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Upcoming Events . . .

Teacher Recruitment Fair
April 14: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

School districts and other organizations from throughout the region will be on hand to review resumes and interview teacher candidates at the annual Teacher Recruitment Fair. Representatives from local colleges and credentialing programs will also be there to provide information on starting down the path to becoming a teacher. Call SJCOE Human Resources at 468-5952 with questions.

For more information, or to register ahead of time, visit www.sjcoe.org/hr/news.aspx.

SJC Academic Pentathlon

April 30 -- Grade 6
May 7 -- Grades 7 & 8

Be a part of the annual SJC Academic Pentathlon by volunteering to work as a test proctor, Super Quiz proctor, or essay reader.

To volunteer your time, call 468-4866.

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Wallace and Funge receive 2007 Schoolmaster's award

The California Schoolmaster's Club annually recognizes 22 individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to education. Since 1981, San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) has honored 45 recipients—this year Bob Wallace and Christopher Funge were the recipients of this honor.

After 21 years at the Escalon Unified School District (EUSD) as principal and special education director, Bob Wallace recently retired as Escalon Superintendent. Serving the district offered Wallace challenges that required diverse tasks and responsibilities that he enjoyed. However, he stated that he'll miss the interaction with the children the most.

"When you're in education, it's a people business," Wallace said. "It felt good being able to be a part of the community."

He is currently enjoying retirement, working as a construction project manager for the district while spending time with his two granddaughters. He hopes to continue to work with the district in a part-time interim position where he can maintain a mental challenge.

The San Joaquin County Teacher of the Year, Christopher Funge, was also recognized by the California Schoolmaster's Club for his hard-work and dedication as a third-grade teacher in Lodi Unified School District (LUSD).

With a total of 18 years, between

teaching at Wagner Holt Elementary School and Ellerth Larson Elementary School, Funge still cherishes teaching third-grade because of it gives him a chance to develop personalities and make a difference in a child's life.

"Mr. Funge's ongoing display of enthusiasm, creativity, and care for his students are

almost contagious. He is well respected, albeit admired, by his students, their parents, and his professional colleagues throughout LUSD," said Principal Cheryl Nilmeyer of Larson.

He aspires to remain as a classroom teacher and strives to stay fresh and excited for each school year.

"I hope students leave my class loving learning," Funge said.

SJCOE congratulates Bob Wallace and Christopher Funge for demonstrating outstanding performance in education!



Pictured above is Escalon USD Board Member, Janai Stanton, and California Schoolmaster's Outstanding Educator recipient, Bob Wallace.



Pictured to the left are California Schoolmaster's Club President and the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Wentworth, as they honor Christopher Funge, third-grade teacher from Lodi USD, with the 2007 outstanding educator award.

SJCOE launches new Know and Grow training program



Deputy Superintendent of Student Programs and Services, Mick Founts, congratulates Rachele Taylor at the Know and Grow graduation.

For many, one of the biggest hurdles to overcome when starting a new position is becoming acclimated to the environment. San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) recently started a program to help its newest group of classified staff triumph over this barrier. On February 27, 18 individuals graduated from what has been named the "Know and Grow" training program.

"We started the training program to help new employees become acquainted with the organization," said Executive Assistant of Student Programs and Services, Denise Irvin.

There were nine training sessions spread over a five-month period that educated individuals on the history and geographic layout of the organization, programs and procedures used in the office, as well as recommendations for personal and professional growth and development.

"I had a lot of fun and am very grateful to the county for providing us with such useful information," said Staff Secretary of California Preschool Instructional Networks, Kristin Ruiz.

SJCOE Partnership with Grand Canyon University off to a great start!

Until recently, individuals like Dan Randrup struggled to balance a full-time job, work on his Masters, and take care of his family. Thanks to the most recent partnership between San Joaquin County Office of Education (SJCOE) and Grand Canyon University (GCU), Randrup is just one of 40 individuals to enroll in an on-line degree program and make their desire a reality.

