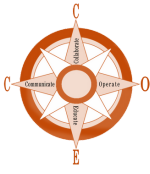


# COLUSA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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## FAMILY ACTION CENTER PROVIDES FOOD TO COMMUNITY

The Arbuckle Family Action Center (AFAC) provides numerous programs and resources to the community of Arbuckle, and on January 25 the center hosted one of its monthly food distributions. This particular distribution was hosted in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). 7,020 pounds of food were supplied to 101 families (406 total family members) at this drive-thru event. First 5 Colusa's AFAC implements three food distributions per month.

For more information about all AFAC programs, visit [afackids.org](http://afackids.org) or call (530) 476-0822. For information about resources or programs provided in the city of Williams, visit the Williams Family Action Center's website at [wfackids.org](http://wfackids.org) or call (530) 473-0212.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Click underlined dates for more information

**March 4 & 28**

Paraeducator Assessments

**March 5 & 6**

Read Across America Day  
Special Story Times

**March 7**

Colusa County Elementary  
Spelling Competition

**March 7**

The 5 Pillars of Literacy  
Training: Phonics

**March 21**

The 5 Pillars of Literacy  
Training: Comprehension

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## CALIFORNIA RTA VISITS VILLAGE

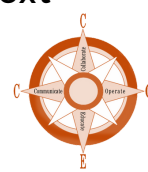
On January 25, Superintendent West had the pleasure of providing a tour of CCOE's Education Village to the California Retired Teachers Association of Colusa, Sutter, and Yuba Counties. The Education Village is located at 499 Margurite Street in Williams, and houses Educational Services, Special Education, and Food Services Programs.



## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HOSTS QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR COUNTY PARENTS

The CCOE Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is a legally mandated group formed to advise local governing bodies about issues which affect Colusa County children in special education. Primarily composed of parents of special needs children, membership also includes representatives from public and private agencies concerned with individuals of exceptional needs. The CAC meets on a consistent basis and reviews decisions that impact children's education programs. The

body also provides a forum for parent-to-parent support, and decides what training is needed for parents to become better participants in their children's education programs. On February 7, the CAC organized a quarterly meeting with a training presented by Becca Banuelos, M.A., CCC-SLP. Becca is a CCOE speech and language therapist, and she discussed ways to support a child's communication development at home. The next CAC meeting will be on April 10, with the training topic to be announced.



## CHILDREN'S SERVICES STAFF ATTEND CAREER EXPO

Maxwell High School held its annual College & Career Expo on January 18. Family Services Division Director Joe Moya, Recruitment Coordinator Ashlyn Ferreira, and Education Program Supervisor Cesilee Godinez were present at the event and provided informational materials to the middle and high school students in attendance.



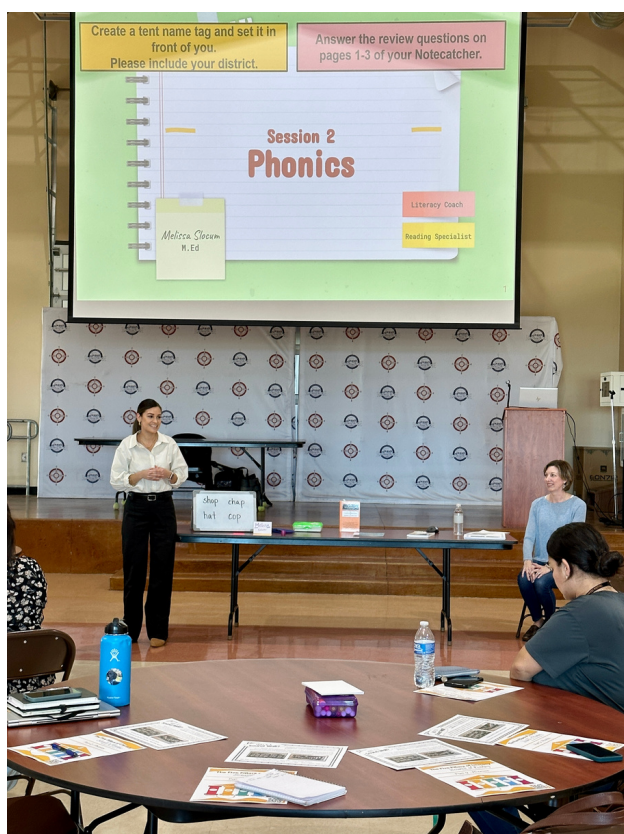
## VIRTUAL REALITY SHOWCASED AT COLUSA ROTARY

Superintendent Michael P. West, Technology Services Director Alex Evans, and IT Specialist Scott Waters were invited to present at the Colusa Rotary's February meeting. The topic? Virtual Reality and its Impact in Education. The Colusa County Office of Education has partnered with Oasis XRE to provide an educational Virtual Reality (VR) experience to students at CCOE's S. William Abel Academy. Students use their VR headsets and joysticks in short bursts during elective time, and have the opportunity to become certified in a handful of available CTE Certification courses. Current courses include Robotics, Drones, Nursing Assistant, Medical Assistant, Welding, Carpentry, Agricultural Science & Tech, and Veterinary Science.



