



WEEKLY REPORT

TO THE

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Stockton Unified School District

December 9, 2011

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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Carl Toliver, Superintendent
RE: For Your Information

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION / SCHOOL READINESS DEPARTMENT

“Raising A Child Who Loves to Read!” Parent Workshop

The Early Childhood Education/School Readiness Department, in collaboration with the Mayor’s Book Club, “Read to Me, Stockton!” held the first Parent Workshop of the year entitled “Raising a Child Who Loves to Read.” This event was held at the Fremont Elementary School gymnasium on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, where there were over 200 parents and children in attendance. Parents received a free bag of groceries and a Clifford book in English and Spanish. Clifford the Big Red Dog also made an appearance! We are very thankful to Ms. Olivia Castillo, Principal at Fremont, for hosting the event and our sponsor, First 5 of San Joaquin, as well as the Health Services Department for giving free flu shots to those in attendance. Debra Keller and the SUSD Preschool Department did an outstanding job preparing for the event. We look forward to the next workshop in the spring.

Contact Julie Penn (933-7130)

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Spotlight on Community Partners

For 19 years, San Joaquin County Health Care Services has partnered with SUSD to bring medical care to students at Edison and Stagg High Schools. As part of the Residency Training Program, new physicians rotate through the school-based health centers at these schools. The partnership provides the doctors with experience treating adolescents and teens, and it gives students the opportunity to learn about medical careers. SUSD thanks San Joaquin County Health Care Services for their commitment to student health.

Contact Deanna Staggs (444-8318)

HUMAN RESOURCES

Pre-arranging Substitutes

The District returned to sites and teachers the ability to pre-arrange substitutes on Friday, December 2, 2011. Prior to this date, there were so many laid off teachers on the sub list that we were unable to allow sites or certificated employees to pre-arrange substitutes because we were statutorily required to

provide the first opportunity to laid off teachers. We were able to reduce the number of teachers on the reemployment list when we restored the kindergarten classes to a 20:1 ratio. The District rehired 58 teachers and offered positions to all of the multiple subject teachers on the reemployment list.

Intervention Teachers

We have posted 19 Intervention positions for teachers. These positions will work with students in English/Language Arts. They will work with groups of students to bring them up to grade level. The teachers are required to have 3 years of experience and education in English. Current Stockton Unified School District teachers may apply for this position.

Class Size Overage Reporting

It has come to our attention that of the approximate 1,800 teachers in the District, there's been one isolated case whereby a discrepancy has been reported regarding class size overages in Genesis. If this is occurring at your site, please contact your principal to assist you in determining if there is a discrepancy.

PARENT / COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

The Director of Parent/Community Empowerment Office was elected Board President of San Joaquin Delta Community College on December 6, 2011. Ms. Janet Rivera is entering her 18th year as a Area 2 Board of Trustee's for Delta College. Congratulations Janet!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Effective December 1, 2011, Steven Renz became our newest full-time police officer. As many of you know, Officer Renz has been with us as a Reserve Officer, police dispatcher and brings additional police experience and perspective that will add to our Department. Due to current staffing issues, Officer Renz will continue to work in the Communications Center until January, 2012. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Officer Steven Renz (badge #126).

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Cash for College Financial Aid Assistance Nights for Seniors

Now that seniors have submitted most of their college admissions applications, the next step is for seniors and their families to complete the FAFSA financial aid application, which is due by March 2, 2012. Delta College has partnered with SUSD to offer "*Cash for College*" nights at each of our comprehensive high schools to assist students and families in completing the FAFSA application. Spanish assistance is available at all the events listed below. Students and families can visit the website www.cash4college.org to learn what to bring for the event and to enter a \$1,000 scholarship. Many of our families will qualify for the Cal Grant which provides up to \$12,192 in financial aid annually. Please encourage students and families to apply for this opportunity to receive financial aid.

- Stagg High School on Wednesday, January 11 from 4:00 -7:00 p.m. in the computer lab
- Franklin High School on Wednesday, January 18 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the computer lab
- Edison High School on Wednesday, January 25 from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the computer lab
- Chavez High School on Tuesday, February 7 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the computer lab

- University of the Pacific Bilingual Financial Aid Fair on Sunday, January 29 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Delta College on Wednesday, February 22 from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the computer lab

Contact Jennifer Robles (933-7130)

Student Services leads work group on Bullying Prevention and Intervention

A district workgroup consisting of staff, parents, and community partners met on Thursday, December 1, 2011, to review the District's policy on bullying; discuss how current policy is implemented and areas that can be improved. The workgroup met again on Thursday, December 8, 2011, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at the Professional Development Center and focused on developing a standardized protocol for District staff to follow when a staff member receives a report of bullying from a student. Each bargaining unit was contacted to participate and encourage implementing a “multi-disciplinary team” in addition to the parents, students, and community partners.

