

The Nugget



News from the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office

October / November 2019

Scott W. Lay, Superintendent



Thanksgiving, which occurs on the fourth Thursday in November, is based on the colonial Pilgrims' 1621 harvest meal.

Did you know, the woman who wrote "Mary Had A Little Lamb" is also the person responsible for making Thanksgiving an official holiday? After petitioning the government for 17 years, writer [Sarah Josepha Hale](#) finally convinced Abraham Lincoln in 1863 to make Thanksgiving a national holiday that takes place every year.

Halloween falls on October 31 because the [ancient Gaelic festival of Samhain](#), considered the earliest known root of Halloween, occurred on this day. It marked a pivotal time of year when seasons changed, but more importantly, observers also believed the boundary between this world and the next became especially thin at this time, enabling them to connect with the dead. This belief is shared by some other cultures; a similar idea is mentioned around the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, which also typically occurs in October and involves saying prayers for the dead. This is also where Halloween gains its "haunted" connotations.





Do you have questions about the Next Generation Science Standards? Are you looking for resources, training, and a network of educational leaders working together to implement the instructional shift required to teach NGSS? Nevada County Superintendent of Schools is proud to announce the launch of our [NGSS Curriculum Resource Page](#). On this page you will find links to standards, phenomena based instruction, training opportunities and more! Check it out today!

- **Looking for the standards?** You can navigate the standards either by [DCI](#) or by [Topic](#).
- **Need more information on each of the three dimensions?** To understand the complexities of the science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and disciplinary core ideas, as well as many other key shifts in NGSS, an [outline of the appendices](#) is available.
- **What is three dimensional instruction?** Shifting to NGSS instruction in the classroom, requires an understanding of [three-dimensional learning](#).
- **How do we assess NGSS?** To support in the development of assessments, Achieve has developed [evidence statements](#) and a sampling of [assessment tasks](#) - that demonstrate three-dimensional assessment.
- **How do we evaluate lessons and units for alignment?** To help evaluate lesson and units, Achieve has created and updated the [EQiP Rubric for Lessons and Units: Science](#). NCSoS is offering CA Time Rubric Workshops for NGSS state adopted programs. Interested sites should contact Carrie Ferrero at cferrero@nevco.org to arrange for a site training on the CA Time Rubric for NGSS.
- **What new resources are available?** For additional information contact Carrie Ferrero, NCSoS Instructional Coach at cferrero@nevco.org. To keep up to date with the latest NGSS resources, sign up for the [NGSS NOW Newsletter](#).

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TIME: 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

PIZZA & CHILDCARE ACTIVITIES PROVIDED!

VENUE: Ready Springs School
10862 Spenceville Rd., Penn Valley, CA

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(Space is limited, call now for registration!)

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PRESENTER: Annie Keeling, Parenting Specialist, Nevada County Supt of Schools

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Two classes—Grass Valley & Penn Valley. View full flyers:

[Grass Valley Flyer](#)

[Penn Valley Flyer](#)

PARTNERS Family Resource Centers (FRC) welcomes two new staff members and sends best wishes to two dedicated staff members who retired in July. We thank Meg Luce, Parenting Specialist, and Nohemi Mead, Promotora, for their dedication and positive approach. They leave some big shoes to fill and we are grateful for their service to families over the past 8 years. Both are missed, but we are lucky to have found new staff members who are energized and ready to go.

We are very pleased to introduce Rocio Mojica-Bierwirth and Annie Keeling, who joined us at the Grass Valley FRC to take the reins from Nohemi and Meg.

Rocio Mojica-Bierwirth is our new **Latino Outreach Specialist**. She has jumped right in and is drafting new ways to engage and support Latino youth and families. We were fortunate that Nohemi and Rocio worked side by side for a month. Together they created a fun community party to welcome Rocio and to say thank you to Nohemi for her support.



Email Rocio: rmojica-bierwirth@nevco.org

Cell: 530-268-5317 **Office:** 530-273-7077



Annie Keeling is the new **Parenting Specialist** and has two classes scheduled for after the first of the year (see flyers) and is available to consult with families on a one-on-one basis during the fall. Annie will be offering the **Triple P** curriculum and also comes with extensive knowledge to support parents who are challenged by their children's off-track behaviors.