"The convenience of it [the program] being online has afforded me the opportunity to balance home, work, and school," SJCOE Outdoor Education Coordinator, Randrup said.

For nearly six-months staff members, teachers, and teaching assistants from San Joaquin County districts and schools have been enrolled in online degree programs through GCU. Individuals enrolled through the partnership receive a scholarship that makes the per credit cost \$275 for both undergraduate and graduate students. However, there are a limited number of scholarships available only through SJCOE.

Grand Canyon University was founded in 1949 as a teacher education college, and is currently accredited through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. The Ken Blanchard College of Business is nationally accredited through the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs. If you are interested in hearing more about the programs, representatives from Grand Canyon University will be at the Teacher Recruitment Fair on April 14 and at the Tracy, Stockton, and Manteca School Districts April 16-19. For more information about the programs or for meeting details, email mhinderleider@online.gcu.edu.

GCU is only one of many partnerships fostered by SJCOE. Others include University of the Pacific, which offers a Speech-Language Pathologist program or Masters in Educational

Degree programs currently offered online:

Bachelor of Science in Accounting
 Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
 Bachelor of Science in Marketing
 Bachelor of Science in Psychology
 Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Administration
 Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education:
 Emphasis in English (credential program)
 Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education:
 Emphasis in Math (credential program)
 Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education:
 Emphasis in Science (credential program)

Master of Arts in Teaching
 M.Ed. Elementary Education (K-8)
 M.Ed. Secondary Education (7-12)
 M.Ed. Curriculum & Instruction: Reading
 M.Ed. Curriculum & Instruction: Instructional Technology
 M.Ed. TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)
 M.Ed. in Education Administration (credential program)
 M.Ed. In Education Administration with an emphasis in
 School Leadership
 M.Ed. in Education Administration with an emphasis in
 Organizational Leadership

Grand Canyon University does accept credits/units from other accredited college or university programs.

Administration; National University, which offers a credential in Early Childhood Education; and Project IMPACT, which offers a secondary, multiple subject, or Special Education teaching credential, as well as an Administrative Credential. For more information about these programs, contact Catherine Kearney at 468-9116.

Students represent YouthBuild San Joaquin in Washington D. C.

Ruben Almendarez and Richard Arellano had never traveled on an airplane, let alone been outside of California until YouthBuild San Joaquin. In early March they had the opportunity to travel across the United States to attend the YouthBuild USA Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.

“Both Ruben and Richard have a passion for the program and had a powerful message to take to Washington,” stated YouthBuild Coordinator Sheilah Goulart. “I want Ruben and Richard to develop as leaders and to become spokesmen for YouthBuild San Joaquin.”

The conference lasted four days, giving the students a chance to partake in leadership workshops and visit the Capitol to speak with California legislators about the benefits of the program. Students also met with previous Senator John Kerry, who spoke about his support for the program and his hope for it to become a global movement.

“The conference gave me a better understanding of what YouthBuild is and how we can keep it running,” said Almendarez. “We must keep our expectations high for the program to grow.”

YouthBuild is a federally funded program through

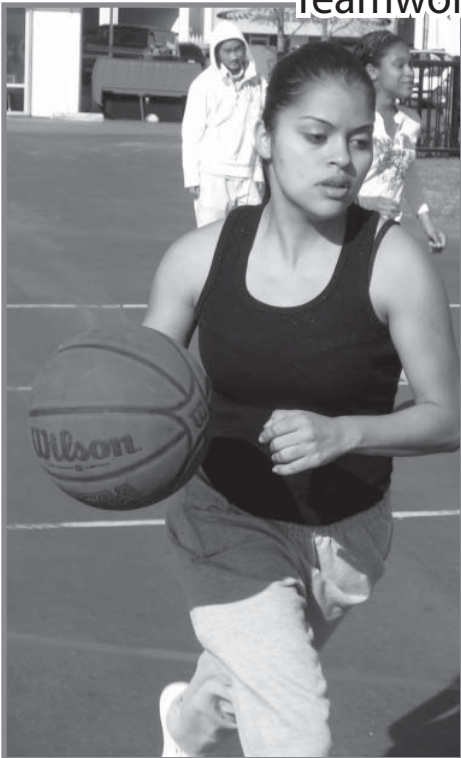


Pictured above is Richard Arellano as he speaks at the YouthBuild USA Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In this program, students spend half of their day in school earning a high school diploma or GED and the other in construction training. Out of the 25 students currently enrolled, Almendarez and Arellano were the only two chosen to attend the conference.

