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## Welcome to *Dateline*!

### Greetings!

Welcome to the December 2018 issue of *Dateline*. This informative newsletter is for all those in Contra Costa County who work in education. Please tell your fellow teachers and administrators, as well as your friends who would be interested in joining our mailing list ([click here](#), or the link button at the left column).

## Special Announcement

### Safe Schools for All

The Contra Costa County Office of Education is excited and proud to announce its 2018-19 county-wide school safety initiative entitled "Safe Schools for All." At the core of this initiative is a comprehensive partnership with [Sandy Hook Promise](#). CCCOE's 2018-19 school safety initiative will feature the Sandy Hook Promise 'Know the Signs' programs as we introduce these no-cost programs to middle and high schools throughout Contra Costa County. Look for these programs to be rolled out in schools this fall! Like Sandy Hook Promise, CCCOE is committed to preventing all violence on school campuses, by encouraging and supporting solutions that create safer, healthier homes, schools and communities!

**For info:** Visit the CCCOE [Web Page](#).

## Professional Development / Opportunities

### Administrative Leadership Program (ALP)

What is the Administrative Leadership Program (ALP)? CCCOE-ALP is approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing as a Professional Preparation Program for the Clear Administrative Services Credential (formerly referred to as the Tier II Professional Clear Administrative Services Credential). In partnership with the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), CCCOE-ALP provides high-quality, researched-based professional learning and development for new leaders. Credential candidates expand and deepen their leadership knowledge, skills, and behaviors through individualized, job-embedded induction.

Program highlights include:

- One-on-one coaching by an experienced administrator
- Assisting and supporting participants in their administrative roles
- Advancing the knowledge and skills of participants in relation to the California Professional Standards for Educational Leaders

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- Helping administrators lead, reflect, and grow capacity
- Candidates complete a portfolio based on an Individual Induction Plan, setting goals and outlining their experiences and growth as new leaders. Upon completion of the two-year program, candidates will be recommended for the Clear Administrative Services Credential.

**For info:** Contact [Marsha Tokuyoshi](#) at (925) 942-3385, or visit the program's [Web page](#)

**Dates:** TBD over a two-year time frame

**Fee:** \$5,000 per year CCCOE-ALP for 2 years, plus \$1,000\*\* per year to ACSA/ACCP; total cost for the two-year program is 10,000

### ***Allies & Advocates: A Contra Costa County Equity Initiative***

Due to popular demand, the CCCOE is continuing its partnership with Nancy Dome and Epoch Education with the 2018-2019

[Allies & Advocates](#) Equity Retreats - featuring six sessions. Championed by Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools Karen Sakata, the initiative will once again feature several events and activities throughout the school year, including four Equity Leadership Retreats designed to support educational leaders to develop their own capacity to become effective champions of equity.

**Dates** (remaining) **and location:** January 22, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; February 5, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; March 18, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. - [CCCOE](#), Pleasant Hill

**For info:** Email [info@epocheducation.com](mailto:info@epocheducation.com)

**Fee:** Multiple early-bird discount and group price points

### **2019 Brief Intervention for Substance Using Adolescents**

This training is to build skills of people working with adolescents. Brief Intervention is a short-term intervention that consists of two to four sessions aimed at adolescents who use alcohol, tobacco, and/or other drugs. This approach uses motivational interviewing, cognitive behavior therapy and the stages of change model to meet the needs of adolescents. This workshop is for school administrators, educators, staff, counselors, school nurses, and community-based organization staff

**Date and location:** January 31, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., [Willow Creek Center](#), in Concord

**For info:** Contact [Emily Justice](#) at (925) 942-5328 or visit the program's [Eventbrite registration page](#)

**Fee:** Free to Contra Costa County attendees

### **Training: LGBTQ+ Inclusive Classrooms**

Increase understanding and skills to create safer, more inclusive classroom environments for young people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ). According to the 2015-16 CA Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), less than 50% of Contra Costa students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) feel safe or very safe at school, as compared to over 70% of their peers who identify as straight/heterosexual. Our learning environments must be places where all students feel safe and included and this training focuses on just that. This training is for TUPE coordinators, teachers, counselors, other interested school staff, and community-based organization staff.

