

Colusa County Office of Education

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Students at the Williams Children's Center present certificates earned through the "And Literacy For All" Initiative, which display the number of words each child read in Footsteps2Brilliance for January.

Important Dates

Click underlined dates for more information

March 6 & 30
Paraeducator Assessments

March 21
Colusa County Elementary Spelling Competition

Bright Vista Youth Center Activities Calendar

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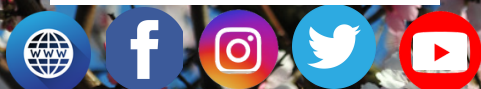
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Colusa County Elementary Spelling Competition Set for March 21

Communications Department

The Colusa County Office of Education is pleased to announce the return of the Colusa County Elementary Spelling Competition, which is set to occur on Tuesday, March 21 at 3:30pm. Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, John Ithurburn, will serve as Spell Master, in addition to two guest judges. This year's event will be hosted in the CCOE Education Village Multipurpose Room, located at 499 Margurite Street in Williams, and will be sponsored by the Sutter-Yuba Association of Realtors (SYAOR). The SYAOR has graciously offered to fund this year's competition, in addition to providing travel stipends to our state competitors. The Elementary Spelling Competition is open to all students currently attending fourth through sixth grade at a district school or district-recognized home school program. Two students from each grade level at each school are invited to participate, and competitors will be chosen at the discretion of the districts. The top two winners at this year's Spelling Competition will then be eligible to represent Colusa County at the California State Spelling Bee on May 13 in Stockton, CA.

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Meet Our Board

Before joining the Board of Education, Area 3 Trustee Serena Morrow worked at CCOE for 12 years with her last position being that of Human Resources Director. She began her career in the field of Education at Williams Unified School District where she gained experience at the Elementary, Upper Elementary, and District Office levels. Serena dedicated 27 years of her professional career to serving students, parents, and employees of the Colusa County public education system, and the desire to serve has not lessened as she has moved into retirement.

"Our public education system has faced much adversity during the last several years, and I would like to be a part of the solution for positive change," she said. "I am proud to represent my community as a Colusa County Board of Education Trustee."



Serena Morrow
Trustee, Area 3

Originally from Colusa, Serena's family moved to Williams when she was 8 years old, and she still lives there with her husband of 39 years (Charlie) who is a firefighter and rice farmer. The pair have a son (Bradley) and a daughter (Alissa), and Serena enjoys spending time with her children and three grandchildren (Delilah, Zayne, Charles). Outside of conducting Board duties, Serena likes to travel, visit with family and friends, and occasionally binge watch TV shows. She has a Bachelor's degree from Lamar University and a Human Resources Management certificate from Cornell University.

Congratulations CCOE Graduates!

Educational Services

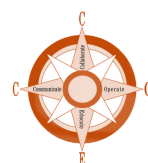
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Andrea Huffman
High School Diploma
Colusa County Adult School
February 2023



Manuel Rodriguez
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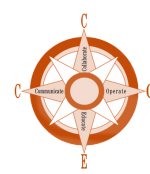
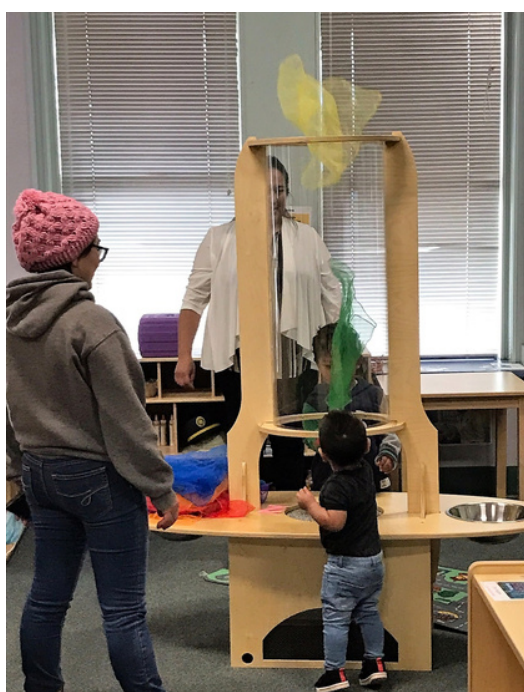




Family Activity Nights

Children's Services Department

Children's Services families took part in Family Activity Nights during the month of February at the Williams, Arbuckle, and Colusa Children's Centers. Here, caregivers in partnership with their child's teacher and support staff, had the opportunity to create and implement educational, engaging, and fun activities with their children!



CCOE Employee Recognition

Human Resources Department



Brenda Ramirez, Rachel Webb, Cindy Garcia, and Lidia Buell
Certificate of Appreciation

Differentiated Assistance Guide for Parents

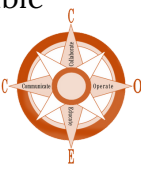
Communications Department

The California Department of Education (CDE) provides systems of support to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) under Title I of the California Education Code. One system of support that has increased across California from 2019 to 2022 is Differentiated Assistance (DA). DA is provided to eligible LEAs to address identified performance issues, and is individually designed for each county to meet the needs of its students. This support is issued in the form of financial assistance, to address the improvement of at-risk student performance.



The Colusa County Office of Education (CCOE) has received DA funding from the CDE to support Colusa County districts. One of the focused areas of support will be decreasing an issue that plagues not only Colusa County, but all counties across California - Chronic Absenteeism. According to the CDE, Chronic Absenteeism occurs when "a pupil is absent 10% or more of the school days in the school year." In 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic, 9% of students on average at each Colusa County school district were chronically absent. Post-COVID-19, an average of 22% of students were chronically absent at each school district in 2022. Compared to California statistics, an average of 10% of students in 2019 and 30% of students in 2022 were chronically absent.

One step the CCOE is making towards decreasing Chronic Absenteeism, is to restore the School Attendance Review Board (SARB). This Board will be composed of representatives from various youth-service agencies, to help truant or recalcitrant students and their parents or guardians solve school attendance and behavior problems, through the use of available school and community resources. SARB will be fully operational by the 2023-2024 school year, coordinated by Jennifer Wayman, CCOE's Educational Services Director of Student Support & Outreach.



What is the Second Step Program?

Prevention Services Department



Child Aides Dyanna Santana, Antonia Rangel, and Maria Iniguez

Second Step helps Colusa County students gain skills to learn and get along with others. This program teaches skills for learning, empathy, emotion management, and problem solving. Second Step Child Aides Dyanna Santana, Antonia Rangel, and Maria Iniguez travel to each school in the county to implement student workshops, with the ultimate goal of providing Early Mental Health Initiative services. Want Second Step to visit your Colusa County school? Call (530) 473-1350 to speak to a team member today!

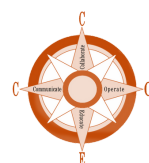


Williams Upper Elementary students have been learning to recognize bullying and harassment.

How to stand up safely to bullying and respond appropriately. WUES students develop empathy, understand the impact of bullying and harassment on individuals and their communities.

They, also have learned to apply strategies for managing their emotions and reducing stress.

Students learn strategies for developing and maintaining health relationships, perspective-taking, and dealing with conflicts.



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Welcome CCOE New Hires!

Mayra Herrera-Armenta
Food Service Assistant
Food Services

Marlen Barajas
Paraeducator
Special Education

Maria Espindola
Translator/Interpreter
Special Education

Humberto Lievanos Medina
Paraeducator
Special Education

Erin Mitchell
Paraeducator
Special Education

Ana Cardona Canchola
Paraeducator
Special Education

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