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Welcome to *Dateline*!

Greetings!

Happy New Year, and welcome to the January 2019 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

Foster Youth Services Workshops

Are you currently serving foster youth? If you are interested in learning more about how to address the educational needs of foster youth, including those on probation, the CCCOE Foster Youth Services Coordinating Programs (FYSCP) are offering a series of trainings this spring to agency and district employees. Upcoming foster youth workshop titles:

- Special Education: 504 v IEP
- Disciplinary Rights for Foster Youth
- Enrolling Foster Youth AND
- Who Has the Right? Education Rights Holder
- Defining Foster Youth
- Trauma Informed Education
- Examining the Impacts of Culture and Race
- School Stability and School of Origin
- Disciplinary Rights for Foster Youth

Date and location: Multiple dates during the months of February through May; [CCCOE](#), Pleasant Hill

For info: Contact [Yvonne Beals](#) or (925) 942-3463 visit the program's [web page](#)

Fee: Free

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

Menthol & Big Tobacco Marketing Workshop

Tobacco kills more people than AIDS, alcohol, car crashes, murders, suicides, other drugs, and fires... combined. Despite fewer teens smoking than ever before, tobacco is still a major health issue and it affects some

communities a lot more than others. Learn more about the dangers of menthol and other flavored tobacco, the tobacco industry targeting of African Americans, young people, and other marginalized groups of people, and health disparities and explore classroom and school-wide activities that can be implemented with students.

Date and location: January 16, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 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

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

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: 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 Northrop](#) at (925) 942-3435, or visit the program's [Eventbrite registration page](#)

Fee: Free, but participants must register

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 Northrop](#) at (925) 942-3435, or visit the program's [Eventbrite registration page](#)

Fee: Free, but participants must register

The Third Annual Edcamp Contra Costa

Mark your calendars now for the Third Annual Edcamp Contra Costa. Join us for a day of learning, networking, and celebrating our shared passion for education. Details to come in the new year.

Date and location: March 2, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., [CSU East Bay, Concord Campus](#)

For info: Contact [Nicholas Zefeldt](#) at (925) 942-5332 or follow @edcampcoco on Twitter

Fee: This event is free for educators, instructional coaches, and administrators

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).

Dates and location: February 26, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; [Willow Creek Center](#), Concord and 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 Pages: [February 26](#) or [April 18](#)

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.

Dates and location: February 27, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., [Willow Creek Center](#), Concord and 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 pages: [February 27](#) or [April 23](#)

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. The 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; [The Santa Sabina Center](#) in San Rafael

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

Fee: Sliding scale, the sooner you register the lesser the fee

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](#)

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 CCCOE'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: January 4, *The Science of Color* - 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

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

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

The Aquarium of the Bay and Sea Lion Center's FREE K-12 Programs

Aquarium of the Bay and the Sea Lion Center's FREE education programs allow students to discover the amazing world of San Francisco Bay through hands-on exploration experiences. All of their naturalist-led-

education programs are aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), and include developmentally appropriate, accessible, STEM and conservation-education activities. The programs are open to all K-12 schools in the nine Bay Area Counties (San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Sonoma, Napa, and Solano).

For info: Visit their [website](#)

Fee: Free

Coastal Art and Poetry Contest (K-12)

To encourage youth to reflect on the beauty and spirit of our state's beaches and ocean, this special contest challenges California students to create artwork or poetry using a California coastal or marine theme. Prizes, awarded to five separate grade-level categories, include \$100 gift certificates to an art-supply or book store. Winners and honorable mentions will receive tickets to the Aquarium of the Pacific. Each winner's teacher will receive a \$50 gift certificate for education materials.

For info: Contact The California Coastal Commission at (800) COAST4U, or visit their [website](#)

Deadline: January 31

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

2019 Contra Costa County Youth Hall of Fame Awards

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is now accepting nominations for the 2019 Contra Costa County Youth Hall of Fame Awards. The Youth Hall of Fame Awards are presented annually to outstanding young Contra Costa County residents between the ages of 12 and 18. Nominees should demonstrate exemplary behavior in one of five categories: good Samaritans, volunteerism, teamwork, leadership and civic engagement and perseverance. Submit your nominations by completing the attached nomination form and submitting it with your letter of recommendation.

For info: Contact [Amy Mockoski](#) at (925) 608-7788 or visit this [web page](#)

Deadline: January 31

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](#)

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

Local High School Basketball on edTV

CCCOE's edTV channel will broadcast a number of local HS basketball games, both live & tape-delayed, during the January and February. The games are filmed and packaged by Nor Cal SportsTV. Teams include Heritage HS, Monte Vista HS, San Ramon Valley HS, De La Salle HS, and Salesian HS.

For info: You can find the entire broadcast schedule at this [web page](#)

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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