**Date and location:** December 7, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; [Antioch High School](#) \* March 1, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., [CCCOE](#), Pleasant Hill

**For info:** Contact [Emily Justice](#) at 925-942-5328 or visit the program's [Eventbrite registration page](#)

**Fee:** Free to Contra Costa County attendees

### **Number Talks 1.0 - Grades K-12**

Number Talks support implementation of the California Standards. Participants engage in discourse, conversations, and alternative thinking in

mathematics. Participants will be introduced to Number Talks as a classroom strategy to deepen students thinking in mathematics. Participants will experience Number Talks and see how to add them into their classroom routines.

**Date and location:** January 7, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; [CCCOE](#), Pleasant Hill

**For info:** [Christen Schwartz](#) at (925) 942-3435, or visit the program's [Eventbrite registration page](#)

**Fee:** Free, but participants must register

### Science Approved Instructional Materials Publishers' Fair

The purpose of this day is to provide participating districts with an opportunity to preview new instructional materials, talk to representatives from the State Board adopted publishers list, and to network with colleagues. Publishers will provide short presentations to introduce their instructional materials during specific time slots. Materials will also be on display throughout the day for review. We encourage districts to bring teams that include administrators as well as classroom teachers. Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Browse Instructional Materials displayed by approved CA publishers
- Attend presentations of programs by participating publishers
- Speak to representatives of State Board adopted publishers
- Targeted Audience: District Instructional Materials Review Teams

**Date and location:** January 11, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; [CCCOE](#), Pleasant Hill

**For info:** Contact [Hilary Dito](#) at (925) 942-3396, or visit the program's [Eventbrite registration page](#)

**Fee:** Free

### CCCOE Distinguished Speaker Series Introduction to Argument-Driven Inquiry

This workshop is an introduction to the [Argument-Driven Inquiry](#) (ADI) instructional model. Attendees will engage in the ADI instructional model and discover how ADI aligns to the NGSS and develops students' understanding of science and how it can be integrated into any curriculum. The program will also demonstrate how scientific arguments enhance instruction and align with both NGSS and CCSS. The ADI workshop is for grades 3-12 educators.

**Date and location:** February 8, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; [CCCOE](#), Pleasant Hill

**For info:** Contact [Hilary Dito](#) at (925) 942-3356, or visit the program's [Eventbrite registration page](#)

**Fee:** \$150 - includes book and lunch

### Number Talks 2.0

In this one-day workshop participants will embark on how to structure and lead productive mathematical discussions. We will emphasize setting mathematical goals for each number talk, learn how to use models to develop students' conceptual understanding, explore how to productively move students toward efficient strategies for problem solving and provide timely and appropriate feedback to students. Throughout the workshop we will engage and explore open source resources to take our number talks to the next level in student mathematical thinking and engagement.

**Date and location:** February 19, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; [CCCOE](#), Pleasant Hill

**For info:** [Christen Schwartz](#) at (925) 942-3435, or visit the program's [Eventbrite registration page](#)

**Fee:** Free, but participants must register

### Training: Classroom-Based Prevention Programs: Project Towards No Drug Abuse (high school)

Project TND is an effective, interactive classroom-based substance abuse prevention program for 9th graders and students attending non-traditional (i.e. continuation) schools. Project TND focuses on three factors that predict tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use, violence-related behaviors, and other problem behaviors among youth, including:

- Motivation factors (i.e., students' attitudes, beliefs, expectations, and desires regarding drug use);
- Skills (social, self-control, and coping skills); and
- Decision-making (i.e., how to make decisions that lead to health-promoting behaviors).

**Date and location:** April 18, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; [CCCOE](#), Pleasant Hill

**For info:** Contact [Tiffani Mason](#) at (925) 942-5315 or visit the program's [Eventbrite registration page](#)

**Fee:** Free to Contra Costa County attendees

### Training: Classroom-Based Prevention Programs: Project ALERT (middle school)

Project ALERT is a classroom-based substance abuse prevention program for 7th and 8th graders that is proven to reduce the experimental and continued use of drugs. Through a series of comprehensive lessons, Project ALERT motivates students against drug use, cultivates new non-use attitudes and beliefs, and equips teens with the skills and strategies they will use to resist drugs.