# DYNAMIC TRAININGS OFFERED AT EDUCATION VILLAGE

This school year, the Colusa County Office of Education has been hosting trainings aimed at supporting departments within CCOE, districts, and after-school programs countywide. The purpose of the trainings focuses on research-based professional development and technical assistance to enhance instructional practices. The goal is to support staff members in implementing effective instructional practices that foster student achievement and meet the diverse needs of students. “These trainings aim to empower educators with the knowledge and skills necessary to create a supportive learning environment and promote academic success,” stated Veronica Sandoval, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Accountability. Recent trainings have covered topics such as updates to the new math framework, the science of reading through the 5 Pillars of Literacy, and technical assistance with Beyond SST.



**UPCOMING SESSIONS**

**The 5 Pillars of Literacy**  
March 7 - Vocabulary  
March 21 - Comprehension  
[Click Here to Learn More](#)

**Math Network Hour**  
April 15  
[Click Here to Learn More](#)

**Collective Wellbeing**  
April 20  
[Click Here to Learn More](#)

**McKinney Vento Training**  
April 29  
[Click Here to Learn More](#)



# CHILDREN'S SERVICES FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHTS

Each month, the Children's Services team implements Family Activity Nights at the Arbuckle, Colusa, and Williams Children's Centers. Families of enrolled students at all Children's Services sites are invited to attend. Below are photos from February's fun events in Arbuckle and Colusa.



**INTERESTED IN ENROLLING YOUR CHILD?  
CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE!**

## Site locations:

Arbuckle Children's Center  
Arbuckle Early Care & Education Center  
Colusa Children's Center  
Colusa Preschool Learning Center A  
Colusa Preschool Learning Center B  
Maxwell

Williams Children's Center  
Williams Preschool Learning Center A  
Williams Preschool Learning Center B

**COMING SOON - Colusa Early Learning Center**



# MARCH READING MADNESS DRAWING

The “And Literacy For All” team plans to host a weekly raffle for Colusa County children during the month of March. Children are encouraged to complete activities found on the “March Reading Madness” calendar found below. To enter the drawing, parents or caregivers are invited to submit a photo of their child completing an activity along with their child’s name to CCOE’s Literacy Coordinator. Submissions can be emailed to [ssantana@ccoe.net](mailto:ssantana@ccoe.net) or sent via text message to (530) 491-9405.



## MARCH 2024

## March Reading Madness

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Read a book with a flashlight.	2 Read a book you love.
3 Read a book under a blanket.	4 Read a book with a silly voice.	5 Read a book about zoo animals.	6 Read a rhyming book.	7 Read a fiction book.	8 Read a book about bugs.	9 Read a book to your stuffed animals.
10 Read a short book.	11 Read a book on the couch.	12 Read a book outside.	13 Your Choice	14 Read a counting book.	15 Read a book about vehicles.	16 Build a fort then read inside the fort.
17 Read a book about a farm.	18 Read a book with your family.	19 Read a non-fiction book.	20 Read a book by your favorite author.	21 Read a book with a quite voice.	22 Read an ABC book.	23 Read a book with superheroes in it.
24 Create your own book.  31	25 Read a fairy tale book.	26 Read a book in your room.	27 Read a book in the park.	28 Read a book with friend.	29 Read a book about the stars.	30 Read a book in the library.

### QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN READING WITH YOUR CHILD

#### Before Reading

What do you think this book is about?

#### During Reading

Who is your favorite character? Why?

How would you feel if you were the character?

#### After Reading

What was your favorite part of the book? Why?

If you could change the ending of the story, how would it end?



# WELCOME CCOE NEW HIRES!

**LUCIA ALCARAZ-CALDERON**

**Teacher**  
Children's Services

**GUADALUPE PAIZ-SAAVEDRA**  
**Program Services Assistant III**  
Children's Services

**KELLIE HODGES**  
**Teacher**  
Children's Services

**IRENE CRUZ**  
**Literacy Specialist I**  
"And Literacy For All"

**EMILEY CORREA**  
**Paraeducator**  
Special Education

**SADE WILLIAMS**  
**Paraeducator**  
Special Education

**JENNIFER LOPEZ**  
**Paraeducator**  
Special Education

**DORA MEDINA**  
**Paraeducator**  
Special Education

**CENZA MEHR**  
**Prevention Services Coordinator**  
Educational Services

**DAISY HERNANDEZ RAMIREZ**  
**Teacher**  
Children's Services

**PERLA HERRERA LICEA**  
**Paraeducator**  
Special Education

**RUBEN SAAVEDRA**  
**Paraeducator**  
Special Education

**AMBER BOYLES**  
**Paraeducator**  
Special Education

**VICTORIA HERNANDEZ**

**Paraeducator**  
Special Education

**JULIANNA DORANTES**  
**Paraeducator**  
Special Education

**ANAHI GUZMAN LARA**  
**Paraeducator**  
Special Education

**CLAUDIA GARCIA**  
**Paraeducator**  
Special Education

**MELODY FONG**  
**Teacher**  
Children's Services

**CARLOS FLORES**  
**Paraeducator**  
Special Education

**ELIZABETH LOPEZ**  
**Paraeducator**  
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**MARIBEL LOPEZ GARCIA**  
**Behavior Technician**  
Special Education