We hope you'll have a chance to meet Rocio and Annie this year. Please don't hesitate to call them to learn more, and please spread the word about the services they offer. Their family support services are available to all families in Western Nevada county.

Email Annie: akeeling@nevco.org

Phone: 530-268-5086

NCSOS enjoyed hosting the Teacher of the Year dinner event at the Miners Foundry Cultural Center.

Congratulations to our teachers of the year!

Rob Metcalfe, Drama Teacher at Nevada Union High School from the Nevada Joint Union High School District was awarded **County Teacher of the Year**.

Congratulations are also in order for our district Teachers of the Year. We're so proud of you all!

- **Amy Cimino** - Chicago Park Elementary School District
- **Andrea Hansen** - Clear Creek School District
- **Sarah White** - Grass Valley School District
- **Julie Bair** - Nevada City School District
- **Carrie Brunt** - Nevada County Superintendent of Schools
- **Rob Metcalfe**—Nevada Union High School
- **Susan Lima** - Penn Valley Union Elementary School District
- **Cynthia Hill** - Pleasant Ridge Union School District
- **Nicole Jennings** - Union Hill School District



Youth Community Action in Our Forests

OUR FORESTS

A professional development opportunity for Nevada County Elementary Teachers



Info night:

November 21st at Nevada County Superintendent of Schools in the Training Room from 3:45-4:45pm.

Please RSVP to Sol Henson - Sol@SierraStreams.org, (530) 477-7132 xt 207



A two-year professional development program (2019-2021), where 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teachers in Nevada County will learn how to teach educational standards through authentic citizen science focused on the health of our local forests.

RSVP: [Email Sol Henson](mailto:Sol@SierraStreams.org)

Phone: 530-477-7132 xt. 207

The Arts

The Arts in Our Schools

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[STEAM Expo 2020](#)

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Registration begins in November

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POETRY
FESTIVAL

APRIL 18
2020

MINERS
FOUNDRY
CULTURAL CENTER

[JUMP TO THE NEW SIERRA POETRY FESTIVAL PAGES](#)

NCSOS
Summary of Arts
Education
Programs:
2019-2020

*Offering local, state,
and national arts
programs countywide,
grades K-12.*

INSPIRING
STUDENTS
POETRY
OUT LOUD

Poetry Out Loud encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life.

See timeline and calendar of events on page 9.

For more information contact:

Lead Teacher Liaison, Steve Hansen at shansen@njuhsd.com or Coordinator and Coach, Julie Valin at juleree_99@yahoo.com, or go to www.poetryoutloud.org

Keeping Kids Safe In Cars - Webinar

Courtesy of CA Coalition for Children's Safety & Health

The Keeping Kids Safe In Cars webinar covers two local coalition development issues: Safety seat and CPS best and practical practices, and preventing kids from being left in cars. The safety seat program component will increase your knowledge about: Current safety seat technician training resources, and the nuts and bolts of programs to teach parents and caregivers to correctly use safety seats. The how to prevent kids being left in cars component will cover: How to elevate this issue, and prevention within the communities you serve, to reach parents, caregivers, law enforcement, business owners with parking, and community leaders. The bottom line is, to ensure that children travel safely in vehicles, and always, are not left in vehicles when the drive is over and/or the car is parked.

WHEN: Nov 21, 2019 – 10:00 AM Pacific Time
To register for Keeping Kids Safe In Cars webinar:

[REGISTER HERE](#)



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

United Way
of Nevada County

**INTERFAITH
FOOD MINISTRY**

FOOD

Access Saturday

Every second Saturday ~ 10am—12
@ Interfaith Food Ministry
440 Henderson St., Grass Valley

Nevada County residents who can't make it to food distributions during the week are welcome to get food at Food Access Saturday!

Upcoming dates : 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14, 1/11/20

Food Access Saturday is a partnership between United Way of Nevada County and Interfaith Food Ministry

For more information contact:
United Way: 274-8111 or IFM: 273-8132

LEARN MORE HERE

Grass Valley School District Child Nutrition Program

Monthly Updates
School Lunch Menus
Nutrition + Education Information

More Information

Child Advocates Child Safety Puppeteer Program



[MORE INFO](#)

18th Annual "Read to Your Child" Halloween Book Giveaway.

