



SCCSBA November Newsletter

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President's Message - by Jodi Muirhead

Happy Thanksgiving! In our diverse Santa Clara County, home to people from around the world, we can all give thanks for living in vibrant communities, full of people who celebrate this holiday with their family in their own unique ways. I would like to thank all of the board members for spending your valuable time giving back to your communities and working hard to offer the best opportunities possible for the children in your schools. Being a school board member is hard work and often thankless, but at this time of year, pat yourself on the back for doing what you are doing to improve the lives of others.

I am proud of the recent programs our organization has offered our members. Thank you to Ellen Wheeler for organizing an excellent Fall Dinner in her district's beautiful new space. Those who attended were enriched by hearing Ryan Smith from Education Trust – West talk about the issues around equity in our schools, how it is affecting our students and how there are schools that are overcoming these challenges and are able to raise achievement for all students. This week, the speaker at our monthly meeting was Greg Dannis who gave an excellent presentation on Superintendent's evaluations and led a discussion on aligning goals for the superintendent with a district's LCAP and strategic plan. As board members, we only have 1 employee. The importance of spending time on nurturing and assessing our superintendent and the effect this has on our students' achievement became clear from our discussion.

I look forward to seeing many of you at CSBA's Annual Education Conference in San Diego at the end of the month. As we go from interesting session to the next, open your mind to the possibilities of what can be achieved in your own district. Whether you are a new trustee or a veteran, there is always something new to learn from our fellow trustees and others in the education field and related areas. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your family and then we will see you at the conference and our SCCSBA reception on Thursday evening Nov. 30th!

Thursday, November 30 - SCCSBA Reception at CSBA Annual Conference

Come one and all to our FREE SCCSBA Reception at the CSBA Annual Conference in San Diego. Our reception is a fun affair and everyone is invited to come, including Superintendents, Trustees, District Staff, friends and family members.

This year, our Reception will be held on Thursday, November 30 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Cardiff Room at the San Diego Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina. Thanks to Sodexo for hosting this event every year.

Just like last year, we are keeping costs per person under \$50. There will be plenty of delicious appetizers and a no host bar.

Even if you can only come for a small part of the time, we'd love to have you there. So, please drop by and say hi to new and old friends.

Hoffmann Awards Applications are Available Online Deadline to Apply is December 8, 2017

Hoffmann Awards Chair Melissa Caswell would like everyone to know that applications for the 2017-18 Hoffmann Awards are now open. Applications and supporting documents are posted on the Home Page of our Website at www.sccoe.org/sccsba. Applications will be accepted as a PDF or Word attachment via e-mail to HoffmannAward@gmail.com. The deadline is **Friday, December 8**. To allow sufficient time for site visits in February and March, there will be no extensions. Winners will be notified at the end of March. The 2018 Hoffmann Awards will be presented at the Association's Hoffmann Awards Dinner on Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

Hoffmann entertainment nominations for the Hoffmann Dinner are also currently being accepted. Please send in your description and/or video clip of a group of performers from your district. This is their opportunity to shine! The video clips or applications for entertainers should be sent to Melissa Caswell at HoffmannAward@gmail.com. The deadline for video clips is **Friday, January 5, 2018**.

We are looking for Application Readers for the 34th Annual Hoffmann Awards. Each reader will need to also recruit one Administrator to read and score with him or her. If you would like to be a reader for the applications, please contact us at HoffmannAward@gmail.com.

If you have any questions please email Melissa Baten Caswell at HoffmannAward@gmail.com. You can also contact Bonnie Mace at execdirector@sccsba.org.

Save the Dates for SCCSBA Meetings and Events for 2017-18

Thursday - Saturday, November 30- December 2, 2017 - CSBA Annual Conference
San Diego Convention Center (SCCSBA Reception on **November 30** from 5:30-7 p.m.)

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 - SCCSBA Meeting - Delegate Assembly Candidate Presentations, Nominating Committee Formation, Discussion Topic: Brown Act 2.0 - Stepping to the Next Level with Guest Speaker Harold Freiman from Lozano Smith
Oak Grove Room, SCCOE, 7:30-9 p.m.

