

COLUSA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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EARLY LITERACY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM CELEBRATES COHORT

On January 26, 28 graduates of the Early Literacy Certification Program received their certifications at a celebratory dinner hosted by “And Literacy For All” (ALFA). To achieve the Early Literacy Certification, over a period of 6 months the cohort attended two all-day trainings with Dr. Danielle Thomas, Ed.D. and the ALFA team. The participants created and implemented an Early Literacy Plan comprised of 6 components of literacy and 5 areas of reading at their sites. In addition, the group received site visits, monthly check-ins, and attended virtual meetings.

Graduates of the Fall 2023/Winter 2024 cohort include: Ana Bermejo, Andrea Navarro, Cindy Zuniga Sierra, Denisse Garcia, Dyanna Santana, Ernesto Rios, Fabiola Robles, Hilary Dye, Irene Cruz, Karina Vega, Kristen Carmona, Laura Cervantes, Leticia Villagomez, Liz Hagle, Maria G. Zuniga, Maria H Bugarin, Maria Lopez, Maria Santana, Maria Sierra, Maria Solis, Martha Lopez, Merely Sanchez, Patricia Cervantes, Rosalba Martinez, Toni Rangel, Venesa Padilla, Violeta Sanchez, and Xochitl Prado. For more information about this program, contact the Literacy Coordinator at (530) 491-9405.

IMPORTANT DATES

Click underlined dates for more information

February 3

Collective Wellbeing Training

February 5

Math Network Hour Training

February 5 & 29

Paraeducator Assessments

February 8

The 5 Pillars of Literacy Training

February 19

CCOE Offices Closed

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Colusa, CA 95932
(530) 458-0350

Education Village
499 Margurite Street
Williams, CA 95987
(530) 473-1350



EMPLOYEES OF THE FALL TRIMESTER

Special Education



Carla Pyle
Certificated Employee of the Trimester

Carla's nominator said this about her:
"Carla is exceptionally deserving of the trimester employee award as a Speech Therapist due to her unwavering dedication to her students' progress and well-being. Her innovative therapy approaches, compassionate communication skills, and consistent positive outcomes showcase her commitment to excellence in her field, making her an invaluable asset to her students and CCOE."



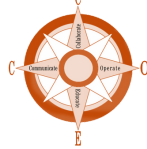
Keri Cunha
Classified Employee of the Trimester

Keri's nominator said this about her:
"As a paraeducator, Keri's ability to navigate both general and special education settings highlights her versatility and adaptability. She is dedicated in supporting the teachers she works with and committed to ensuring the success of the students she serves. Keri has made a positive impact on the lives of so many students, and her efforts are truly appreciated at CCOE!"



Cindy Cerney
Teacher of the Trimester

Cindy's nominator said this about her:
"Cindy Cerney, serving in the role of SELPA preschool teacher, is a truly deserving recipient of the trimester employee award. Her ability to create a nurturing and inclusive learning environment, coupled with her tireless efforts to tailor her teaching methods to each child's unique needs, reflects an unwavering commitment to the growth and success of her students. Cindy is an exemplary educator and CCOE is lucky to have her."



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Children's Services



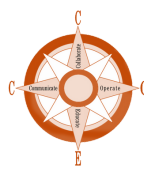
Esther Rocha **Classified Employee of the Trimester**

Esther's nominator said this about her:
"Esther Rocha is a Program Services Assistant with Children's Services and is the heartbeat of the Arbuckle families we serve. Esther warmly greets families and staff each day with a smile and is always one of the first to actively participate in community and team building events. Esther's dedicated approach is always professional and she is meticulous in maintaining confidential files and records with the upmost compliance. Esther consistently promotes a positive and collaborative work environment and is well respected by her peers. Esther is an invaluable asset to CCOE and we are so proud to have her on our team!"