Halloween Book Giveaway.

Make reading a family tradition.

**Thursday, Oct. 31st
10am to 1pm
Grass Valley Elks Lodge**



109 S. School Street

**Pick out a FREE book
(English & Spanish)**



Hospitality House

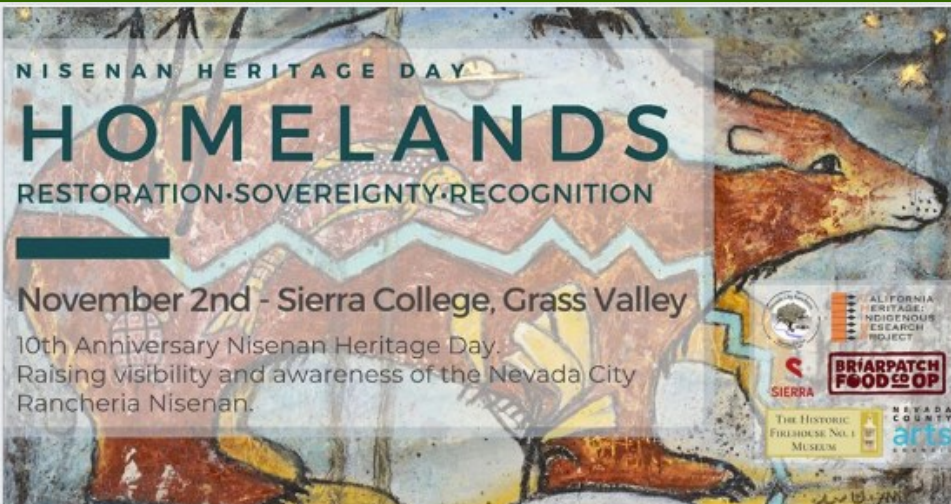


INFO



NEO Youth Center

[More Info](#)



NISENAN HERITAGE DAY
HOMELANDS
RESTORATION · SOVEREIGNTY · RECOGNITION

November 2nd - Sierra College, Grass Valley
10th Anniversary Nisenan Heritage Day.
Raising visibility and awareness of the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan.

Logos: SIERRA, ALABAMA HERITAGE RESEARCH PROJECT, BRIARPATCH FOOD CO-OP, THE HISTORIC FIREHOUSE NO. 1 MUSEUM, NEVADA COUNTY arts

HOMELANDS Free Event:
Saturday, November 2, 2019
10:00am-4:00pm
Sierra College, NCC
250 Sierra College Drive, Grass Valley

SAFE TRICK OR TREAT For PreSCHOOLERS



Downtown Grass Valley

Free candy & treats from downtown merchants

**October 31st
10am—1pm**

Quick Reference Calendars

Calendar events have been highlighted in previous editions of *The Nugget* and are listed in chronological order. Back issues of *The Nugget*, with additional information, can be found at [The Nugget Back Issues](#).

CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo Check Class



DATE	CLASS DESCRIPTION	TIME
Mon, October 28, 2019— CLASS IS FULL	CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo check	12:30p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mon, October 28, 2019— CLASS IS FULL	CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo check	3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Wed, November 6, 2019	CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo check	3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Tue, November 19, 2019	CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo check	3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Wed, December 4, 2019	CPR/AED/First Aid Skills Demo check	3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

The cost of the class is \$45.00 and must be paid PRIOR to us sending you a link to the on-line course – we accept exact cash or check only. NOTE: the fee is non-refundable.

You can either stop by our office to pay or mail the check - payable to **NCSOS**.

Please do not mail cash.

Mail checks to: NCSOS 380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, CA 95945 ATTN: CPR.