Arellano concluded, “This program has given us a second chance and the ability to be successful. Before the program, we weren’t going anywhere, and now we have accomplished so much.”

Teamwork and the Concept of one.



Pictured above is Jennifer Valenzuela from **one. Discover**.

A whistle blows after the basketball lands out-of-bounds. There is tension in the air as the period progresses and the rivalry between **one. Discover**’s girls basketball teams becomes more intense. However, the tension is among friends and fosters the idea of working as a team for the students of **one. Discover**.

“Since the girls have been given an opportunity to play basketball there is a noticeable reduction in the amount of tension at school,” said Teacher Aubrey Perry. “The girls enjoy the competition and teamwork of the sport.”

As many educators know, having students from different neighborhoods work together is not an easy task. However, learning to work cooperatively is something sophomore Jennifer Valenzuela enjoys.

“I love the fact that everybody gets along no matter where they’re from,” said Valenzuela.

Coach and teacher Steve Lebkowsky of **one. Discover** is helping the girls understand that working together can foster a positive learning environment.

“Normally a lot of these girls would not talk to one another,” said Lebkowsky. “Now that they have a common interest they’ve learned they can coexist both on and off the court.”

The daily ritual of checking statistics motivates the girls to stay involved and their interest in physical education opportunities offered at the site has increased. As the game came to an end, both Coach Lebkowsky and the girls realized that no matter which team goes home with the first-place trophy they’ve already created a better school for themselves and the other students at **one. Discover**. For more information about SJCOE’s Alternative Program, visit www.sjcoe.org/alternativeed.

Service Learning opportunity brought to SJCOE

“The 21st century demands that students know how to work cooperatively, to learn, and to innovate in teams,” said Superintendent of Education Jack O’Connell, during his State of Education speech on February 6. “Successful schools ... are combining academic standards with service learning in projects that teach the value of giving back and the importance of engaging in the broader community.”

In response to O’Connell’s encouragement to increase service learning opportunities, Delta Sierra Region 6 Service Learning Programs is holding its 10th Annual Service Learning Summer Institute at San Joaquin County Office of Education on June 21 to 22. This year’s presenters include Bonnie Benard, a pioneer in the field of resilience and youth development theory, and songwriter Steve Seskin, whom has spurred an anti-bullying movement by his song, *Don’t Laugh At Me*.

To sign-up for the workshop or to learn more about it, call Veray Wickham at 468-9021.



Pictured above is the slogan for the anti-bullying campaign spurred from the “Don’t Laugh At Me” song written by Steve Seskin, a Service Learning Summer Institute guest speaker in June.

School Readiness and Early Childhood Education unite



Pictured above is Nancy Herota, CPIN Director for the state, who gave updates on current statewide actions at the meeting.