Contact Julie Penn (933-7130)

Families in Transition: Sponsors Adopt-a-Child to Provide Christmas Gifts for SUSD Students who are Experiencing Homelessness this Holiday Season

The Student Support Services Building is celebrating the holiday season by selecting names of students to gift for Christmas from the giving tree set up by the Families in Transition office. The SUSD Families in Transition office provides support to more than 500 homeless students and their families. They have put the names and wishes of many of the children in their program who are experiencing homelessness on the tree to be adopted/gifted by the Student Support Services staff. For more information, please contact our Homeless Liaison, Sherley Pabustan at 933-7020 ext. 2451. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Contact Dee Alimbini (933-7020)

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Franklin High School

During the past two years, Franklin High School has begun and undergone a major transformation. The main parking lot was modernized and completed this past summer. A new Infant Center was constructed and is located south of the new parking lot. The first of two new administrative and classroom buildings was completed in November, 2011. Students recently returned to the opening of the new Building B, which has classrooms and the new administrative offices. The transition has been very smooth and without any major problems.

The second building is scheduled for construction to begin in January, 2012, with an expected completion date in December, 2012. All of these wonderful changes are part of the Measure Q Bond passed by taxpayers in 2008.

Franklin will be hosting a grand opening event on January 5, 2012. This event will provide an opportunity for parents and community members to join in the celebration of this wonderful new building. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. We hope you will join us.

Contact: Reyes Gauna (933-7435)

TRANSPORTATION

Annual CHP Terminal Inspection

The California Highway Patrol completed the Annual Motor Carrier Inspection for Stockton Unified School District on November 18, 2011. The inspection confirms the safety record of Transportation Department and checks for Federal and State compliance for School Bus terminals including drug and alcohol testing records, maintenance records, training/timekeeping records, and random vehicle inspections. The Transportation Department is happy to report that the inspection resulted in a “Satisfactory” rating, which is the highest achievable rating possible.

November Employee of the Month

Please join me in congratulating **Randy Whittenburg**, Transportation’s Employee of the Month for November, 2011. Mr. Whittenburg has once again proven to be a valuable team member. He is always willing to help in any way possible. His attitude is reflected by his constant smile and positive demeanor. Additionally, Mr. Whittenburg maintains his bus with exceptional care; both the interior and exterior. He assists with opening up the front gate and preparing the driver’s lounge. Mr. Whittenburg is reliable and has an excellent attendance record. Parents and staff appreciate his dedication to the students and his energetic, positive attitude.

Contact Carlos Chicas 933-7145

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 13 (Tuesday) Governing Board Meeting**
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6:00 p.m.
- 14 (Wednesday) District Advisory Committee Meeting**
Professional Development Center, 1503 St. Mark’s Plaza, C-1 or A-2,
6:00-8:00 p.m.
- August Elementary Library Grand Reopening**
August Elementary, 2101 Sutro Avenue, 10:00 a.m.
- 15 (Thursday) Community Forum – Superintendent Search**
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

JANUARY

Proposed for:

- 10 (Tuesday) Governing Board Meeting**
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6:00 p.m.
- 14 (Wednesday) High School Honors Concert**
San Joaquin Delta College Atherton Auditorium, 5151 Pacific Ave., 7:00 p.m.

JANUARY (CONTINUED)

18 (Wednesday) District Advisory Committee Meeting
Professional Dev Center, 1503 St. Mark's Plaza, C-1 or A-2, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Proposed for:
24 (Tuesday) Governing Board Meeting
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6:00 p.m.

28 (Saturday) Academic Decathlon (Speech, Interview, Essay)
University of the Pacific, 3601 Pacific Avenue

FEBRUARY

February 2— McKee Art Exhibit
April 1, 2012 Haggin Museum, Victory Park, 1201 North Pershing Avenue

3 (Friday) District Science Fair (Judging)
The Mall, 4950 Pacific Avenue, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

4 (Saturday) District Science Fair (Display)
The Mall, 4950 Pacific Avenue, 10:00 a.m-6:00 p.m.

Proposed for:
14 (Tuesday) Governing Board Meeting
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6:00 p.m.

15 (Wednesday) District Advisory Committee Meeting
Professional Development Center, 1503 St. Mark's Plaza, C-1 or A-2,
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Proposed for:
28 (Tuesday) Governing Board Meeting
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6:00 p.m.