Saturday, January 27, 2018 - New Board Member Workshop at SCCOE

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 - SCCOE/SCCSBA Symposium - TK-12 Innovations and Collaboration in STEAM at SCCOE

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 - SCCSBA Meeting - Nomination of Officers, Discussion Topic: Student Trauma and Interventions
Oak Grove Room, SCCOE, 7:30-9 p.m.

Saturday, March 3, 2018 - SCCSBA Legislative Brunch (Venue TBD), 9 a.m. - Noon

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 - SCCSBA Meeting - Topic: Declining Birthrates & Demographic Trends in Santa Clara County School Districts with Guest Speaker Tom Williams from Enrollment PC
Oak Grove Room, SCCOE, 7:30-9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 - SCCSBA Hoffmann Awards Dinner, David's Restaurant, 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 - SCCSBA Officers' Reorganization Dinner, Hong Fu Restaurant, 6:30-8 p.m.

Saturday, June 2, 2018 - Candidates' Workshop, 9 a.m.-Noon

Next SCCSBA Networking Lunch - Friday, January 12

Our next Networking Lunch will be held on **Friday, January 12 at El Torito, 477 East Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas**. We are moving the lunch around to different parts of the county this year. If you have a great lunch spot in your community, please let Bonnie Mace know about it (execdirector@sccsba.org).

2017-18 Lunch Calendar

Friday, January 12 - El Torito (477 E Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas)

Friday, February 2 -California Pizza Kitchen (3535 Monroe St, Santa Clara)
Friday, March 9 - Lakeside Cafe (3160 N Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View)
Friday, April 13 - Opa! Greek Restaurant (276 E Campbell Ave, Campbell)
Friday, May 11 - TBD
Friday, June 1 - Country Gourmet (1314 S. Mary Avenue, Sunnyvale)



CSBA PAC Kickoff Recap

Thanks to CSBA, the Santa Clara County School Boards Association and San Mateo County School Boards Association for a very successful kick off of the California School Boards Association's new issues PAC on Sunday, Nov 5. We also honored Senator Jerry Hill as CSBA Legislator of the Year!

Thank you to our Sponsors - Sodexo, Dale Scott and TBWB.

The CSBA PAC launch is an opportunity to show your support for California students as we raise awareness and funds to benefit public education. For more information about the CSBA PAC, visit www.csbapac.org



Santa Clara County Office of Education Spotlight

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan named Interim Superintendent

On Wednesday, November 15, the Santa Clara County Board of Education named Dr. Mary Ann Dewan as Interim Superintendent of the County Office of Education effective immediately.

Dr. Dewan joined the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) in October 2013 serving as Chief Schools Officer and then Deputy Superintendent since July 2015.

She replaces former Superintendent Jon Gundry who recently reached a separation agreement with the Board of Education on November 8. She was selected by a unanimous vote during the November 15 board meeting.

"I'm honored to serve as County Interim Superintendent and am grateful for the Board's support and trust," said Dr. Dewan. "I look forward to working with our dedicated SCCOE staff, district leaders, and community partners to continue our important work of supporting students, schools, districts, and communities."

National STEM competition winners announced Santa Clara County middle school students prosper

On October 31, Broadcom Foundation and Society for Science & the Public announced the winners of the 2017 Broadcom MASTERS Awards. Three Santa Clara County students succeeded, each taking first place in the three of the four categories for the STEM Awards, a competition which highlights student work in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

"The Broadcom MASTERS® is a rigorous competition where nearly 2,500 students from across the United States, Puerto Rico, and overseas Department of Defense schools compete. From this group, 30 student winners are selected for different categories" says Sandi Yellenberg, Science Coordinator for the Santa Clara County Office of Education. "Each submission is thoroughly evaluated by a panel of scientists, engineers, and educators."

Pujita Tangirala, pictured on the far right, created "A Green, Low-Cost Adsorbent for the Removal of Dye from Aqueous Solutions."

Herin Kang, pictured in the middle, received first place for, "Energy Efficient Oxygen Generator Using Micro Algae as an Alternative to Window Ventilation."

