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## Welcome to *Dateline*!

### Greetings!

Welcome to the October 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:**

October 15, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; November 6, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; 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

### ***Foster Youth Services Workshops***

The Contra Costa County Office of Education - [Foster Youth Services Coordinating Programs](#) (FYSCP) is happy to announce the foster youth education training schedule for the 2018-19 school year. As FYSCP, it is our goal to provide technical assistance and professional development to district education liaisons, school staff, and community partners regarding the educational needs of foster youth.

Upcoming workshops:

**Special Education: IEP v 504** - October 4, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Trauma Resiliency Model Training** - October 25, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Part I: School Stability and School of Origin/ Part II: AB 167/216 Education Requirement** - November 1, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

**Examining the Impacts of Culture and Race** - November 8, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

**Location:** All workshops held at the [CCCOE](#), Pleasant Hill

**For info:** Contact [Yvonne Beals](#) at 925-942-3463, for additional details, as well as workshop registration, visit this [Web page](#)

**Fee:** Free, but all attendees must register

### ***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:** October 23 & April 23, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.;

[CCCCOE](#), 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

### 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.

**Dates and locations:** October 19, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; [Charities of the East Bay](#), Richmond \* December 7, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; East County TBD \* March 1, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., [CCCCOE](#), 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

### 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:** October 24 & April 18, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; [CCCCOE](#), 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

### Computer Science Implementation Workshop

This workshop is to introduce Administrators and Counselors to Code.org's Computer Science (CS) curriculum and professional learning program. Learn how your site can access Code.org's program for your Middle and High School CS programs, enroll your teachers in a professional learning cohort, and increase access to CS for all your students. Attendees will learn about Code.org's Middle School and High School computer science courses and explore tools to build computer science curriculum for the 2018-19 school year. Discover how CCCOE is supporting computer science in Contra Costa County. Participants will receive materials to share with their community about computer science.

**Dates and location:** October 9, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; [CCCCOE](#), Pleasant Hill

**For info:** Contact [Hilary Dito](#) at 925-942-3396, or visit the Code.org's [web page](#) for additional details and sign up

**Fee:** Free

### Digital Citizenship: New 3rd-5th Grade Lessons for a Changing World

Interested in integrating digital citizenship in your classroom? Common Sense Education has recently updated their third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade

digital citizenship curriculum. Come experience sample learning activities and explore all the resources that Common Sense Education has to help students, educators, and families navigate life in the 21st century. This training is co-facilitated by [Common Sense Education](#).

**Date and location:** October 11, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; [CCCOE](#), Pleasant Hill

**For info:** Contact [Nicholas Zefeldt](#) at (925) 942-5332, register at the program's [Eventbrite Registration Page](#)

**Fee:** Free

### Introduction to K-5 NGSS Instruction

Explore the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) through the lenses of Phenomena, Crosscutting Concepts, and Science and Engineering Practices. Participants will be introduced to the K-5 Next Generation Science Standards and the underlying principles that guide NGSS instruction.

This workshop focuses on:

- \* Providing an overview of the NGSS standards
- \* Integration of the NGSS and CCSS
- \* Foundational understanding of the 3-Dimensions of NGSS
- \* Phenomena-based science instruction

**Dates and location:** October 17, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; [CCCOE](#), Pleasant Hill

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

**Fee:** Registration is complimentary for educators working for districts in Contra Costa County

### Teaching Thinkers of Tomorrow

How might we teach if we thought of ourselves as teachers of thinkers? Come explore how we can support all of our students to think and talk in ways that ensure engagement and achievement-for today and tomorrow. This session will engage participants in an exploration of processes that develop when learners co-construct and deepen meaning and are engaged in a variety of richly dialogic, literate situations.

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

**For info:** Contact [Naomi Shelan](#) at 415-990-4497, or visit the program's [Eventbrite registration page](#), for additional details and sign up

**Fee:** \$25

### Computer Science Fundamentals for K-5 educators

As a Regional Partner with Code.org, Contra Costa County Office of Education is hosting a one-day workshop for K-5 educators interested in teaching computer science. This workshop will cover Code.org's CS Fundamentals courses A-F. Code.org's elementary school curriculum allows even the youngest students to explore the limitless world of computing. Courses blend online, self-guided and self-paced tutorials with "unplugged" classroom activities that require no computer.