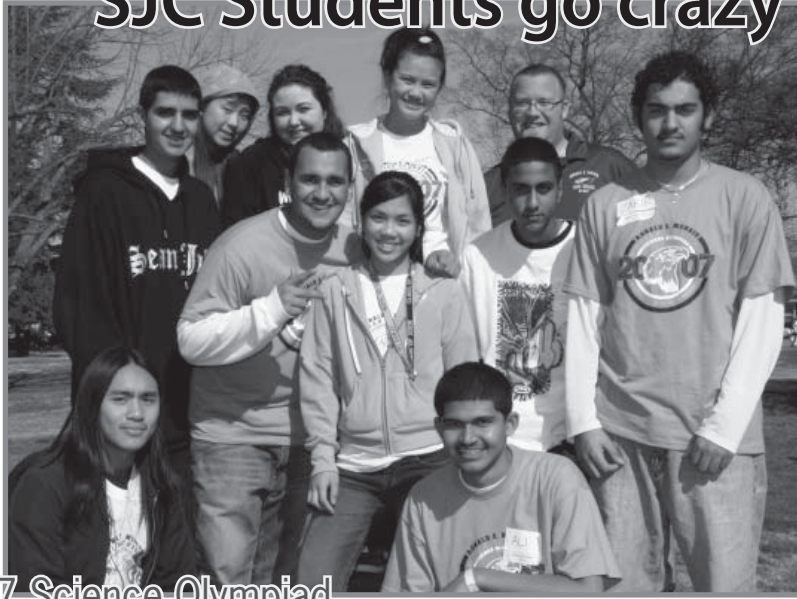
Successful transitions was the topic of the California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN) meeting held earlier this year for more than 50 members of Delta Sierra Region 6, which includes Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne counties.

Presenter Dr. Susan Landry, a developmental psychologist at University of Texas, focused on effective early childhood programs and how practitioners can turn knowledge into action. Landry spoke about the importance of school readiness; particularly early literacy and math. More importantly, she discussed the national concern on how to support school readiness and how preschool is the best start for children.

“Dr. Landry’s presentation was outstanding,” said Kimberly Martinez, CPIN regional lead. “She provided excellent research, practical guidelines, and suggestions for further exploration.

For more information about CPIN, visit www.sjcoe.org/cpin.

SJC Students go crazy over Science...



2007 Science Olympiad...

Students dressed in white lab coats and safety goggles covered the lawn at University of the Pacific on March 3 for the 2007 San Joaquin County Science Olympiad B/C Division. The Science competition gave students in grades 7 - 12 a chance to show off their talents and acquired science knowledge.

"The students have to think about what they've learned in class and apply that to the competition," said Erin McKay, coach and Biology teacher at Tracy High School.

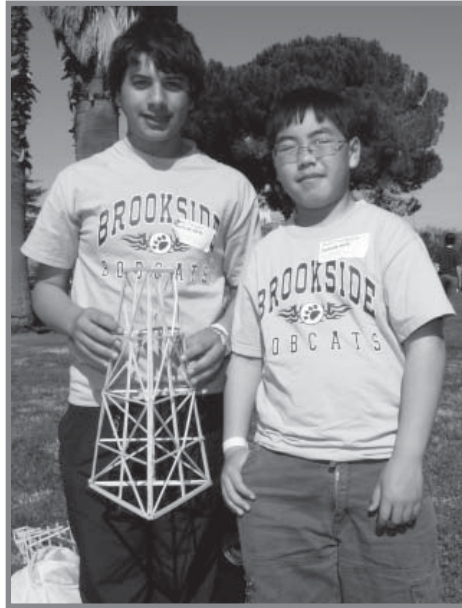
Students are given the chance to participate in many different categories throughout the competition. Samer Elayyah, a 14-year-old student from Brookside Elementary School, and his partner participated in a competition to build the lightest structure possible that could hold the most weight.

"The Science Olympiad can help you in the future because you learn new things," said Elayyah, who plans on becoming an astronaut or an engineer. "It gives you a boost for the future."

Teachers, parents, and others dedicate their time to helping the students succeed in their science endeavors. Volunteers help with the after school club or class elective, and all begin preparing for the event in August of the previous year.

Students were honored at an award ceremony where first-, second-, and third-place winners were recognized from each of the 23 events per division.

"The competition gives students a sense of accomplishment," stated Bruce Germolus, a Tracy High School coach and parent.



Pictured above are students at the 2007 Science Olympiad B/C competition.

Pictured to the right are two of the three Superior winners in the 3 - 5 grade level.

SJC Science Fair...

From toilet paper to cell phones, and candles to batteries, the 2007 San Joaquin County Science Fair brought students from 38 schools throughout the county together to compete against other science experiments.

