



The San Joaquin County
Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)

Special EDition



Joey Travolta's Student Advocacy and Leadership Film Camp came to Stockton this summer! It was hosted by Stockton, Lodi and San Joaquin County SELPA's and funded through Department of Rehabilitation and Valley Mountain Regional Center. Students and young adults with special needs were invited to try their hand at acting and script writing while having a great time learning new social, leadership and self-advocacy skills!

The film will premiere on Monday, October 15, 2018 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Bob Hope Theatre in Stockton. This formal red carpet event is free and open to the public. We would love to have you come out and support these students! For further information, please call Sharon Gaines at (209) 468-4908.



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Homecoming
Queen!

Inclusion



Pictured is Madison and her teacher, Sara Harpainter. For more on Madison's story, see page 6.

Search & Serve

If you have a baby who was very small or sick at birth or a young child whose development worries you, a telephone call may put you in touch with someone who can answer your questions and help you get service for your child. Call your district office or the San Joaquin County Office of Education at (209) 468-4925 for more information.

Si usted tiene un bebé, quien era muy pequeño o enfermo de nacimiento o un niño de quien su desarrollo le preocupa, una llamada telefónica puede ponerlo en contacto con alguien quien le puede contestar sus preguntas y ayudarlo a obtener servicios para su niño. Hable a la oficina de su distrito escolar o a la Oficina de Educación del Condado de San Joaquin al (209) 468-4925 para más información.

If you no longer wish to receive this publication, please contact Pam Abdollahzadeh at pabdollahzadeh@sjcoe.net or (209) 468-9283 to have your name removed from our email list.

A message from our SELPA Director

You will see that the Special Edition has a new look and we know that "one picture is worth a thousand words." The purpose of the Special Edition is to inform, to have a venue to celebrate, and share the work that we all do in our SELPA. We need to showcase our students and continue to be connected to each other so we remember that we are all part of a larger community. Share the Special Edition with your family and friends! You can call us and put those who are interested on our email list. If you have a great story and picture that we can share, please send it our way.



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Assistant Superintendent,
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This year we are focusing on three areas:
Inclusion, Transition, and Collaboration.

Inclusive culture and environment applies to us all. Whether you are a seasoned or new educator, young or older student, a family that has been in the community for a long time or just moved in, the sense of belonging is a basic need. Opportunities and open doors flourish in an inclusive culture. Transitions are sometimes hard and sometimes require a leap of faith. A transition can be from the arms of a mother to school, from preschool to kindergarten, to high school and to the world of being a young adult. They are all done very thoughtfully with the ability to see the world from different perspectives. Collaboration is how we accomplish reaching goals that we have in common quicker, more in depth and benefiting more than we could have imagined.

Enjoy the wonderful pictures of our graduates and those of our little ones leaving preschool. "Every new beginning comes from another beginning's end..."

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year!

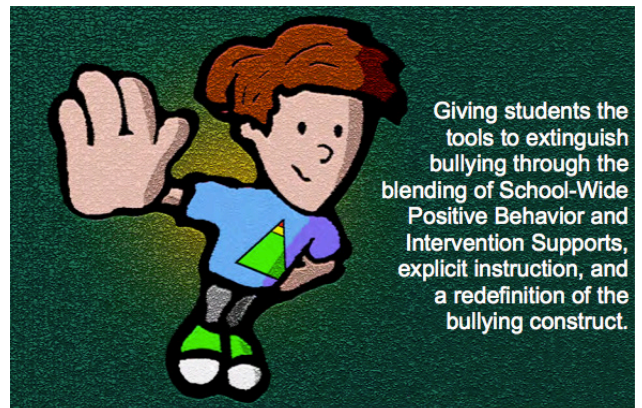
Keep on... Keep on...

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Kathleen Skeels".

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that pbis.org has a bully prevention guide with lesson plans for elementary and secondary grades?

Check it out at:
<https://www.pbis.org/school/bully-prevention>



Giving students the tools to extinguish bullying through the blending of School-Wide Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports, explicit instruction, and a redefinition of the bullying construct.

Graduate Congratulations

"Every new beginning comes from another beginning's end..."

