

VUSD UPDATE



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Professional Growth

The Classified Professional Growth Committee will meet on September 15, 2009. All "Request for Evaluation of Courses" forms must be submitted to Sharyl Palacio, in Human Resources, prior to the meeting.

All request forms must be accompanied by a course description... if not, they will be considered incomplete and will be returned to you which could cause your form to miss the deadline for November's compensation. The course description may be hand written or a copy from a bulletin or catalog. Proof of completion is not considered a course description.

Approved and disapproved forms are returned to the school sites. You must then submit your approved form and proof of completion to Sharyl Palacio no later than September 30, 2009 for additional compensation in November.

Common Mistakes:

Course description not included

You cannot receive professional growth units if on paid status time at the time of the course.



Retirement Parties!!!!

Mary Ellen Shields – Thursday, June 4th from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. in Fairmont Elementary School's Quad. Contributions are being accepted for her gift. Please make check payable to Michele Dooly at Fairmont.

Jean Sasabuchi's is Retiring: Please join the Cooper Elementary staff in celebrating Jean Sasabuchi's 30 years of service with Vacaville Unified School District on Saturday, June 6, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at 201 Bartlett Lane in Vacaville. Cost is \$10.00 which includes dinner catered by Vasquez Deli, drinks (beer, wine, soda, water) and gift. Please make checks payable to Cooper School and RSVP to Donna Suchoski at 453-6210 or DonnaS@vacavilleusd.org

Irene Sanders Retiring!!!!

Celebrate with Irene Sanders on Saturday, June 27th at Alamo Creek Park. Irene and Bruce are providing brunch at 10:30 a.m. for former students and their families and colleagues and their families. Bring your sunscreen. Please RSVP by June 12 at irenesand@aol.com





OUR SCHOOLS

ALAMO:

Alamo would like to wish their fearless leader Kathy Genovese, who is retiring at the end of the year, lots of rest, travel, good health, and happiness in her retirement. The gingerbread man is safe again! Alamo staff, students and parents will greatly miss Kathy.

Alamo has been busy fundraising this past month with \$6000.00 raised in the Spring Triathlon, \$350.00 collected in Westfield Shopping Mall receipts, and a total of over \$1900.00 in General Mills Boxtops. Alamo recently participated in Jump Rope for Heart. They raised over \$3700.00 to help support the American Heart Association.

BUCKINGHAM:

Students have been busy enjoying the last stretch of the 2008–2009 school year! As well as studying fastidiously for FINALS, the parents and staff have planned celebrations to culminate all their hard work! Buckingham has approximately 104 2009 graduates....our largest class! Parents have worked hard to top last year's Grad Nite with fantastic gifts and activities! Meghan Miller and committee's WELLNESS challenge recognized a 3 team runoff. The "Dominators" lived up to their team name to come from behind to win the Wellness Competition Challenge! The two top teams each traveled over ONE MILLION STEPS! Winners received gift cards to Sports Authority.

Congratulations to BCMHS Vocal Ensemble and Jazz Band for the great concert at VPAT! Outstanding musical performance – special "mystery" star performer was our own Voc Director, Ed Halbach! Buckingham is ready to enjoy the short weeks of summer vacation before gearing up for 2009–2010 school year! We wish all of you a restful summer!



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CENTRAL OFFICE:

The Central Office wishes a fond farewell to Peggy Alexander, Linda Beckett, Burton Crinklaw, and Marcia Rooney. Everyone wishes them lots of luck in their retirement and they will all be surely missed!

COOPER:

Congratulations to second grade teacher Megan Ryan who is getting married June 28th. Happy retirement to kindergarten teacher Judy Leonetti and third grade teacher Jean Sasabuchi. They will both be missed, but wish them both lots of luck in their retirement. Babies are coming to Cooper! Julie McGee, fifth grade teacher, Sarah Keith, third grade teacher and Mike Pribyl's wife, school psychologist are all expecting babies in the fall.

HEMLOCK:

Joy Johnston (Peacock) is retiring from Hemlock after 23 years of service to the district. Her bright smile will be missed. Also Denise Azevedo, Cafeteria Manager will retire after 24 years of service. Both are wished well in their retirement.

In May Hemlock enjoyed a student talent show, an author/illustrator visit from Heidi Joulis and Joan Alioto and an assembly by cartoon/illustrator Mark Kistler.