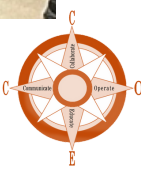
Joanna Navarro **Certificated Employee of the Trimester**

Joanna's nominator said this about her:
"As an Associate Teacher with Children's Services, Joanna Navarro shares warmth and compassion to the children in her classroom. Joanna is well organized, has the ability to multi-task and demonstrates her flexibility while maintaining a strong daily structure for optimal learning experiences. Joanna's ability to support preschoolers to adapt, learn and develop in a positive classroom environment shows her unwavering dedication and passion for teaching. Joanna's attributes are what makes her one of the shining stars of our team and an invaluable asset to CCOE!"



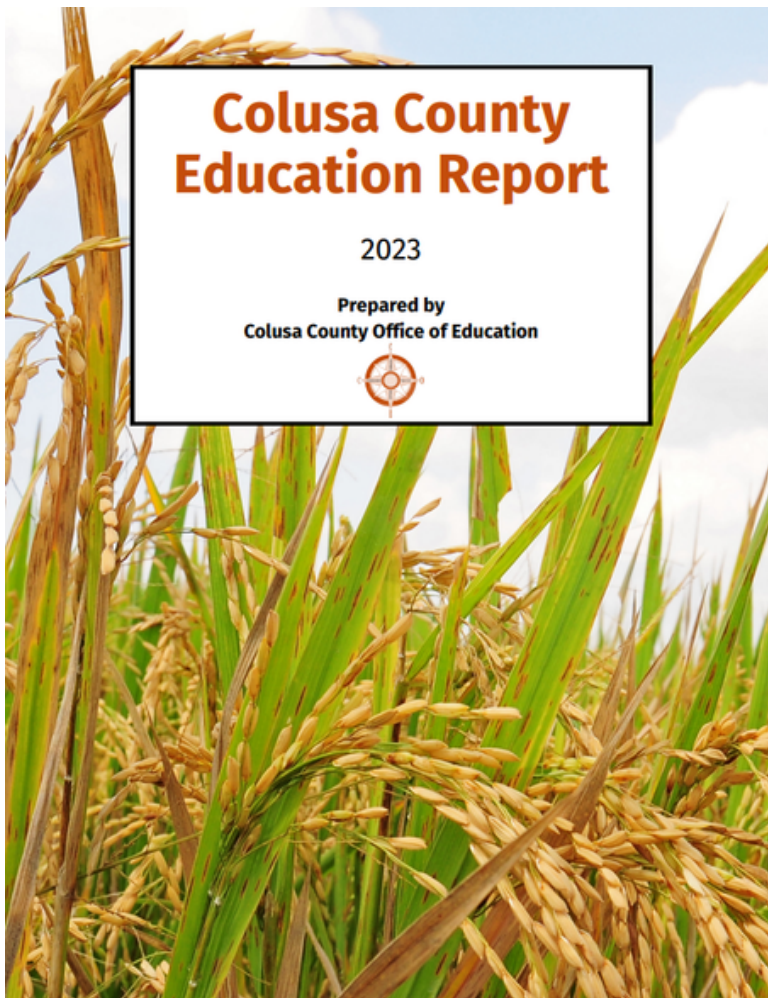
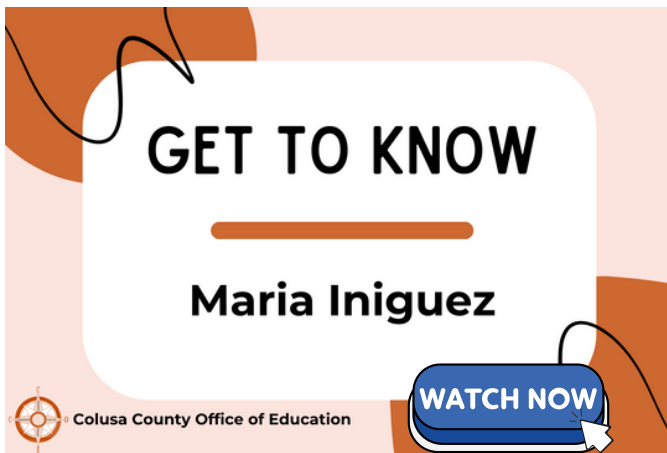
STUDENTS DIVE INTO VIRTUAL REALITY

