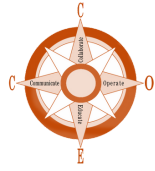


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WILLIAMS UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT WINS COUNTY BEE

The Colusa County Office of Education held its annual countywide Elementary Spelling Competition on March 21. With the winning word of "indebted," the First Place title went to Williams Upper Elementary School 5th grader Damian Cervantes. Arbuckle Elementary School's Roman Vega-Gutierrez took home second place, and both students will travel to the California State Spelling Bee in Stockton, CA on May 13 to represent Colusa County and compete for the state title.

Other notable spellers in the March 21 competition include Maxwell Middle School's Lillian Neal, Grand Island Elementary School's Joseph Willow, Kevin Ocampo, and Alberto Carabajal, Arbuckle Elementary School's Jayden Cervantes, Rodrigo Aldana, and Lilliana Velazquez, and Williams Upper Elementary School's Angel Cervantes, Armando Medina, Kaylee Mendieta, Sebastian Garcia, and Giovanni Bautista. The Sutter-Yuba Association of Realtors sponsored this event and the association provided two judges, Sandy Dilday and Jennifer Giffin. CCOE's Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, John Ithurburn, served as the event's Spell Master.

IMPORTANT DATES

Click underlined dates for more information

April 3 & 27
Paraeducator Assessments

April 10 - May 12
Reading Challenge

April 15
Family Fair

April 20
On-the-Spot Hiring Event

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(530) 458-0350

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499 Margurite Street
Williams, CA 95987
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2023 Colusa County Spelling Bee Competitors

"AND LITERACY FOR ALL" TO HOST SPRING READING CHALLENGE

The Colusa County Office of Education's "And Literacy For All" team is set to host a countywide Spring Reading Challenge from April 10 through May 12. To participate in this event, Colusa County school children are invited to log into their Footsteps2Brilliance accounts to read, play, and create! The class with the most words read by May 12 will earn a trophy, and each student will receive ribbons for participating. Have a child that is not yet enrolled in school, but would like to access Footsteps2Brilliance? This literacy application is free to all Colusa County residents! To sign up for an account, visit www.andliteracyforall.net or contact Literacy Coordinator Stefani Santana at (530) 491-9405.



Colusa County Office of Education Spring Break Reading Challenge April 10 - May 12

Help your student "spring" into reading this Spring Break!

It's easy to keep learning during spring break on the Footsteps2Brilliance app.

Join the challenge and complete one square on the gameboard each day to become a **Spring Reading Champion**.

Sherlock's Writer's Club

Top class in the County will be rewarded with a class trophy. Each student in the top class will receive a reading ribbon and certificate.

Play 15 mins a day!



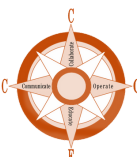
Login to www.myf2b.com from your computer or download the FREE app.



For more information contact Stefani Santana. Office (530) 473-0247 | Cell (530) 491-9405



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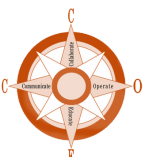
CHILDREN'S SERVICES STAFF VISIT STATE CAPITOL



Children's Services staff participated in Head Start's annual "Head to the Capitol Advocacy Day" with Head Start advocates from across the state on March 23. Joseph Moye, Esther Rocha, Alma Villaseñor, Lydia Navarro, Patty Valenzuela, Ivonne Medina, and Klarissa Espindola, a parent from Williams Children's Center, attended a morning advocacy training about the current political landscape in Early Childhood Care and Education, followed by a march to the State Capitol, and a meeting with Rita Durgin, Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry's Senior Field Representative.

FIRST 5 COLUSA HOSTS "BUMPS & BEYOND COFFEE TALKS"

First 5 Colusa has added a new program to their already full roster of services for children aged birth to 5, and their families. "Bumps & Beyond Coffee Talks" is a parent support group for new and expectant Colusa County parents. Here, families can join together to discuss parenting challenges and successes, while in a comfortable, supportive, and child-friendly environment. At these "Coffee Talks," First 5 Colusa provides a guest speaker to present on a parenting topic pre-selected by the families. Stefani Santana, Literacy Coordinator from CCOE's And Literacy For All team, spoke at the March presentations where she modeled techniques for reading to a baby. The next "Bumps & Beyond Coffee Talks" will be on April 21 at 10:30am at the Arbuckle Family Action Center and April 28 at 10:30am at the Williams Family Action Center. This program is put on in partnership with Colusa County Public Health.





SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SPEAKS TO COLUSA YOUTH



Colusa County Superintendent of Schools Michael P. West had the honor of participating in Colusa High School's Career Day event on March 1. Paired up with Gidel Family Dentistry's Andi Allegrini, Mr. West and Andi spoke to over 60 students about their daily job duties, pathways to such careers, and why they love what they do.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

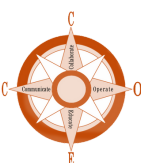
Nomination Narrative:

"For over twenty-six years, Tracy has devoted her career to the students of Maxwell Unified. During her tenure, she has been instrumental in providing students their necessary supports and accommodations in order for them to obtain their high school diplomas. She has been a constant and dependable employee who strives to provide consistency and assistance for all

students. Tracy's collaborative skills across both general education and special education classrooms have ensured continued instructional access and success. Our students trust and value the rapport they have built with Tracy and they continue to rely on her expertise. We are so grateful for Tracy Jones!"



Tracy Jones
CCOE Special Education's Classified
Employee of the Fall Trimester





NOMINATIONS WANTED - CARING YOUTH COUNT AWARDS

The Colusa County Office of Education's Prevention Services Department invites the community to nominate youth, aged 5 through 18, for the 2023 Caring Youth Count Awards. These awards focus on honoring Colusa County youth who stand out from the crowd. Categories include Heroic Resilience, Community Service, and Strength of Character. Potential nominees must attend school within a Colusa County school district, and have demonstrated a positive effort in one of the listed categories. Visit www.ccoe.net or [click here](#) to download a nomination form. All nominations are due April 21, 2023. For questions, contact Prevention Services Coordinator Beatriz Adame at (530) 473-1350.



Join a PlayConnect Playgroup Today!

1st Fridays of Every Month @ 10am-11am

March 3 - Sensory Play

Arbuckle Family Action Center
812 King St., Arbuckle

April 7 - Gross Motor Games

Williams Family Action Center
1404 Est. (Rm 102), Williams

May 5 - Water Play

Arbuckle Family Action Center
812 King St., Arbuckle

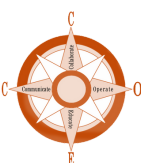
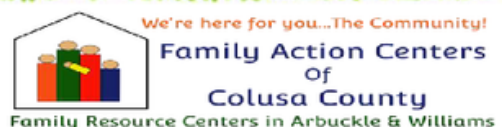
What are PlayConnect Playgroups?

PlayConnect playgroups provide opportunities for children 0-5 with special needs to engage in appropriate and supported play, which allows opportunities for children to grow, develop, engage and shine. PlayConnect also provides families with an opportunity to connect and share experiences with other families.

Register Here:



Or call 530.458.5555





CCOE- Children's Services presents the

FAMILY FAIR



April 15th, 2023
10am to 2pm

ETCHEPARE HALL
COLUSA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
1303 10TH ST. COLUSA, CA 95932



JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Games
- Art Projects
- Snacks/drinks
- Petting Zoo
- Magic Show
- Entertainment and much more!

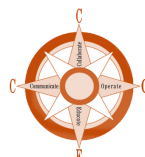


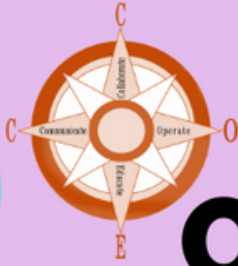
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Local Child Care
Planning Council
of Colusa County

If your agency or group would like to participate contact
Joe Moye at jmoye@ccoe.net or (530)458-0350





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ON-THE-SPOT HIRING EVENT



**APRIL 20
4:00PM-
7:00PM**

**SUBSTITUTE &
PERMANENT POSITIONS
AT COMPETITIVE WAGES**

**Odd Fellows Building
601 5th Street
Arbuckle, CA 95912**

**Register by scanning the QR code
or visiting the Edjoin website.**

Contact Human Resources at

**(530) 458-0350 or hr@ccoe.net for more
information**



**Walk-ins
Welcomed**

WELCOME CCOE NEW HIRES!

Shannon Barrow
Teacher
Special Education

Beatriz Adame
Prevention Services Coordinator
Educational Services

Isabel Casarez Luna
Translator/Interpreter
Special Education

Joanna Navarro Velazquez
Teacher
Children's Services

Noemi Ibarra Landeros
Paraeducator
Special Education

Julissa Velazquez
Temp. Accounting Specialist II
Administrative Services

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