**Date and location:** April 23, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; [CCCOE](#), Pleasant Hill

**For info:** Contact [Tiffani Mason](#) at (925) 942-5315 or visit the program's [Eventbrite registration page](#)

**Fee:** Free to Contra Costa County attendees

### Courage to Teach®

In a time when stress and pressure on teachers and administrators continue to rise because of internal and external demands, Courage to Teach® provides educators with an opportunity for rest, renewal and re-engagement with their identity and integrity as teachers. The program, originally conceived by esteemed educator Parker J. Palmer, offers educators an opportunity to reflect on the inner dimensions of teaching and leading. In a series of weekend retreats, teachers are immersed in seasonal metaphors through engagement with poetry, art, and music. Each retreat consists of 20-25 participants who gather to engage in honest self-reflection and explore questions about purpose, values, and commitment to their challenging work. In doing so, they increase their capacity to listen deeply, share wholeheartedly, and cultivate empathy and compassion for self and others.

**Dates and location:** February 15-17, March 29-31, July 5-7, September 27-29, February 14-16 (2020); [The Santa Sabina Center](#) in San Rafael

**For info:** Contact [Rona Zollinger](#) or visit the program's [website](#)

**Fee:** \$450 per weekend retreat

## Events

### High School Mock Trials (Law Professional volunteers needed)

The CCCOE is looking for additional members of the California Bar Association and second- and third-year law students to serve as scorers and judges at the upcoming 37th Annual Contra Costa County Mock Trial Program. New volunteers will be joining close to 100 practicing and retired Bay Area lawyers, district attorneys, public defenders, and judges, as well as Bay Area college law students, who will be returning as Mock Trial scorers and judges.

**Dates and location:** January 29, 31, February 5, 7, 12, 14, 19. - 5:00-8:00 p.m.; A.F. Bray Courthouse, Martinez

**For info:** Contact [Jonathan Lance](#) at (925) 942-3429, or visit the Mock Trial [Web page](#)

### Teacher Appreciation Game @ Haas Pavilion

The University of California, at Berkeley invites Bay Area educators to their Teacher Appreciation Game, Watch the Cal Bears take on the Cal Poly Mustangs!

**Date and location:** December 15, 7:00 p.m.: at the University's Haas Pavilion, in Berkeley

**For info:** For info: Contact [George Adkins](#) at (510) 642-2677 or visit this special event's [web page](#).

**Fee:** Special-priced tickets for teachers, school staff, families, and friends are just \$15.

### 5th Annual School Haas Rock

School Haas Rock provides exposure to one of the top universities in the world through the lens of a Women's Basketball game, especially for those students who have never been to a college campus. This educational event mixes in crowd participation and on-court experiments that both engage and challenge the youth in attendance. Reward your school and your students with the gift of a fun time that they'll be talking about until everyone comes back the next year! The Cal women's basketball team will tip-off with the Lady Wild Cats from Washington State.

**Date and location:** January 18, 11:30 a.m.: at the University's Haas Pavilion, in Berkeley

**For info:** For info: Contact [George Adkins](#) at (510) 642-2677

**Fee:** Free

### Contra Costa 2019 Teacher/Certificated Staff Recruitment Fair

All school districts in Contra Costa County are recruiting for certificated staff. Representatives from the Contra Costa County school districts will be at this central location for a day of interaction with candidates. The County Office of Education will also be recruiting for a variety of positions including teachers and certificated specialists in Special Education, Parolee Education, and Jail Education programs. We encourage candidates to arrive early and sign up for interview slots with the districts of your choice.

**Date and location:** February 23, 9:00-11:30 a.m.; Alhambra High School (gymnasium), Martinez

**For info:** Call CCOE's HR Department at (925) 942-3387 or visit their [Web page](#)

**Fee:** Free

### \$5 FIRST FRIDAY at Chabot Space & Science Center

Each \$5 First Friday at Chabot Space & Science Center is an exciting and immersive experience for all ages! Join them each month for hands-on activities and live demonstrations that are fun for the whole family. Each month there will be new things to explore!