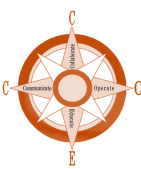
**SARAH YBARRA**  
**Instructional Assistant**  
Educational Services

**MARY COMFORT**  
**Teacher**  
Children's Services

**EVONNE GARIBAY-VILLALOBOS**  
**Paraeducator**  
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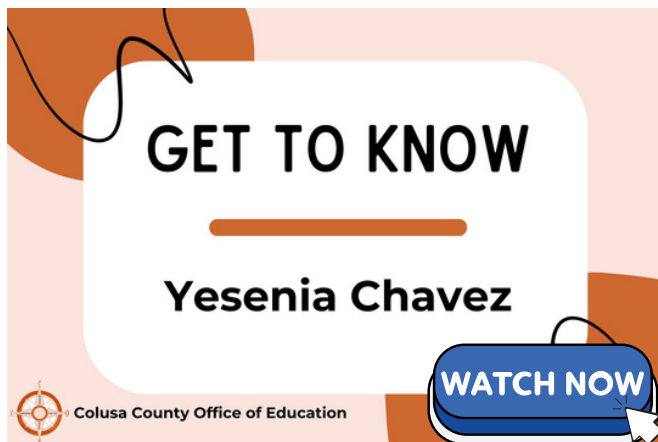
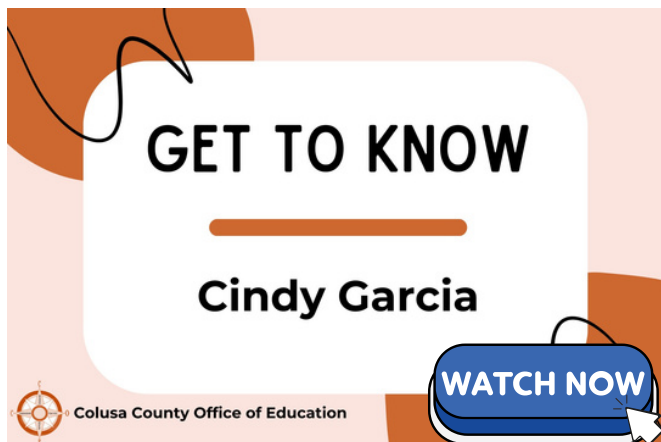
**LETICIA SAAVEDRA-HERNANDEZ**  
**Teacher**  
Children's Services

**DANIELA MAYS GOBELLAN**  
**Paraeducator**  
Special Education



## NEW UPLOADS TO "GET TO KNOW" VIDEO SERIES

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



# JOIN US!

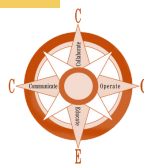
Please join us at the

## 2024 Colusa County Elementary Spelling Competition for 4th - 6th graders

Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 3:30pm  
CCOE Education Village Multi-Purpose Room  
499 Margurite Street in Williams, CA

Sponsored by  
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Winners of the Colusa County Elementary Spelling Competition will be eligible to participate in the California State Elementary Spelling Bee Championship on April 27, 2024 in Stockton, CA.







Join us as we celebrate

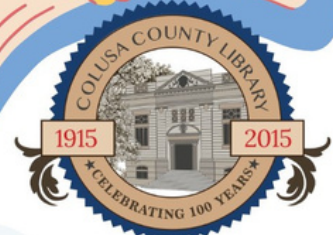
# Read Across Colusa County

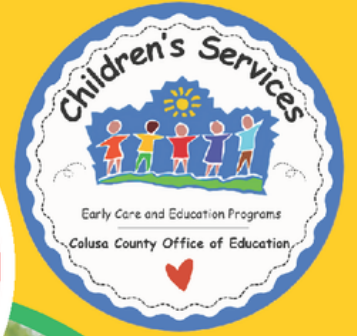
Storytime | Crafts  
Guest Readers | Book Giveaway

March 5th @ 10:30-11:15am  
Arbuckle Library

March 5th @ 12:30-1:15pm  
Williams Library

March 6th @ 1:30-2:15pm  
Maxwell Library





**FREE  
EVENT**



**FAMILY**

**FAIR 2024**

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 13TH  
10AM TO 2PM**

**ACTIVITIES:**

- Petting Zoo
- Face Painting
- Arts and Crafts
- And much more!

**Located at Colusa County Fairgrounds  
Main Exhibit Building:  
1303 10th ST. Colusa, Ca 95932**

 **530-458-0350**

**If interested in joining as a vendor please contact Ashlyn Ferreira:  
aferreira@ccoe.net**