County Programs

Richard Acosta



Faheem Azimi



Cheyenne Gonzalez



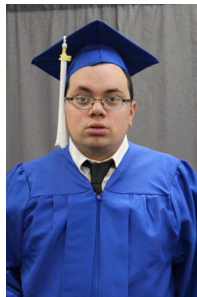
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Isaiah Martinez

Jesus Martinez



Steve Mercado



Colton Miracle



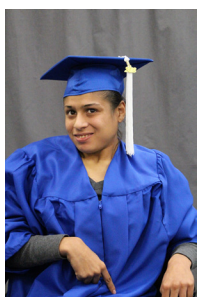
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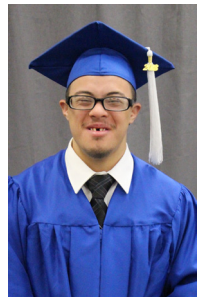
Jesus Ramos



Sandra Reyes



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Zachary Sigman



2018

Tracy USD

Katherine Andres



Sabrina Bentley



Cody Jimenez



Alvaro Ochoa Estrada



John Samorano



San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJC OE) Special Education Programs, in combination with Tracy Unified School District (TUSD), celebrated the achievements of the students exiting their educational careers on May 23, 2018. The evening was full of laughter and tears as the graduates received their certificates of completion and viewed the video montage. The smiles on the faces of the thirteen students from SJC OE and seven students from TUSD were the highlight of the evening. We wish them all the best as they move into the world of adulthood!



PREsCHOOL Graduation

The John McFall Preschool Graduation took place on May 23, 2018. The parents and families of 78 preschool graduates from our autism and severely handicapped programs participated in the commencement ceremony. The graduates sang songs they had been practicing all year, received diplomas from their teachers, and enjoyed cake with their families during the event. All of the graduates have successfully transitioned to their kindergarten programs with San Joaquin County Office of Education and various district classes.



Joseph Sanchez proudly celebrating with his mom!



WHY FIT IN
WHEN YOU WERE BORN
TO **STAND** OUT?

-Dr. Seuss



Bentley Brochu with his mom (left) and step-mom (right) celebrating his big day!

CALENDAR

All trainings are held at the Wentworth Education Center located at
2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton.

- 10/16/18 AUTISM A-Z
9:00 - 11:30 A.M. | GREENWOOD 3 | **SCHOOL STAFF & PARENTS** | **REGISTRATION FEE - \$10**
- 10/17/18 LSH FALL SYMPOSIUM - SEE THE SOUND WITH VISUAL PHONICS
8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. | BURWOOD 1&2 | **SCHOOL STAFF & PARENTS** | **REGISTRATION FEE - \$30-\$40**
- 10/18/18 ASSESSING LANGUAGE & LITERACY IN A MULTI-TIER SYSTEM OF SUPPORT (PART 1)
8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. | GREENWOOD 3 | **SCHOOL STAFF & PARENTS** | **REGISTRATION FEE - \$10**
- 10/23/18 PARENT-IMPLEMENTED INTERVENTION FOR CHILDREN WITH ASD
9:00 - 11:30 A.M. | GREENWOOD 3 | **SCHOOL STAFF & PARENTS** | **REGISTRATION FEE - \$10**
- 10/23/18 EXERCISE - AN EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE
12:30 - 3:00 P.M. | GREENWOOD 3 | **SCHOOL STAFF & PARENTS** | **REGISTRATION FEE - \$10**

Limited parent scholarships may be available through Community Advisory Committee.

Space is limited. Please call (209) 468-4907 for more information.

Email pabdollahzadeh@sjcoe.net to receive the monthly workshop/training calendar by email.

These professional development opportunities are a small sample of upcoming workshops.

For a complete calendar, please visit:

<http://www.sjcoe.org/SELPA/StaffDevelopmentBulletin.aspx>

Your SELPA Team

Collaboration



From left to right: Program Specialist Irene Acevedo; Program Specialist Rolf Athearn; Program Specialist Margaret St. George; Program Specialist Susan Scott; Assistant Superintendent, Special Education/SELPA Director Kathleen Skeels; Executive Assistant Marlene Flau; and Program Specialist Staci Johnson



From left to right: Administrative Assistant for Staci Johnson, Kortney Kauss; Administrative Assistant for Rolf Athearn, Pam Abdollahzadeh; Administrative Assistant for Margaret St. George, Sharon Gaines; Administrative Assistant for Susan Scott, Gail Dalton; and Staff Secretary for Irene Acevedo, Angela Troy

San Joaquin County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) is a regionalized services office made up of 10 school districts within San Joaquin County. SELPA staff provide support, resources and training to these districts and act as a liaison to bridge families, community resources and school personnel to ensure improved programs for students with special education needs.



Enter to Learn...
Leave to **Achieve**



HOMECOMING

Madison Blaylock-DeLeon was selected as part of the Homecoming Court at Mountain House High School. The school, wanting to ensure all of the student body was included in Homecoming, asked the San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCCE) County Programs Special Day Class to nominate one of their students. Madison was selected and participated in the Homecoming rally, parade, and was crowned Homecoming Queen at the game.