In December, CCOE staff and students at the Education Village had the opportunity to experience the Oasis XRE Virtual Reality Education system. Staff received Virtual Reality training, while students explored immersive educational environments. Students at S. William Abel Academy will have the opportunity to use Oasis XRE in short bursts during elective time, and have the chance to become certified in CTE Certification courses. Such courses include Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant, Veterinary Science, Agricultural Science, Welding, Carpentry, Robotics, and Drones.



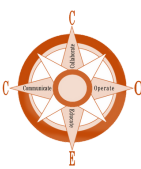
NEW UPLOADS TO “GET TO KNOW” VIDEO SERIES NOW AVAILABLE

In July, CCOE began a new video series highlighting employees, and three new videos have been uploaded to CCOE's YouTube page! Click the images to the right and below to watch each new video, or visit CCOE's YouTube channel [here](#).



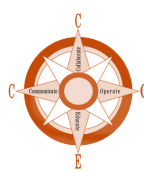
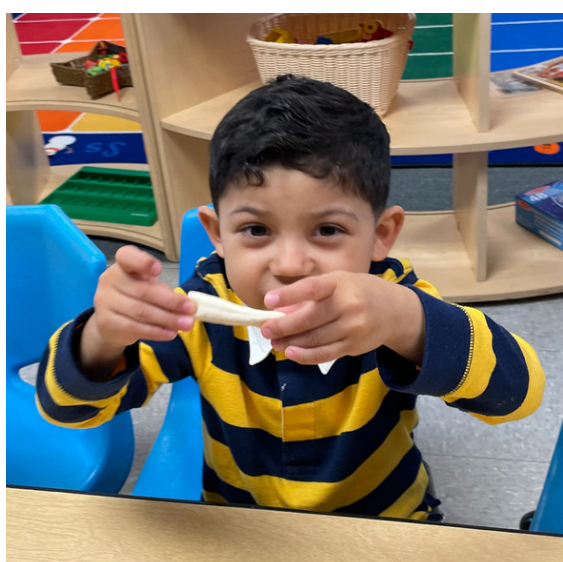
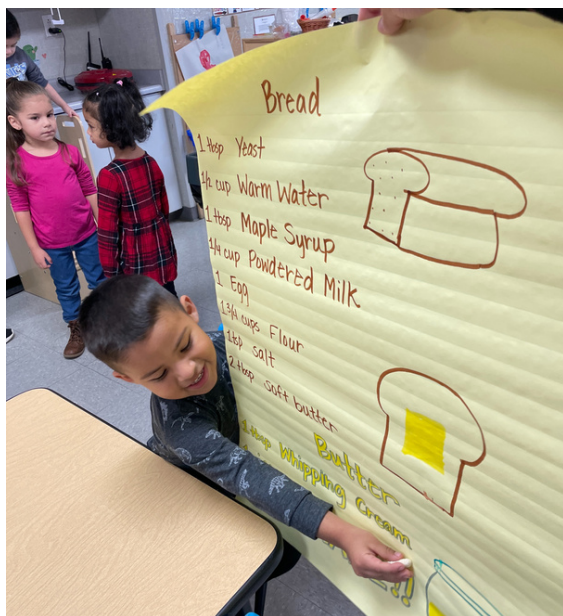
CCOE'S 2023 EDUCATION REPORT IS FINALIZED

The Colusa County Office of Education's 2023 "Education Report" is now accessible via CCOE's website. Data in this report was compiled by CCOE's Communications Director, with assistance from CCOE Cabinet Members and members of the management team. Additionally, information was obtained from the California Department of Education and the U.S. Census Bureau. To read a copy of the 2023 "Colusa County Education Report," [click here](#). For questions or more information, contact CCOE's Communications Director Alissa Maas at (530) 458-0350.