Andrew Chiang of San Jose, pictured on the far left, took first place in engineering with his project, "Manipulation of Ultrasonic Force Field."

"Each student STEM award winner received \$3,500 and an iPad," says Yellenberg.



District Highlights

Franklin-McKinley School District

LGBT History Month in FMSD

The Franklin-McKinley School District is committed to ensuring a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students regardless of race, immigration status, religion, sexual orientation or any other protected class. On October 24, 2017, the Board of Education passed **Board Resolution 2017-28**, which affirms our commitment to recognizing LGBT History Month to provide a continuing opportunity for all people in our community to learn about the discrimination and inequality that has faced, and continues to face, LGBT people. LGBT History Month celebrates the positive contributions of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people in the United States. Additionally, FMSD was a part of an interview with Univision in which we discussed LGBTQ inclusiveness in schools and key resources for parents. Check out the interviews on the links below.

Clip 1: [Click here](#)

Clip 2: [Click here](#)



Moreland School District

Moreland's In-House Classified Professional Development Day

The Moreland School District is proud to offer classified employees annual Professional Development. This year, on a scheduled Teacher Work Day in early November, classified employees attended job-alike workshops focused on topics that would improve or benefit their day-to-day jobs. From custodial safety

practices to Google Forms for school-site office staff, the District met its goal of utilizing talents within the District staff to provide relevant professional development activities. One highlighted result is the immediate implementation of using a Google Forms for parent tours at the kindergarten and middle school level. Moreland continues to look for ways to show value to employees through professional development opportunities.

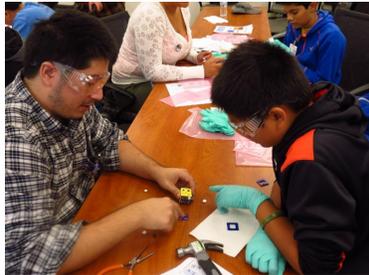
Sunnyvale School District

As part of national Manufacturing Day, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Northrop Grumman Marine Systems hosted 24 students from Columbia Middle School's robotics and advanced math programs at its Sunnyvale facility on Oct. 3.

Students spent the day learning about technology and manufacturing careers directly from Northrop Grumman engineers, managers, and manufacturing personnel who volunteered their time for the event.

After being welcomed by Karen Campbell, vice president of the company's Marine Systems business unit, students and engineers went straight to work on a hands-on project, assembling fidget cubes that were 3-D printed by Northrop Grumman. Following the workshop, the seventh and eighth graders were taken on a factory tour, not typically granted to the general public.

The Sunnyvale campus of Northrop Grumman which has been conducting manufacturing operations since 1906, continues to be a leading provider of missile launch systems, propulsion systems, and power generation systems for naval submarines and surface ships. Thank you, Northrop Grumman, for the amazing opportunity!!!



The Sunnyvale School District is pleased to announce that San Miguel Elementary School has been recognized with the Golden Bell Award, for the school's Community School Model, which works to close opportunity and achievement gaps within the student population while supporting families. Approximately 35-40 partnerships and programs are in place within our Community School that extends past what a traditional school is able to provide. Some examples include providing groceries on site, free glasses for students, dental services at the school, and a family resource center located on campus. We are proud to have been recognized for this work with a California Gold Ribbon Award in the spring of 2016 and an Ashoka Changemaker School Award in the spring of 2014.

The Golden Bell Award is a statewide recognition put on by the California State School Board's Association. It recognizes outstanding programs and governance practices of school boards in districts and county offices of education throughout California.



Gilroy Unified School District

Mt. Madonna High School Receives the 2017 California PBIS Coalition Silver Implementation Award

The Gilroy Unified School District is excited to share that Mt. Madonna High School has received the 2017 California PBIS Coalition Silver Implementation Award for their implementation of PBIS Tier 1 interventions and supports. The recognition brings attention to the exemplary work that the staff accomplished in the last six years. The positive behavior teams have developed and changed the culture of the school for the better, and have had a very positive and lasting effect. The program has been implemented in 12 schools, has been successful in promoting a positive learning environment, and has enabled students to achieve academic success.



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