Congratulations to Jennifer Lewis, on the recent birth of her daughter, Dawsen Everett Cannon Lewis, who was born May 24th, weighing in at 9 lbs. 11 oz. and is 22 inches long.

Hemlock is looking forward to their PTA sponsored KIDS DAY, on June 8th.



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MARKHAM:

Congratulations to site Teacher of the Year, Karen Sellers. She has been on the leadership team for the past two years and has been instrumental in decisions made for the school. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Once again the kindergarten students put on their annual spring performance. The entire student body as well as staff look forward to watching the performances and hearing those wonderful songs! Yeah for the kindergarten team!!!

The students at Markham had some wonderful experiences this past month, including 6th graders who went to Whiskeytown for their environmental experiences, a visit by wildlife refuge animals in an outdoor animal assembly hosted by PTO, and the Art Ark from the Crocker Art Museum visited the campus for an entire week.

Markham staff, students and parents are sad to see the retirement of several staff members, Margie Harris, Christy Davis and Mary Ellen Shields. They have been at Markham School working with students for many years and will be greatly missed by both students and staff. Congratulations to them and best of luck to them in their retirement.



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PADAN:

Padan School would like to congratulate this year's recipients of the Ana and Luis Cardenas Memorial Scholarships. Maria Ortiz, from Vacaville High and Cheyanne Bacom, Megan Espinosa, and Ryan Tabura all from Will C. Wood High School.

Padan bids a fond farewell and happy retirement to Ginger Winters, Rita Chandler and Nancy Maclise. They will be missed!

SIERRA VISTA:

Congratulations to sixth grade students David Tkach, Nathaniel Buteyn, Auberon DeJesus and Jacob Derr who won the district wide Novel Knowledge competition and their teacher Steve Ceccato and coach Greta Aldridge. Everyone worked together to earn this honor and the trophy is displayed in our school library.

Sierra Vista celebrated its community volunteers and families with a ice cream party on Thursday, May 21st. Staff members dished up ice cream as students performed, singing songs and dancing in the Mexican Hat dance. Everyone enjoyed the warm evening as students and staff showed their appreciation for our Sierra Vista community.

Congratulations to site Teacher of the Year, Carolyn Thomas. Carolyn is recognized by all as an outstanding member of our school community, and has made a positive impact on the staff and students of our school.



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SIERRA VISTA: (continued)

Congratulations to retirees: Kathy Bernardini, Karen Fruhbauer, Lana Stueve, Jay Stroble, Norman Leu, and Mary Ellen Shields. They will be greatly missed, but we know they are looking forward to their well-earned retirement. Sierra Vista wishes them the best of health and happiness in this new chapter of their lives.

VACA PENA MIDDLE:

A big thank you to all the students in our Home Arts Department who made 30 teddy bears for kids in the Hospital Belize. We know the children there appreciated our students' time, energy, and effort.

Fourteen students participated in Vaca Pena's annual Wellness Club Cook-off. The secret ingredient was lemon. Prepared and tested were hors d'oeuvres, salads, main dishes, drinks and desserts. The winning recipes were Chicken Pilliard, Lemon Chicken Salad, Lemon-Strawberry Smoothie, and Lemon Ice Cream.

Congratulations to counselor, Mindy Hicks who had a beautiful baby boy, Brayden on April 14th. She is enjoying staying at home with her little boy, but will be back when school starts.

Congratuatiions to principal Kris Golomb who will be retiring after 28 years of service to the district. Much luck in your retirement. You will be missed!

GATE Updates

The Odyssey of the Mind:

Our all-boy, 3rd grade Cooper Team participated in the World Competition for Odyssey of the Mind! Coach Tamara Barnes and The **Smokebusters**: Caleb Barnes, Zachary Kellis, Joel Lindsey, Justin Moore, Nicholas Smith and Paris Wickliff joined #1 teams from across the country at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa from May 27-30. The boys placed first at both the Regional and State competitions. The team raised over \$4000.00 to help fund their journey with the support of the administration, staff, community and Cooper Families! We are looking forward to the details upon their return the first week of June.

