

West Contra Costa Unified School District

Friday Memo
February 18, 2022

Upcoming Events – Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D

February 19: PVHS 3rd Annual Black History Month Commemorative Jubilee, Facebook Live

February 21-25: Presidents Week Recess (No School/District Holiday)

February 26: LifeLong Medical Clinic x WCCUSD to Hosts Community Vaccine Clinic 9-12:30pm,
LifeLong Brookside San Pablo Health Center

Next Board of Education Meeting March 2, 2022– Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D

LCAP Presentation data clarification - LaResha Martin, Luis Freese, Tracey Logan

[SLIDE 5] Fall 2021 County Williams FIT report: 21 out of 29 have Good/Exemplary facility ratings. Note that not all schools have Williams visits. Here is a [link to Williams page on the CDE](#)

Good/exemplary schools per Fall 2021 FITs (21):

1. Bayview
2. Chavez
3. Crespi
4. De Jean MS
5. Dover
6. Downer
7. El Cerrito HS
8. Helms
9. Hercules HS
10. Hercules MS
11. King
12. Korematsu
13. Lake
14. Lincoln
15. Obama
16. Murphy
17. Nystrom
18. Pinole Valley HS
19. Shannon
20. Tara Hills
21. Verde

Fair schools per Fall 2021 FITs (8):

1. DeAnza HS
2. Ford
3. Grant

23. Middle College

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Secondary- LaResha Martin (Gabriel Chilcott & team)

Math Department (Mark Lobaco & Team)

The Math Department continues to work to align the math course sequence with recommendations from the CDE and considerations from the UC Board of Admissions. Common Core middle grades mathematics carries additional coherence and rigor that was missing in previous state standards. This coherence and rigor includes standards from Algebra I and Geometry that are now in Grade 8, adding to a solid foundation of skills and concept knowledge that best prepares students for high school mathematics. We aligned the district course progressions with the California Department of Education's (CDE) [Course Placement and Sequences](#). In addition, the new California Mathematics Framework is set to come out in May/June of 2022. A draft copy is available on the [CDE website here](#), and [Ch 7 reviews](#) tracking and 8th grade standards rigor.

Here is the district math website link to a page with additional information:

<https://www.wccusd.net/Page/11737>

When the standards shifted and Math 7 and Math 8 became more rigorous, it was determined that we were skipping over some very important areas of learning when we accelerated before 9th grade. For students that wish to pursue taking a course such as Calculus, there will be multiple acceleration points afforded to them in high school. Here is the [Math Parent Letter](#) with a couple of examples of High School Acceleration for reference. In addition, we are considering new advanced courses to offer pathways other than Calculus.

Science (John Iwawaki & Team)

Judging for the 2022 WCCUSD STEM Fair for students in grades 6-12 was held on Tuesday, February 15. Many of our 39 judges come from local industry partners such as UC Berkeley, Chevron, USDA, Bio-Rad and others. This year's fair has been entirely virtual. Nearly 100 students from 11 sites around the district presented their projects in Zoom breakout rooms, using Google Slides to show their work, and answer judges' questions. The Awards Ceremony was held via Zoom on Thursday, February 17. The top projects from WCCUSD will have the opportunity to move on to the regional Golden Gate STEM Fair, and the California Science & Engineering Fair.

African American Student Achievement - LaResha Martin (William McGee & Team)

Superintendent Dr. Chris Hurst will be speaking at the El Cerrito Branch of the NAACP meeting on Saturday, February 19, 2022, via zoom. To join the meeting, please contact Email Shirley Haney, Branch Secretary, to receive the invitation link: haneyshirley2@gmail.com.

Please join us for the Black History Month culminating ceremony Monday, February 28, 2022, at 6:00 pm via zoom.