**Date and location:** December 7, *Starry Night* - program begin at 6:00 p.m.; [Chabot Space and Science Center](#), Oakland

**For info:** Visit the program's [web page](#) to review program subjects and to register

**Fee:** \$5

### The 15th Annual Get Real Academy

The 16th Annual Get Real Academy, presented by Soroptimist International, is a life-skills conference for high school senior girls focusing on life after high school. Seminars throughout the day will include such topics as money management, women's health, domestic and workplace violence issues, insurance, career success, and job search tips. Sign-ups are now being taken.

**Date and location:** March 7, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Hilton Concord, Concord

**For info:** Contact Stephanie Helberg [wavesofspirit@comcast.net](mailto:wavesofspirit@comcast.net)

**Fee:** Free

## Mt. Diablo Astronomical Society

The Mt. Diablo Astronomical Society will gladly organize an astronomy night for your school, youth group, or community organization. The organization's members volunteer their time and their telescopes to bring the universe to you. They also provide knowledgeable speakers and activities on various astronomy topics, either in a classroom or in a meeting setting.

**For info:** Visit their [website](#)

**Fee:** Free

## National History Day Contra Costa

Attention teachers and administrators in Contra Costa County! History Day Competition Contra Costa County is expanding, and encouraging all students in grades 4-12 to submit projects for the 2019 competition! This is a great way to infuse an engaging project into a history/social studies curriculum, and for students to participate in a low-stress, national competition while learning about piece of history. Each student or student group project develops an historical thesis about an historical event or person and then supports it with primary and secondary source documentation. Cash prizes awarded for exceptional projects. Students can then present their historical thesis and research in one of six formats:

1. Historical Paper
2. Poster
3. Exhibit
4. Dramatic Presentation
5. Documentary Film
6. Website

For info: Contact [Brenda Stutzman](#) or visit their [website](#) and [video](#)

## Grants / Scholarships

### Contra Costa County CAER Grants

Contra Costa County Community Awareness Emergency Response (CAER) provides up to \$2,500. in grants to improve the emergency preparedness of Contra Costa County schools, agencies, community and non profit organizations, hospitals, homeless and senior centers. This can be in the form of supplies, drills, exercises, training, etc.

**For info:** contact [Lori McDonald](#) at (925) 313-9296 or visit their [website](#)

**Deadline:** is February 4

### 2018-2019 NSTA Teacher Awards Program

The National Science Teachers Association offers 19 different awards that recognize teachers for their development and implementation of unique science programs and curricula, outstanding leadership and dedication to the profession. The NSTA awards offer recognition and a multitude of prizes for educators. Prizes include cash awards and grants, school supplies and materials, and trips to our national conferences.

**For info:** Visit their [website](#)

**Deadline:** December 17

### The Safeway Foundation's Grants

Safeway funds grant applications for communities where stores are located. Grants should focus on Safeway's priorities, including education. The Safeway Foundation's Grants are accepted throughout the year. Typical grants are between \$2,500 - \$10,000

**For info:** Visit their [website](#)

### ecoSolution™ Grants

ecoSolution™ Grants (previously called "Small Grants") have been the defining basis of Captain Planet Foundation's work over the last 25 years.

In that time, they've funded more than 2,100 projects that have impacted 1.2 million youth around the world - actively fulfilling their mission to build the next generation of environmental stewards and change-agents. The grants range from \$500-\$2,500 and are intended to support solution-oriented, youth-led projects that result in real environmental outcomes. They are available to educators working with youth in the United States (international projects are by invitation only).

**For info:** Visit their [website](#)

**Deadlines: Cycle 1:** Opens July 16-Closes January 15 \* **Cycle 2:** Opens January 16-Closes July 15

### ecoTech™ Grants

ecoTech™ Grants were created to combat the notion that students needed to choose between "the screen" or "the green" and to encourage educators and students to explore the role technology can play in designing and implementing solutions to some of our most pressing environmental challenges. We believe that technology can present innovative ways to address environmental challenges - and that when dealing with digital natives, we do ourselves a disservice by asking them to unplug. ecoTech™ Grants are specifically offered to engage children in inquiry-based, STEM-related projects that leverage technology and/or use nature-based design to address environmental problems in local communities.