Novel Knowledge:

The all-boy 6th grade team, **The Gamers**, won the District Novel Knowledge Competition on Friday, 8 May 2009. The team from Sierra Vista included: Nathanael Buteyn, Jacob Derr, Auberon DeJesus and David Tkach. The boys are all students in Steve Ceccato's class. This year we integrated a Document Camera [with the awesome support of VUSD Technology] to display the 'live' responses for the audience. Many thanks to Round Table Pizza for their corporate support and Borders Book Store for hosting the competition for the third year.

Academic Talent Search:

Good luck to all the students across the district that will attend courses at Sacramento State this summer. Over 100 students completed the qualifying exam to participate in the Academic Talent Search summer enrichment classes. This year is the first year that 4th/5th grade students can participate as well.

Enjoy summer break!



Technology Department

We all know things are not looking good financially for the rest of our school district. Over the past few years, we have placed an increased number of computer hardware and software in place for both teachers and students to use at their school sites, which is enhancing the learning environment for all. Yet without timely help when hardware and software failures arise (and unfortunately they do), frustration levels rise and technology isn't used as frequently. The beginning of this school year, I had a little \$ to have a former student of mine, Eric Berkheimer, work on a variety of different projects, from computer setups to troubleshooting at the school sites. Unfortunately that money is now gone. With only a total of two computer technicians to service 12 + school sites along with all district departments, I would like to have the ability to have Eric help out, when needed, to work on those projects and immediate troubleshooting issues that arise every day at our schools. Here is what I am proposing. I have attached a scrip order form, which is designated towards Technology Support. Any gift cards/certificates you choose to purchase using this form, which can be filled out and e-mailed to me, will have their % go directly into a fund to pay for technology support help. Think about the places you go for lunch, where you shop for groceries, etc. You can even e-mail me what you want to order before paying for it. **If you already have an active scrip program at your school, please continue to support and tell others about it.** If you have any questions about the program, please e-mail me. I hope this idea will help enhance the technology support we can offer in our school district. Contact Jim Wasielewski at jwaz@vacavilleusd.org

Discover the Joy of Hosting

USCEC is looking for families to host a foreign student for the summer of 2009 for three weeks. Students will attend school and be escorted to activities during the week. If you are interested please contact Jim and Laura Eubanks Program Coordinators for USCEC at (707) 592-6100 or jpeubanks@sbcglobal.net

Reclassification Celebration

The English Learner Department is pleased to report that we had a Reclassification Celebration on June 3 to honor all of the students who were reclassified to fluent English proficient this school year. Most of the 157 students honored spoke little or no English when they entered school, and now they can speak, read and write fluently in English at grade level. The EL Department wishes to thank all of the administrators and teachers who attended the celebration; your presence meant a great deal to the students and their families. A special thank you to our superintendent, John Aycock, for his support during the ceremony.

We have had a very successful year with our parent participation. The monthly meetings on Sunday after the Spanish Mass at St. Mary's Church provided hundreds of our Spanish-speaking parents with important information regarding our schools and their children's education. A special note of thanks to Denise Fracchia for her efforts in organizing these meetings. We have had a great increase in the number of parents participating in the English Learner Advisory Committees at their schools as well as on our District English Learner Advisory Committee. We look forward to continued participation in the coming school year.



SUMMER JOB CITY OF VACAVILLE

Summer Job with City of Vacaville for teachers and others with Outdoor Education experience

EcoRanger Program at Lake Solano Park

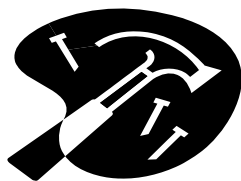
The EcoRanger program is a modified residential camp that will run 3 separate weeks: June 22-26, July 6-10, and July 27-31. Candidates must commit to all 3 dates to be considered. The camp week is from Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 5:30 pm (excellent for an overnight campout on Thursday). Field work will be conducted at Lake Solano Park but the base for the program will be located at a City of Vacaville Community Center. This camp is for entering 4th – 6th grade students. Each camp will have limited enrollment. Each week will have a different theme and activities.

Training and curriculum will be included but there are opportunities to develop curriculum. The salary range is from \$600-900 stipend per week depending on assignment. Fingerprinting and background check required but at no cost to applicant.

Complete the following application and either a) scan and email to Beverly Morlock, Recreation Coordinator, at bmorlock@cityofvacaville.com with email subject EcoRanger Application or b) Priority Mail completed application to:

Beverly Morlock
40 Eldridge Ave, Suite 11
Vacaville, CA 95688
ATTN: EcoRanger application

Questions? Contact Beverly Morlock by email (above).



SERVICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS!!

QUALITY ELECTRIC:

Two former Vacaville students, Shane Ward and Zack Nelson offer their electrical expertise for your residential or commercial needs. Lic# 541415.
Call (707) 301-1594 for a free quote.

BEAUTY ON A BUDGET! \$25 towards your purchase when you schedule a facial with me. Call Cheri Lincoln, Independent Beauty Consultant, at 365-9100 or check out the following website; www.marykay.com/cheril54.

BEAUTY WITHOUT BANDAGES! www.beautipage.com/brendahensley. Email me your email address for Weekly Special updates: mathgirl70@earthlink.net

PAMPER CHEF:

For more information contact Kimberly Gunn at Fairmont:
KimberlyG@vacavilleusd.org

FIRST AID AND CPR CLASSES:

Janet and Cindy Soucie are certified instructors to teach CPR/AED/First Aid/BLS Health Care. Classes are available. If interested please contact them at 707-453-1340 or 707-301-7723 or email at: souciej@sbcglobal.net

IN HOME CARE:

Debra Pace is available for in home care. Lic#65399. For more information call (707) 359-9053 or (707) 450-6217.

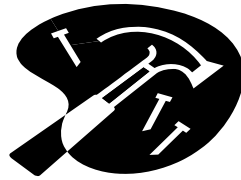
ALL ABOUT MUSIC: Glenda Novinger is operating a summer music camp for students. If interested please contact her at (707) 718-5670 or (707) 446-6881 or her email is: rossandglenda@sbcglobal.net

WANTED:

A 4' x 8' bulletin board for an office at Jepson Middle School. Any size would do the individual has a very large concrete wall to cover. Please contact Patty Phillips at 453-6280 x 336 or 240.

WANTED:

Trailer or 5th wheel for 6 months. To be used by two responsible adults while their house is being renovated. To be used as a temporary living space. Need a minimum of 26 feet and few pop-outs. Please contact Barbara Hoch at 330-8092 or 447-3945 or email: Barbara@jcis.net



SERVICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS!!

For Sale:

Remodeling Sale: 22 cubic foot refrigerator/freezer (side by side), ice and water in door model, beige - \$175.00 Large camel color leather chair and ottoman, excellent condition, \$125.00 for both. Beautiful black/brown/tan tiled rectangular coffee table, like new, \$100.00. Antique-looking hall tree, has hat hooks, mirror, small drawer, \$100. All in Davis. Call (530) 304-4642 (cell) or email tonis@vacavilleusd.org

71 GMC Jimmy, soft top, ¾ ton axle 2,000 miles on the engine. \$6,000.00 OBO, call Luke at 707-365-7414.

1995 Green Toyota Camry. Has 210,000 miles. Engine and transmission are still good. Needs a little work shocks, and tune up. New brakes just installed. Asking \$800.00. or best offer. For more information call 430-7391 or astewart@vacavilleusd.org

2005 Acura RSX for sale. \$9,500.00 or best offer (OBO). Dark silver has 87,000 miles, and in excellent condition. For more information contact Desti Gardner at (916) 374-9294.

96 Teton Phoenix T30 Fifth Wheel. Three slides, excellent condition, lots of extras, must see. \$27,000. Call (707) 446-2867 for more information.

91 Nomad 27' trailer, master bedroom, bunk beds, sleeps up to 8 people, excellent condition. \$6,000. Call (707) 446-2867.

Speakers: Two Phonic speakers (19" X 12"), one Phonic microphone and stand, Phonic Powerpad Mixer 408. This system has outstanding sound and projection and is like new. \$300 or best offer. Contact Deborah Hickerson at (530) 787-3724 or (530) 383-7719 or email Vaca Pena Middle School.



For Rent:

Home for Rent: Original 1950s ranch house on $\frac{3}{4}$ acre at 1124 Tocia St. Three bedrooms, two baths home is hidden in a new development near 3 Oaks Community Center with an open backyard on the creek. Available now. \$1500 per month. Call Tony or Lois at 447-3019.

For Rent: Remodeled 4 bedrooms/2 bath house. 4 bedrooms for the price of 3. \$1395.00. New appliances, cabinets, floors, and paint. (No smoke, no pets). Located near 3 oaks Recreation Center. 448-7945 ask for Bonnie or John.