"To win the competition we need the individual to show us that they know what they are doing and why they are doing it," said Connie Oliver, one of 40 judges for the competition. "We want evidence of their understanding and of the scientific method."

The students were eager to share what they had learned throughout the experimentation process.

"I learned most of our fruits and vegetables we have in the refrigerator are acidic," said fourth-grader Ethan Albala.

The competition was divided by grade level and awards were given in four categories from lowest to highest: Show, Excellent, Superior, and Sweepstakes. However Sweepstakes winners were awarded with monetary compensation as well. Both Superior and Sweepstakes winners will go on to the state finals on May 21 and 22.

This year's sweepstakes winners included Mrs. Naimah Zariff's class from Clara Mohammed School for the K - 3 grade level; Laura Ibrahim from St. Bernard's School in the 3 - 5 grade level; William Carr from Merryhill School for the 6-8 grade level; and finally San Singh from St. Mary's High School won for the 9 - 12 grade level.

For more information, visit the SJCOE Science Fair website at www.edserv.sjcoe.net/scifair/welcome.html.



Nile Garden Teacher makes a Difference in Special Education

Energetic, dedicated, and enthusiastic are just a few of the words that describe teacher Christie Mueller. As part of San Joaquin County Office of Education's Special Education program, Mueller's primary class at Nile Garden School in Manteca has 10 students from kindergarten through third-grade with a range of disabilities from Autistic Spectrum Disorder to Down Syndrome. The students present many challenges for a teacher; however, Mueller has been very successful in overcoming them.

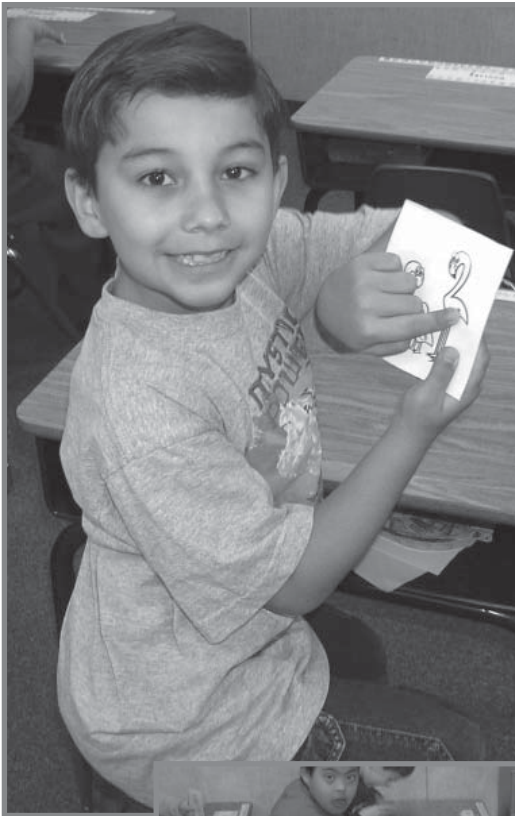
"Finding what works for each individual student is one of the things I work hard at," Mueller explained. "Although we work together as a class I still need to build individual programs to meet their unique needs. It's so exciting and rewarding to find the one thing that will make learning happen for a student."

Before coming to Nile Garden School four years ago, Mueller taught a preschool class at John J. McFall School for a year. Prior to that, she worked with infants and toddlers as a home teacher in San Joaquin County. Several of the children in her class have been with Mueller for more than one year and some were at McFall. One of her current students was on her case load as an infant.

"It's so exciting to see her talking and making good progress," Mueller said. "Working with families over a period of time has advantages - I've become so close to the parents as well as the students."

Communication is very important to Mueller who makes and receives many calls from parents after school hours. It's important for parents to hear about their student's progress on a day-to-day basis.

For more information about Special Education, visit www.sjcoe.org/sep.



Pictured above are students who are reaping the rewards of being taught by Christie Mueller at Nile Garden.

