Test Rockets
To learn more about the competition design constraints please visit https://www.nevcoexpo.org/home/technology--engineering-1
When: Saturday, March 25th, 2023 at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Winners from the On-the-Spot Challenges will be announced during the awards ceremony from 2-3 PM!
Save the Date - Notice & Wonder Nevada County!
STEAM Student Showcase & Competitions
STEAM Community & School Exhibits
Saturday, March 25, 2023 From 9AM to 3PM
at the Nevada County Fairgrounds - IN PERSON!
For more information visit: www.nevcoexpo.org
Much of what teachers do in their regular programs could be entered into a STEAM competition. Contact Nancy Jackson at njackson@nevco.org to find your category.

**Digital Media Video**

~New Category~

- Submit your STEAM related video. Winners will be entered into the CA Student Media Festival.
- Nevada County Media Center is offering NC students free membership in 2023 to create.

**Teacher Resources**

- K-12 Free STEAM & Arts Integration Lessons
- National Gallery of Art Content area lessons (grades 9–12)
- Content area lessons (grades 6–8)
- STEAM Ambassador video examples
- Arts for All – K-12 STEAM Connections

**How to Participate**

Teachers visit [nevcoexpo.org](http://nevcoexpo.org)

- For guidelines & examples
- Project Handbook & Project Template

**To register your students go to:**

NevCoExpo.zFair.com

[RegistrationTutorial Video link](http://RegistrationTutorial Video link)
CALL FOR Presenters

SUMMER ART INSTITUTE FOR NEVADA COUNTY EDUCATORS

BE THE SPARK!
Ignite Your Core Through Arts Integration

June 13, 2023 ~ Nevada City School of the Arts

A $250 STIPEND will be paid for materials & a min. of two 2-hour workshops

Topics of Interest

ARTS INTEGRATION IN:
• Core curricular subjects
• Social Emotional Learning
• Assessment
• Universal Design for Learning

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Summer Art Institute Goals:
✦ Foundational Understanding of Arts Integration into Core Curriculum
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Workshop Proposal Form (link)

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WE WELCOME YOU TO THE ANNUAL OPEN EXHIBITION OF NEVADA COUNTY STUDENT ARTWORK!

This annual show is in conjunction with Youth Arts Month, a national event. For more information on Youth Arts Month visit: https://councilforarteducation.org/youth-art-month/.

Teachers from any public or private school, grades TK - 12 may submit student artwork for exhibition at the Rood Gov’t Center, near the Nevada County Library.

Rules & Guidelines:
ART INSTALLATION TAKES PLACE from MARCH 2nd, 3rd, & 6th, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Please use safety protocols due to COVID-19.
NOTE: Hanging of artwork cannot take place on Tuesdays. Space is available on a first-come basis. No space is reserved. Space is available on wall panels in the upstairs landing and on the walls of the second floor hallways. Have fun!

ENCOURAGED - Signage should name and/or explain the project and include name of teacher, school, and grade. Artists’ statements about the work offers greater connection for attendees and of course is a worthy exercise for your students. Thematic and stylistically cohesive displays are preferable. Staples or push pins are recommended to attach art to the walls. Displays should be condensed to as small a space as possible but be well presented.

No more than one piece of art by each student may be displayed. No art may be freestanding on a floor or hanging from the ceiling. Contact Nancy Jackson to discuss any special needs. Nails and glue are not permitted. When it is time to remove art, please make sure all staples and push pins have been removed. Thank you!

The exhibition coordinator reserves the right to remove art that does not conform to these guidelines or violates public art display policies of the Nevada County Eric Rood Government Center, a public place of government business. Art depicting nude figures, violence, or obscene language is not permitted.
In Sync Parenting Parenting Support

Change is inevitable.
This is particularly true when you are parenting.

As your children grow and change, different challenges will undoubtedly arise. That often means adding more skills to your parenting toolbox.

Where: PARTNERS Family Resource Center
235 South Auburn St, Grass Valley
Time: 6:00-7:00
For More Information Contact
Viki 530-263-0729

Nurturing Parenting
Spring 2023 Class Series

Take the stress out of parenting with Nurturing Parenting’s evidence-based, interactive approach. For 35 years, this program has helped parents to deepen and strengthen their family relationships in all types of situations. Topics include:

- Communicating with Respect
- Loving Discipline and Logical Consequences
- Setting and Keeping Limits that Work
- Building Self-Worth
- Brain Development
- Dealing with Stress
- And much more!

Parents say...
"I am calmer in the chaos."
"Love the practical tools."
"The confidence you need to parent with empathy and firm boundaries."

Jinnae Anderson, Parenting Specialist

8 Week Evening Series:
Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30pm
April 11-May 30
Altar Site Elementary School
3607 Ave Dr, Grass Valley, 95948
Class geared to kids aged 0-12 years

Cost for entire series: $15
Scholarships available
Includes pizza and childcare

Scan QR Code to Register Online:

On: For questions or registration:
Jinnae 530-238-5608
janderson@nevco.org

NEVADA COUNTY

Schools Job Fair

MARCH 11, 2023
Saturday | 10 AM - 2 PM
Nevada County Superintendent of Schools Office
380 Crown Point Circle
Grass Valley, CA

www.nevco.org/jobfair
Random Acts of Kindness Day
February 17, 2023


Advertise with posters to spread the word!

Use these cards to play kindness tag and keep the random acts going.

Read a "kindness" book. Choose a favorite or select from this list.

Brainstorm acts of kindness. Encourage adults to participate, too!
Incorporate CASEL's SEL 3 Signature Practices into your educational setting.

SUPPORTING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS FROM DAY 1

SELebrate the Facts
Facts, videos, and messaging about SEL from CASEL

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GALL EBOOKS
Gale SEL eBooks Resources
Learn more about the collections available to schools and families in Nevada County.

GREAT RER GOOD IN EDUCATION
Register for a free account to access vetted SEL resources focused on academics, relationships, and well-being.

NJUHSD Virtual Calming Room
Check out this example of a virtual calming room for students.

Please contact Meghan Salter (msalter@nevco.org; 530-478-6400 ext. 2054) with any questions about the Nevada County Social Emotional Learning Community of Practice.
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