Home for Rent: 3 bedrooms, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ bath house for rent near Vaca Pena. \$1700.00 a month. \$1000.00 deposit which includes cleaning deposit. Available July 1st. Yard maintenance included. Large backyard, 2 car garage. Call Marvin at 707-301-1321.



Summer Pilates Program for Educators!!

Summer Pilates Program for Educators: Exhale yoga and Pilates Studio on Merchant Street is offering a series of classes to introduce people to mat pilates. The classes will be taught by Mandy Bland, a VUSD employee, and will introduce fundamental pilates skills and exercises at the beginner level. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. from June 23rd through July 9th. The cost for the series will be \$55. Class size is limited, so sign up early. Call Laura Lutz at (707) 330-6215 for more information.

Bison Meat

Bison Meat (less than half the fat of skinless chicken!) Spring price Break!
Whole animal, half or quarter animal - \$6.00 per pound!

BISON MEAT SAMPLE PACKS

Bison Lover's Sample \$122.00

1 Chuck Roast

2 Rib Eye steaks

2 T-bone steaks

1 pkg. short ribs

10 lbs. ground

Ground Only \$50.00

10 lbs. ground

Packages of 1.25- 1.5 lbs

approximately

TRY IT SAMPLE \$40.00

1 Chuck Roast

2 T-bone

1 pkg. ground

All meat is double wrapped, labeled and frozen. All amounts are approximate.

Mark Nelson - Proprietor 707-319-2594

Free Cookbook with every order!



Keanu's Island Kine Food has a fundraiser program for your school, club, sports program, or department. We are a local family owned and operated business here in Vacaville and want to work with the schools to help raise money for your activities and goals. We offer island favorites ... everything from Island Shave Ice to our signature "Teriyaki Chicken" Plate. Drop by at 500 Elmira Rd., Ste E-1, corner of Allison and Elmira and ask for Kiki or email us at Keanusislandkinefood@yahoo.com for details. We serve "2 Scoops of Aloha with every meal!" Aloha and Mahalo nui loa, Deedee Ward, owner (707) 365-1094

STAPLES**TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY****AUGUST 15****9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.****VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA**

- Receive a FREE gift bag
(for the first 100 teachers, while supplies last)
- Take advantage of Staples Teacher Rewards Bonus Season
- Check out the hottest new items for your classroom
- Find out how you can save on the Copy and Print services that benefit you in the classroom

**Vacation Rentals:**

South Lake Tahoe, Tahoe Keys area, 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths, and all amenities included from \$135.00 per night. Contact Aileen Bottoms (707) 372-4713 or Joyce Zervas (707) 628-3578.

Enjoy a great vacation in Green Valley, Arizona! 2/2 townhouse, near pool/tennis court, quiet cul-de-sac. Twenty minutes from Tucson and loads of picturesque site-seeing/hiking and fun things to do! \$1,000.00 per month or \$560.00 week. Call Cheri or Jim at (707) 449-0609 for more information.

Vacation Rentals:

Spacious cottage in Princeville, Kauai (a gated community) available July 12-19, 2009. 1 week for only \$999. This unit looks out on the first fairway of the Makai golf course. 1,500 square feet; 2 bedrooms - (2K)/2 baths, sleeper-sofa in living area, full kitchen and laundry. Outdoor pool and BBQs in common area. Close to shopping areas and Hanelei Bay, home of Puff the Magic Dragon. Photos can be emailed. Call Bonnie/John Copeland (707) 448-7945.

Time share for rent in CANCUN at the Avalon resort. The unit has 2 bedrooms and 2/3 bathrooms. Unit also has a living room and small kitchen. Resort is in a great location on the beach and is close to shopping. The week can be used at any time or as many weeks as needed. \$1000.00 per week. Call Adriane Boykin with any questions at (707) 689-1668.

Maui Wowie! Large two story condo in beautiful Kaanapali area. Fabulous Ocean views from both lanais. 1575 sq. ft with 2 bedrooms and an office, indoor laundry, fully equipped kitchen, pool and tennis courts. Borders golf course, short walk to the beach. Quiet with meticulously groomed grounds private parking. Quiet. \$145/night. Sheryl Ryder. (707) 344-4325.