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 school district office, or San Joaquin County Office Education SELPA at (209) 468-4925 for more information.

Venture student spends the day working in the job of his dreams

The typical school day in the classroom is spent flipping through textbooks and taking mathematic, literature, and science exams. However, on February 2, Venture Academy student Joshua Courtney skipped out on the ordinary school day and got a first hand look at the workday of PHI Air Medical located at the Modesto Airport.

Courtney met with Lead Pilot John Wilcox, Flight Nurse Eric Lewis, and Flight Paramedic Chad Augustin. After spending time in the Co-Pilots seat and watching a routine engine check, he learned the skills necessary to pursue a career in the Air Medical Business.

"I'm really thankful the school provided me with this opportunity. I was able to test the field and see what it's really like to be a pilot", Courtney stated.

National Groundhog Job Shadow Day kicked off a year of job shadowing as students were paired up with a mentor in order to get a sneak peak of what it is like to live a day working in their dream job. Each year more than one million students and 100,000 businesses participate in job shadowing giving students the opportunity to explore various careers they may not have considered.

Throughout the year, students will be seen nationwide shadowing at various locations including on-air hosts at NBC's today show, Coca-Cola, and The Federal Reserve.

For additional information about job shadowing, visit www.jobshadow.org. For more information about Venture Academy, visit www.ventureacademyca.org.



Venture Academy student, Joshua Courtney, spends National Groundhog Job Shadow Day with Lead Pilot John Wilcox, Flight Nurse Eric Lewis, and Flight Paramedic Chad Augustin.

Leading the Way: Lincoln High School students broaden horizons

Lincoln High School (LHS) is proud to announce the election of two students to the 2007 California Association of Student Leaders (CASL) state board; Ashley Kimball and Kelsey Natsuhara.

As the freshman representative on the CASL State Board, Ashley Kimball works closely with the other freshman board members to represent middle school students statewide, as well as work at middle school campuses to encourage involvement with CASL.

"My favorite part about being the CASL freshman representative is public speaking," said Kimball.

Kimball is the LHS freshman publicity officer with the goal to make changes for the better. After high school Kimball hopes to attend California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo and continue involvement in CASL.

"Ashley has energy and commitment," said Bartram. "She shines because she loves what she's doing."

Natsuhara also began her adventure with CASL as the freshman representative. Now she is CASL Area A co-director, where she attends conferences, presents workshops to fellow high school students, and compiles the newsletter.

"I enjoy meeting new people and exchanging ideas," said Natsuhara.

The LHS sophomore looks forward

to being the 2007 CASL State President where she will be a delegate to state board meetings, run leadership summer camps, and represent California at the National Association of Student Councils (NASC) conference this summer. Additionally, she will plan the CASL State conference and organize statewide community service projects.

"Kelsey is the perfect person for CASL," said Mike

Bartram, LHS Associated Student Body Activities advisor. "She is motivated, follows through, and is definitely well-deserving."

She aspires to continue her education at a university in California where she can apply the leadership and life skills she has learned through CASL.

This is the fourth-year in a row that Lincoln High School has received the CASL Outstanding Activities Program award. CASL is a statewide organization promoting leadership development among middle-school and high-school students. It was formed in 1996 by California Association of Directors of Activities (CADA), the Nation's largest statewide support network for Activities Directors.

For additional information visit, casl1.org or cada1.org.



Pictured above are the winners of the California Association of Student Leaders state board members - Kelsey Natsuhara and Ashley Kimball.

San Joaquin County Academic Pentathlon gives sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-graders a chance to shine

The 13th Annual San Joaquin County Academic Pentathlon will be held on Saturday, April 28 for sixth-grade competitors and Saturday, May 5 for seventh- and eighth-grade students. The pentathlon is an academic competition providing a less restrictive environment for learning where individual leadership, cooperation, and peer support are incorporated into the program as motivators.

"Teamwork is the heart of the San Joaquin County Academic Pentathlon," said SJCOE Coordinator of Student Events and Activities, Meredith Davis. "Teachers and students work together to build a team, and in the Super Quiz, groups of three students work out answers as a team."