BTSA Teacher Induction Program



All seminars are 4:00-6:00PM, held in the Training Room at the NCSOS office: 380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley

To learn more, visit [North Coast School of Ed.](#)



DATE	GROUP
Tue, November 5, 2019	BTSA Induction Seminar
Wed, November 6, 2019	BTSA Mentor Academy
Tue, December 3, 2019	BTSA Mentor Academy
Tue, January 7, 2020	BTSA Induction Seminar
Wed, January 8, 2020	BTSA Mentor Academy
Tue, February 4, 2020	BTSA Induction Seminar
Tue, March 3, 2020	BTSA Induction Seminar
Tue, April 14, 2020	BTSA Induction Sharecase
Wed, April 15, 2020	BTSA Induction Sharecase

Quick Reference Guide



DATE	POETRY OUT LOUD 2019—2020 Schedule of Events
Available now	Online Anthology of poems — HERE
Dec 16-20, 2019	Participating Schools Finalized
Jan 10–24, 2020	Nevada Co. School Competitions—January 24th school competitions completed
February 4, 2020	Nevada County Countywide Competitions—Rood Center
February 14, 2020	Deadline to register students for State Finals
March 15-16, 2020	State Finals competition
April - all month	National Poetry Month
Throughout April	Sierra Poetry (Fringe) Festival – Pop-Up Poetry Events
March 28, 2020	Nevada County STEAM Expo—for Poetry Out Loud Nevada County finalists whose poetry choices associate to STEM subject matter
April 18, 2020	Sierra Poetry Festival—for Poetry Out Loud Nevada County finalists
April 27-29, 2020	Poetry Out Loud National Finals



CA Alliance for Arts Education Student Voices Campaign:

2-minute video program for 7th-12th Grade Students

TBD	Deadline to submit to NC Arts for viewing at STEAM Expo 2020
March 1, 2020	Deadline to submit to CA Alliance for Arts Education
March 28, 2020	TEAM Expo 2020 viewing of selected videos

[More Information Here](#)



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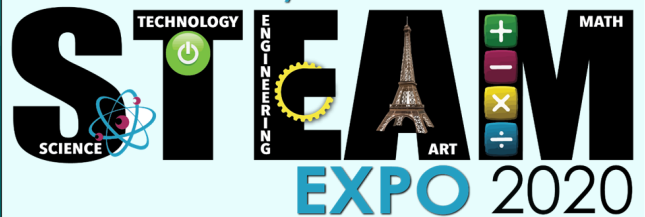
[MORE INFO](#)

Grass Valley
235 S. Auburn St.
530-279-4059

Penn Valley
10862 Spenceville Rd.
530-432-1118 x249

San Juan Ridge
18847 Oak Tree Rd.
530-292-3174

NCSOS Nevada County



[MORE INFO HERE](#)

Submissions for future Nugget issues:

Have you something to share in future issues of The Nugget?

Please submit your request by the 15th of the preceding month for inclusion in the following issue.

Email: sshafran@nevco.org

Previous editions of *The Nugget* and are listed in chronological order.

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Did you know? October + November 2019

October 2019		November 2019	
Date	Name of Important Days	Date	Name of Important Days
1 Oct	International Day of the Older Persons	1 Nov	World Vegan Day
1 Oct	International Coffee Day	1 Nov	All Saint's Day
1 Oct	World Vegetarian Day	2 Nov	All Soul's Day
2 Oct	International Day of Non-Violence	3 Nov	Sandwich Day
3 Oct	German Unity Day	7 Nov	Infant Protection Day
4 Oct	<u>World Animal Welfare Day</u>	7 Nov	Nat'l Cancer Awareness Day
5 Oct	<u>World Teachers' Day</u>	10 Nov	Forget-Me-Not Day
10 Oct	World Mental Health Day	11 Nov	Veteran's Day
11 Oct	<u>International Day of the Girl Child</u>	11 Nov	Armistice (Remembrance) Day
15 Oct	Global Handwashing Day	13 Nov	World Kindness Day
15 Oct	World White Cane Day	13 Nov	Caregiver Appreciation Day
15 Oct	World Students' Day	14 Nov	Sadie Hawkins Day
16 Oct	World Food Day	17 Nov	Take a Hike Day
17 Oct	International Poverty Eradication Day	20 Nov	Universal Children's Day
24 Oct	World Development Information Day	25 Nov	Int'l Day for the elimination of Violence Against Women
30 Oct	World Thrift Day	30 Nov	Flag Day
31 Oct	National Unity Day	☺	Fourth Thursday in November— Thanksgiving Day—United States