Participants will receive:

- In-person instruction from an experienced computer science facilitator
- An intro to computer science and pedagogy
- An overview of the online curriculum and teacher dashboard
- A printed curriculum guide containing course lesson plans
- Strategies for teaching "unplugged" classroom activities
- A bag of Code.org swag

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

**For info:** Contact [Danielle Low](#) at (925) 942-3356, or visit the program's [web page](#)

**Fee:** Free, we request a \$20 deposit to hold your spot, you will be

reimbursed the \$20 after attending the training

## Upcoming Events / Field Trips

### Parent Coffee:

#### *A Conversation with Nicole Hockley of Sandy Hook Promise*

The [32nd District PTA](#) and the Contra Costa County Office of Education will be offering an opportunity for all Contra Costa County school parents to attend an informational morning, titled: *An intimate conversation with Nicole Hockley, Founding Member of Sandy Hook Promise.*

The morning will include:

- Brief presentation by Nicole Hockley followed by Q & A
- Progress of the "Safe Schools for All" Initiative and Sandy Hook Promise Partnership in schools/school districts throughout Contra Costa County
- Continental Breakfast

**Date and location** October 24, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.; [Pleasant Hill Community Center](#), Pleasant Hill

**For info:** To learn more and to register, visit the [Eventbrite registration page](#)

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

## Contra Costal County High School Model UN

The Contra Costa County Model United Nations program is an exciting, educational way for high school students to learn about global issues. The Model UN simulates the activities of a UN body such as the Security Council or the General Assembly. Students assume the roles of diplomatic representatives to the UN as they consider contemporary international concerns. Through this role-playing event, students develop a greater understanding of world challenges and the complexity of international relations. All Bay Area schools are welcome to submit a Model UN team. #cocomun

**Dates and location:** November 2, 3:30-8:30 p.m., November 3, 12:00 - 6:30 p.m.; [Diablo Valley College](#), Pleasant Hill

**For info:** Contact [Diane Morrell](#) at (925) 942-3406 or visit the program's [web page](#)

**Fee:** \$150 per team before September 21, \$200 per team after September 21 - \$40 per Delegate (student) before October 12 and \$50 per Delegate after October 12

**Deadline:** Schools must register by October 16

## American Education Week

American Education Week - November 12-16, 2018 - will present all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education.

2018's theme will be reflected in special observances each day of this year's 2018 weeklong celebration:

- Monday, November 12, 2018: Kickoff Day
- Tuesday, November 13, 2018: Parents Day
- Wednesday, November 14, 2018: Education Support Professionals Day
- Thursday, November 15, 2018: Educator for a Day
- Friday, November 16, 2018: Substitute Educators Day

For info: Visit the program's [website](#)

## Eighth Annual Bay Area Science Festival

More than 200 science, technology, and engineering organizations from across the Bay Area will present the fun and excitement of science, through hands-on and interactive exhibits, science-themed performances

and demonstrations, and family-oriented entertainment.

**Dates and locations:** October 26-November 3, calendar of events; held at numerous sites throughout the Bay Area

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

**Fee:** Check specific events for admission fees, but many are 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!

**Dates and location:** *Changing Climates*; October 5, *The Future of Space*; November 2, *Exploring the Solar System*; December 7, *Starry Night* - programs 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 California ShakeOut**

The California ShakeOut drill is held annually on the third Thursday of October each year. (Other states are also holding ShakeOut drills.) More than 10.5 million Californians participated in 2017, practicing Drop, Cover, and Hold On, as well as other aspects of family, school, and organizational emergency plans.

**Date and Location:** October 18, 10:19 a.m.; throughout California

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

### **17th Annual Shelter-in-Place Day**

Contra Costa Community Awareness Emergency Response (CAER) invites all schools to practice and improve their on-site emergency procedures for shelter-in-place drills by taking part in this 17th annual county-wide exercise. Guidelines for this program have recently been sent out to all districts and school principals. Schools can use the time for training, running brief drills, or conducting more detailed emergency exercises.

**Date:** November 7, 11:00 a.m.

**For info:** Contact [Lori McDonald](#) at (925) 313-9296 or visit the CAER [website](#)

### **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

### 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

### CourAGE PSA Contest

Attention Contra Costa County middle and high school students! Here is your chance to get creative and have your voice heard! We know that tobacco use has a tremendous effect on young people. Create a short video on how tobacco affects you and young people in your community. Suggested Themes:

- Nicotine is a drug too!
- Tobacco hurts the earth!
- Stop calling it vapor!

**For info:** Contact [Derrick Kirk](#) at (925) 942-5318 or visit the contest's [web page](#)

**Deadline:** November 2

## 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

## 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:** To 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

## Education-Related Election Forums on edTV

Meet the candidates! edTV will be broadcasting Contra Costa County Election Forums concerning 2018 education political races throughout October and early November.

These political contests include:

- County Board of Education, Area 2
- County Board of Education, Area 4
- County Board of Education, Area 5
- Acalanes Unified School District, Board
- Martinez Unified School District, Board
- Antioch Unified School District, Board
- Liberty Union High School District, Board
- West Contra Costa Unified School District, Board
- Contra Costa Community College Board, Area 3
- Contra Costa Community College Board, Area 4
- Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools

**Dates and locations:** October 1-November 4, at 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; 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:** To learn more about viewing edTV, visit the channel'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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