

Friday Memo
December 8, 2017

Upcoming Events – Matthew Duffy

December 4: Special Ed CAC, Cameron, 7:00 PM
December 5: DeAnza Area Band Festival, DeAnza Gym, 7:00 PM
December 6: Richmond Area Band Festival, RHS Gym, 6:00 PM
December 6: Board of Education Meeting, DeJean, 6:30 PM
December 6: El Cerrito Area Band Festival, Korematsu Gym, 7:00 PM
December 7: Winter Choral Concert, DeAnza Theater, 7:00 PM
December 7: Pinole Area Band Festival, Pinole Middle Gym, 7:00 PM
December 8: El Cerrito Jazz Concert, ECHS Theater, 7:00 PM
December 11: Technology Committee, IT Center, 4:00 PM
December 12: Academic Committee, DeAnza, 5:30 PM
December 12: Kennedy Area Band Festival, DeJean Middle MPR, 6:00 PM
December 12: Pinole Valley Choir Winter Concert, DeAnza Theater, 7:00 PM
December 13: CBOC, FOC, 6:00 PM
December 13: Hercules Middle Area Band Festival, Hercules Middle MPR, 7:00 PM
December 14: Governance Subcommittee, Alvarado, 6:30 PM
December 14: Hercules Area Winter Festival, Hercules HS Gym, 7:00 PM
December 14: El Cerrito Winter Band Concert, ECHS Theater, 7:00 PM
December 15: Minimum Day All Schools
December 18: Agenda Setting, Superintendent's Office, 4:00 PM
December 18-January 1: Winter Recess
December 19: Facilities Subcommittee, FOC, 4:00 PM
January 2: Classes Reconvene

Special Olympics Schools Partnership Basketball Event November 2017 – Steve Collins

The 2nd Special Olympics Schools Partnership Basketball Event took place at El Cerrito High School on Thursday, November 30, 2017. Approximately 180 students with moderate to severe disabilities attended this amazing event. Athletes from Crespi, De Anza, De Jean, El Cerrito, Hercules Middle/High, Kennedy, Korematsu, Pinole Middle, Richmond, and Transition participated in the day's events.

The Special Olympic torch was brought through the gym by William Taylor, a student from our Transition Program. He was escorted by Officer Osorio and Officer Perales from the El Cerrito Police Department and by Officer Guzman from the Richmond Police Department. Edward Phun, a senior at El Cerrito High School, led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Athlete's Oath was led by Liz Herrera, a junior from De Anza High School. "Let me win. But, if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt!" To end the opening ceremonies, Lily Caballero and Ana Touriel, members of Circle of Friends at El Cerrito High, presented their fellow students and Mrs. Jordan-McCormick with a Unified Champion School Banner. El Cerrito High School was recognized with this honor for their dedication in promoting unity and respect on their campus.

The games were officially declared open with traditional games and basketball skills stations, such as passing, dribbling, and shooting. The second half of the event consisted of unified

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games. Each unified team was made up of 3-4 students with special needs and 1-2 students without. De Anza, El Cerrito, and Pinole Middle all brought unified teams to the event. The athletes had an amazing time showing off their skills while experiencing the thrill of competition, as parents, family, friends, staff, and El Cerrito High School students cheered them on.

All athletes were congratulated on their efforts and awarded ribbons by student volunteers. They paraded around the gym and through the “Tunnel of Awesomeness”, cheering and giving high