Contract Update for the 03/02/22 Board Meeting- Robert McEntire-Mary Kitchen & Team

• **Altshuler Berzon LLC – Superintendent's Office**

Increase existing purchase order to continue receiving independent legal counsel for the Redistricting commission, including providing independent legal advice and helping with setting the agenda for Commission meetings and Brown Act compliance, when requested.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

• **Collingwood Research – Superintendent's Office**

Consultant will work with the Commission to develop a proposed Trustee Area map (or maps) for public review and input. Following such input, the Commission will be responsible for approving the map. That map will then be used in 2022, 2024, 2026, 2028, and 2030 Board elections. The consultant will provide mapping, demographic analysis, and community engagement support for the WCCUSD Independent Redistricting Commission's 2020 Census Board of Education Trustee Area Redistricting process that meets Federal and California Voting Rights Act requirements. Consultant's work under this Agreement shall be performed by Loren Collingwood, Sean Long, and other research associates who work with Collingwood Research under direct supervision of Loren Collingwood.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

• **Love Learn Success – Community Engagement – Verde and Montalvin Elementary Schools**

Love Learn Success (LLS) will provide services at Montalvin and Verde Elementary. The purpose is to connect the after school program and the day school program LLS at Verde Elementary and Montalvin Manor K8. They will partner to support students during unstructured time at recess and lunch to provide students with a caring adult that can support them to solve conflicts in the yard and engage in healthy eating and playing behavior in the cafeteria.

Montalvin Services: 3 after school program leaders and one site director will be on-site supporting between 2 and 2.5 hours a day weekly on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. These will be the same leaders and site directors that already serve our students during the after-school program and know the students daily. 4 days a week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:30-1:00 PM

Verde Services: 4 after-school programs leaders and one site director will be on-site 3 hours a day. These will be the same leaders and site directors that already serve our students during the after-school program and know the students daily. 5 days a week Monday- Friday from 10:45 am - 2:30 PM at Verde Elementary.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

• **Love Learn Success – Ford Elementary School**

Love Learn Success will provide the following services at Ford Elementary School:

The goal of the Tier 2 small group intervention program is to give 1st-3rd grade students small group instruction and implement academic interventions. Love Learn Success is to give struggling students small group instruction to help them grow in English Language Arts in order to help them meet their school academic goals.

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Cerrito High School grad, who was part of the school's fiftieth graduating "Golden Class" in 1989, already has plans to publish another compilation of horror/suspense stories in her next book.

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

[Richmond resident's science team honored with Presidential Award](#) | Richmond Standard | By Kathy Chouteau

Dominique Carias, a Richmond resident and Pinole Valley High School junior, is among a group of students participating in California Academy of Sciences' [Careers In Science](#) Intern Program to have been honored with the [Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring](#) (PAESMEM). The Careers in Science program will be recognized with a citation signed by President Joe Biden, plus a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The group was recognized on Fri., Feb. 11 during a [live streamed virtual announcement](#).

[Should Bay Area schools turn excess land into new housing? - The Mercury News](#) | By LOUIS HANSEN
School districts in every Bay Area county have shown a willingness to develop housing for educators, including San Jose, Oakland, San Francisco and West Contra Costa unified districts, according to researchers.

Schools have already been hard hit by [declining student populations](#), as fewer couples are having families and settling in the high-cost region. Several school districts, [such as Oakland Unified](#), are considering shutting or merging campuses.

Monday, February 14, 2022

[Pinole Valley High to host alumni at dedication of Performing Arts Theatre](#) | Richmond Standard | By Kathy Chouteau

Pinole Valley High School (PVHS) has a new, state-of-the-art Performing Arts Theatre, and together with The Pinole Community Players, is welcoming school alumni to a dedication ceremony to honor teacher David Clark.

[COVID vaccine hesitancy remains in Bay Area's Black, Latino families - The Mercury News](#)

The West Contra Costa school board put the district's Feb. ... In Oakland Unified, about 35% of the district's 15,160 kids 12 and up have not ...

Friday, February 11, 2022

[Teacher Job Fair Planned For Pinole, Hercules Area Schools - Patch](#)

The pandemic has taken a toll on the teaching profession with distance learning, mask requirements, vaccine mandates and COVID testing. Finding enough mlatVeoch