YOUNG CHEFS KNEAD DOUGH AND SPREAD JOY

In December, students at Williams Preschool Learning Center B took part in a nutrition activity. Each child learned how to make bread and butter, and enjoyed tasting their products! "This is just one of the high quality experiences that happen in our classrooms," said Donyale Miller, Children's Services Education Division Manager.



2023 ANGEL TREE PROGRAM



In December, Administrative Services staff donated items to Colusa County CAPC's Angel Tree Program. Through this program, CCOE "adopted" two foster children for the holidays, and purchased toys, clothes, and books for the children to use and enjoy. Pictured left is Morgan Cotter of Colusa County CAPC, and CCOE's Brenda Ramirez, Lisa Knight, and Crystal Frazier. To learn more about the Angel Tree Program and how you can contribute in 2024, contact Colusa County CAPC at (530) 458-7678 or info@colusacapc.net.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES - ENROLL YOUR CHILD TODAY!

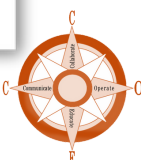
Looking for high-quality childcare for you little one? Children's Services is recognized as a leader in early care and educational programs, and is currently offering enrollment services to children ages birth to 4 years. To learn more, contact Children's Services at (530) 458-0350 or watch one of the videos below!



Click here to watch video in English



Click here to watch video in Spanish



CCOE STAFF TAKE PART IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

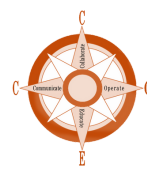


In December, members of CCOE's Communications, Payroll, Accounts Payable, and Children's Services teams attended the 2023 California Association of School Business Officials' Winter Workshop. Pictured (L to R): Fany Sandoval, Cindy Garcia, Crystal Frazier, Lisa Knight, Alissa Maas, and Aaron Heinz. Not pictured: Rosa Talamantes.

DOOR DECORATING CONTEST A BIG HIT



Staff and students at CCOE's Education Village participated in a Holiday Door Decorating Contest, with the First Place door created by the Adult Transition Program (pictured left). The Second Place door was created by Kim Tackett and Lisa Evans, and Most Creative was a tie between Jennifer Wayman and Kelley Hickel. Each door was judged by Superintendent of Schools Michael P. West, and Education Village staff.





Community Advisory Committee

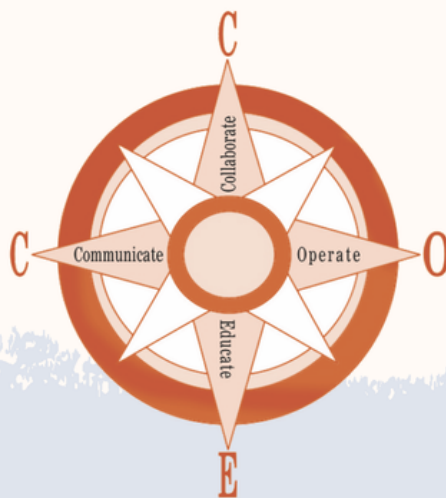
The CAC meeting guest speaker is Becca Banuelos, M.A., CCC-SLP. Becca is a speech and language therapist with CCOE, and she will be discussing ways to support your child's communication development at home.

Wednesday,
February 7, 2024

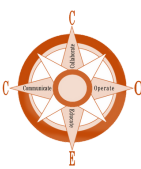
Education Village
Room B-3
499 Margurite St. Suite A
Williams, CA 95987

5:00 pm -6:30 pm

Please call 530-473-1350 if you have any questions. RSVPs are not required, but appreciated.

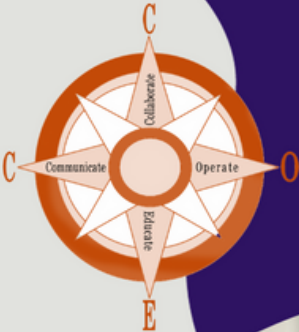


Child care, translators, and food will be provided.



