

News from the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office

November 2020

Scott W. Lay, Superintendent

Superintendent visits students at Clear Creek School

NCSOS's Superintendent, Scott W. Lay, visited Clear Creek Elementary School. Clear Creek School District Principal/Superintendent, Carolyn Cramer, gave him a tour while decked out in a donut costume to entertain students! Students were so happy to see him and elated at being back in the school environment!



**NCSOS Offices will be closed
November 11, 2020 for Veterans Day!**



Distance Learning Center and Youth Hub opens at Nevada County Fairgrounds

Distance Learning Center and Youth Hub opened Oct. 26 and will be available free of charge for children 8:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. weekdays at the Nevada County Fairgrounds' Main Street Center. High-speed internet access, socially distance workstations, and a safe and supervised study environment. Children in fourth grade and higher can be dropped-off at the center. Parents or guardians must remain with third grade students or younger.

More information regarding the Distance Learning Center can be found on the [NCSOS Recent News webpage](#).



**NCSOS would like to wish everyone a
Healthy, Safe and Happy Thanksgiving.**

Professional Development

Leading for Resilience

We are very excited to present our final session with Ricky Robertson and Amber Warner on **November 9th from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

This workshop session will explore how the pandemic has impacted the health of our communities by contributing to rising unemployment, substance use, and social isolation. Our educators are carrying the weight of supporting students and families while also adapting to distance and hybrid teaching. School administrators play a critical role during this time in supporting the well-being of their learning communities. In this session, we will explore trauma-responsive social-emotional supports that foster staff and student resilience.

TO REGISTER PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM:

[Register for Leading for Resilience](#)

California Health Education Framework (HEF) Rollout Project

Look for Registration Information in December 2020

The HEF Project aims to shift educators to more advanced student-centered, skill-based teaching and learning practices, as well as health content, while building a statewide system of support for health education. A series of professional learning opportunities will be provided in 2020 and 2021. The first session will focus on the overarching framework guidance and implementation resources to support educators. The training includes both asynchronous and synchronous learning modules and will provide all of the information you need to get started implementing the new framework.

Distance Learning Resources can be located on the [NCSOS Distance Learning Webpage](#)

Nevada County Teachers Seek to Remove Learning Barriers for Students in Virtual Learning Environments

Forty teachers from nine school districts and one charter school came together virtually to participate in Year 3 of the Nevada County Network Improvement Community project. The project focuses on utilizing research based Universal Design for Learning strategies to remove barriers to learning for students. The NCSOS Instructional Leadership Coaching Team along with Nicole Tucker-Smith of LessonCast are working closely with teachers across the county to develop strategic lesson plans to foster the development of expert learners in their students.

In previous years teachers met face-to-face. However, with our current circumstances, participants have had to meet via Zoom. This has actually allowed more teachers to participate, collaborate and learn and grow together professionally. These teacher leaders are particularly focused on increasing student engagement in a Distance Learning context. They will attend four webinars to learn about the Universal Design for Learning Framework and meet regularly with the NCSOS instructional coaches to develop and debrief lessons they have developed with Universal Design for Learning strategies over the course of the school year.

For more information on the project contact Andrea Marks at amarks@nevco.org.

Foster Youth Services

Foster Youth Services Cyber Safety Training

As the remainder of this interesting year flies by, we at Foster Youth services are gearing up for a couple of trainings in November that you won't want to miss. On, **November 9th 9:00am-12:00pm**, we have a Cyber Safety training. If you are like the rest of us, the cyber world is far more important than it used to be and we want to make sure that we are helping our families stay safe. Cyber safety will feature discussion and training for adults to keep their children safer on the internet

TO REGISTER PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM:

[Cyber Safety Registration](#)

Foster Kinship Care Education Program

The Nevada County Foster Kinship Care Education Program, in partnership with Stanford Sierra Youth & Families, Sierra College, and Nevada County Health and Human Services offers quality education and support opportunities for kinship caregivers. Meetings help you learn how to meet each child's unique educational, emotional, behavioral and developmental needs. Come learn about available resources and have an opportunity to share trials and triumphs with a group of your peers.

[Support and Education Group calendar for Grandparents, Relatives and Neighbors Who are Parenting Children](#)

[Nevada County Foster Kinship Care Education Class Calendar for Foster Parents and Kinship Care Providers.](#)

Dates are subject to change, please confirm dates with Foster Youth Services prior to attending.

FAFSA Focus for ILP Students

Our FYS staff attended the annual webinar from JBAY to complete the FAFSA financial aid for foster youth. Foster Youth Independent Living Program's main focus for October has been and will be COLLEGE! In October the FAFSA opened and first time college students, as well as returning students, can apply for their financial aid. Students have been provided an informative Power Point presentation, to train the students on the importance of filling out the FAFSA and completing it correctly.



ILP Halloween Pumpkin Decorating Contest

In ILP & THP+ news, we have an obvious focus on Halloween. We have delivered pumpkins and materials for the pumpkin decorating contest for our students. Our creative and talented winner will receive a \$20 gift card, of their choice, and a dozen donuts from our local Daily Donut. Please look out for Decembers Nugget article because we will showcase the pumpkin decorating contest entries AND the winning pumpkin.



Quick Reference Calendar

November Dates to Remember

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Tuesday, November 3, 2020	KVMR 89.5 Radio Show with hosts Scott W. Lay and Kimberly Ewing Topic: TBD	6:30PM
Monday, November 9, 2020	Foster Youth Services Cyber Safety	9:00-12:00PM
Monday, November 9, 2020	Leading for Resilience—SEL Workshop	3:00-4:30PM
Wednesday, November 11, 2020	NCSOS Office will be closed in observance of Veterans Day	
Tuesday, November 17, 2020	KVMR 89.5 Radio Show with Hosts: Scott W. Lay and Kim Ewing Topic: TBD	6:30PM
Tuesday, November 24, 2020	Mathematics & Science Community of Practice Monthly Meeting	3:30-5:00PM
Thursday-Friday, November 26-27, 2020	NCSOS Office will be closed in Observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday	
November—TBD	Foster Youth Services Nurtured Heart Class	TBD

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- * **Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Mathematics Community of Practice Monthly Meeting
- * **Thursday, January 28, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Science Community of Practice Monthly Meeting
- * **Tuesday, February 23, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Mathematics Community of Practice Monthly Meeting
- * **Thursday, February 25, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Science Community of Practice Monthly Meeting
- * **Tuesday, March 23, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Mathematics Community of Practice Monthly Meeting
- * **Thursday, March 25, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Science Community of Practice Monthly Meeting
- * **Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Mathematics Community of Practice Monthly Meeting
- * **Thursday, April 29, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Science Community of Practice Monthly Meeting
- * **Tuesday, May 25, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Mathematics Community of Practice Monthly Meeting
- * **Thursday, May 27, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Science Community of Practice Monthly Meeting

Submissions for future Nugget issues:

Have an article for the Nugget or KVMR radio show topics you would like submitted?

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

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