**For info:** Visit their [website](#)

**Deadlines: Cycle 1:** Opens July 16-Closes January 15 \* **Cycle 2:** Opens January 16-Closes July 15

## Resources / Contests

### 2018-2019 Contra Costa County Attendance Awareness Video Public Service Announcement Contest

This contest is open to all Contra Costa County students, grades K-12. All entries will be evaluated on how well the students have integrated the key message(s) and will be judged on creativity, originality, and clarity. All video entries must be 30- to 60 seconds in length. Plenty of prizes will be awarded, including broadcasts on edTV, a monthly \$100 Classroom Grant, and the grand prize of a \$500 Classroom Grant.

**For info:** Visit the contest's [web page](#)

**Deadlines:** The third Friday of the month, October 2018 - April 2019

### Google Science Fair

Google has opened registration for its Science Fair 2018 competition, and kids aged between 13-18 years can now register for it. The annual event started off in 2011 and is a platform for kids to unleash their creativity for solving a problem using technology, engineering, science, and math. Participants simply need to register for the event and get working on a solution to a problem that they would like to solve. There is a total of 179 prizes that are up for earning, including the top winner earning a \$50,000 educational scholarship.

**For info:** All Google Science Fair details are posted on their [website](#)

**Deadline:** December 12

### createCA

createCA is a coalition of dedicated and innovative leaders who understand that together we have the power to create lasting change for every California student. Our mission is to ensure ALL students are able to reach their full potential by advancing an education model that promotes creativity and the arts for the 21st century workforce.

**For info:** visit their [website](#)

### PBS LearningMedia™

PBS LearningMedia™ is the go-to destination for instant access to tens of thousands of classroom-ready digital resources, including videos, games,

audio clips, photos, lesson plans, and more! You can search, save, and share with ease.

**For info:** Visit their [website](#)

### Contra Costa County's Education Television: edTV

The CCCOE coordinates local education programming for the Contra Costa County Education Channel, edTV. Along with support from Contra Costa Television (CCTV), edTV provides quality pre-K through college educational programming to residents, students, educators, and stakeholders in Contra Costa County. edTV can be accessed on basic cable TV service on Comcast Channel 32 and AT&T U-verse Channel 99, and is available throughout most of Contra Costa County.

**For info:** Learn more about viewing edTV or submitting video content or postings to the channel's televised bulletin board, visit the channel's [website](#), or contact [Jonathan Lance](#) at (925) 942-3429

### Share Your Latest on edTV

Attention Contra Costa County pre-K through college schools and school districts! Do you have video content you would like to share with the county? We invite you to share via edTV. We are looking for programming that includes such events as school or school district plays, musical performances, science fairs, workshops, panel discussions, special events, etc.

**For info:** To learn more about viewing edTV or submitting video content or postings to the channel's televised bulletin board, visit edTV's [website](#), or contact [Jonathan Lance](#) at (925) 942-3429

### California Transitional Kindergarten Stipend Project

Are you a Transitional Kindergarten teacher or California State Preschool Program teacher in Contra Costa County? Are you interested in being reimbursed for Early Care and Education/Child Development coursework? Have you attended or plan on attending any Early Care and Education/Child Development related Professional Development? If you answered YES to any of these questions, you may be eligible for an educational or professional development reimbursement opportunity through the California Transitional Kindergarten Stipend Project. This funding opportunity is retroactive to July 1, 2014, and will be available through March 31, 2019, as a one-time-only funding or until all available funds have been expended.

**For info:** Visit the Contra Costa County Local Planning and Advisory Council for Early Care and Education [website](#), or contact [Marissa Frias](#) at (925) 942-5331

### Contra Costa Community Warning System

The Contra Costa County Community Warning System (CWS) is a comprehensive system designed to alert the public in the county of imminent threats to life or health. The system was developed by the Community Awareness and Emergency Response organization (CAER) and is operated by the Office of the Sheriff. The CWS mission is to alert the public of imminent threats to life or health, inform the public of basic hazard information and guide them to resources to gather more detailed information. The CWS uses a variety of tools to reach the public as quickly and reliably as possible such as:

- Telephone notification (cell and landline)
- Email
- Texting
- Social Media (Facebook and Twitter)
- Sirens
- Radio and TV
- NOAA Weather Radios
- Cable Television

For info: Contact the [CWS Staff](#) at (925) 313-9622 or visit their [website](#)



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