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**CHILDREN'S SERVICES
ON-THE-SPOT HIRING
EVENT**

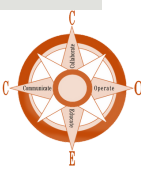


**FEB. 8
4:00PM-
7:00PM**

**Colusa Scout Cabin
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Colusa, CA 95932**

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PERMANENT POSITIONS
AT COMPETITIVE WAGES!**

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FEBRUARY 2024 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

GRADES PRE-K-1 Big Ideas for Little People™

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p style="text-align: center; color: orange; font-weight: bold;">Play 15 mins 3 times a Week.</p>				1 Tomorrow is Groundhog Day! Read about it on F2B	2 Read any Mega Mouth Decoders book on F2B...	3 ...and complete the Family Friday activity
4 Practice lowercase letter sounds on F2B	5 Paint a self-portrait	6 Read Holly Hides on F2B...	7 ...and play Book Buddies	8 Play the Together Time activity Opposite Game	9 Read Lucy the Ladybug on F2B...	10 ...and complete the Family Friday activity
11 Name as many fruits as you can think of. How many did you name?	12 Read and sing A Tisket, A Tasket, A Tasket on F2B...	13 ...and write about something you lost	14 Play the Together Time activity Love Letter for Valentine's Day	15 Read Just the Right Pet on F2B...	16 ...and complete the Family Friday activity	17 Play I Spy. Tally how many red things you find.
18 Play the Together Time activity Laundry Sort	19 Read about Presidents' Day on F2B	20 Hug all the members of your family	21 Word Factory 1 Ditch sight words Practice sight words on F2B	22 Read Jimmy the Jelly fish on F2B...	23 ...and complete the Family Friday activity	24 Play hopscotch
25 Read and sing Ten Little Elephants on F2B...	26 ...and play Games	27 Do 3 minutes of yoga. This is called the boat pose	28 Play the Together Time activity Grocery Store Senses	29 Read and sing Months of the Year on F2B	<p>F2B = Footsteps2Brilliance</p> <p>Click on each day to go to the digital activity.</p>	

FEBRUARY 2024 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

GRADES 2-3 Big Ideas for Little People™

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p style="text-align: center; color: orange; font-weight: bold;">Play 15 mins 3 times a Week.</p>				1 Tomorrow is Groundhog Day! Read about it on F2B	2 Read The Engineering Design Process on F2B...	3 ...and complete the Family Friday activity
4 Start a daily journal for February on F2B. Write one page per day.	5 Read Are Dinosaurs Alive Today? on F2B...	6 ...then play Supporting Details	7 Go for a walk in your neighborhood	8 First read Larry and Milton on F2B...	9 ...then read The Lion and the Mouse on F2B...	10 ...then complete the Family Friday activity
11 Read Wendy the Whale on F2B...	12 ...then write a story about whales	13 Journal prompt: Describe your perfect winter day. Draw a picture to match.	14 Send a video to a loved one telling them you love them!	15 Read Animal Riddles and Rhymes on F2B...	16 ...and complete the Family Friday activity	17 How many words can you make using only these letters?
18 Practice pronouns on F2B	19 Read about Presidents' Day on F2B	20 Play a card game	21 Journal prompt: Make up a story about a world with no technology	22 Read Earth and Sky (A-E) on F2B...	23 ...and complete the Family Friday activity	24 Build a bridge out of craft sticks
25 Stretch to touch your toes 5 times per leg	26 Journal prompt: Write a recipe for your favorite breakfast	27 Read The Ants and the Grasshopper on F2B...	28 ...and pick a quiz game to play	29 Make an origami frog for Leap Day	<p>F2B = Footsteps2Brilliance</p> <p>Click on each day to go to the digital activity.</p>	