Individual and team awards will be given out. The top ten scorers will receive a \$100 savings bond while the top three teams in both large and small school divisions will receive Cortopassi Family Foundation Grants.

The event is sponsored and organized by the SJCOE Educational Foundation and the Cortopassi Family Foundation.

Volunteers from the community are needed to work as test proctors, Super Quiz proctors, and essay readers. Those interested in donating their time and expertise, please call 468-4866.

Academic Pentathlon calls for community volunteers to work as test proctors, Super Quiz proctors, and essay readers.

To volunteer your time,
call 468-4866.

When: April 30 - 6th grade

May 7 - 7th & 8th grade

Student Q&A

Outlook asks students from throughout San Joaquin County about their views on schools.

In between her volleyball practice and campus Crochet Club meeting, *Outlook* chatted with Taylor Lewis, eighth-grader at Rio Calaveras Elementary School, about her views on school.



Q What is the best thing about your school?

A Seventh- and eighth-grade students who maintain a 2.0 get to participate in Rewards field trips and dances.

Q What is the worst thing about school?

A School would be better if we had regular classroom buildings instead of portables and more equipment, like volleyball nets.

Q What do you want to do after high school?

A I want to go to either UCLA or Stanford to pursue a career in acting or business. I want to get a job that I'll have fun with and am able to express myself.

Q How would you improve school?

A The school needs to serve higher quality lunches and get rid of uniforms. Each person should be able to show his or her individual style.

Manteca High brings life into its library

When stepping into the Brasmer Library at Manteca High School, it quickly becomes evident that the word library has acquired a whole new meaning. Nina Norton, the library media teacher, has created an environment that students find themselves wanting to be in, rather than needing to be in.

At Brasmer Library, the Art department has become involved in making this happen by crafting new covers for old books, lining the library walls with college banners promoting education after high school, and designed an art museum in the conference room reserved for the "Artist of the Month."

"Knowing that I can place my art in here and people admire it is a great feeling," says this month's featured artist, Angie Ryan.

One of the most influential additions to the library is the "Athletic Reader" posters. With the

help of Kendall Youngland, photography teacher, Norton was able to construct posters that show student athletes and their favorite books.

"It's one thing to say you want more kids to visit the library, it's another thing to make it happen," says Youngland.

After the amount of books checked out has doubled, Assistant Principal of Manteca High School, Doug McCreath, reflects on the impact the library has made on the Manteca High School campus.

"Nina has made the library more of a student center and academic environment," says McCreath. "It has become an integral part of the push toward higher academics on campus."



Attention fifth-grade teachers:

Would you like a free trip to Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia? Well, thanks to generous donations this opportunity is available from July 31 to August 7. The week will immerse participants in early American history in the restored capital city of 18th Century Williamsburg Virginia.

Ten lucky teachers from San Joaquin County will be awarded the opportunity to meet noted historians and character interpreters; participate in reenactments of the 18th Century; and visit both Jamestown and Yorktown battlefield, while having their airfare, meals, and lodging paid for.

To apply for this all inclusive trip, call Janesse Hodgson at 468-9027. Applications are due on May 2.

Religion in American History:

What to Teach and How to Teach It-- sign-up today!

Diversity of religious belief and evolving principles of religious liberty had a tremendous impact on America's history. However, this is an area that is briefly touched upon in United States history college courses. Take advantage of an opportunity to become an expert on these topics by signing up for the "Religion in American History: What to Teach and How to Teach It" from July 16-21. Those who attend will be provided with content, guidelines for academic study, strategies to improve learning and civic participation for students.

The institute is held at San Joaquin County Office of Education from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Stipends are available for the institute as follows: \$450 after summer session, additional \$250 after follow-up meetings and assessments, and \$300 bonus for schools that provide a control group class for the project evaluation. For more information, contact Margaret Hill at (909) 537-5459. Register today, by visiting <http://oms.sbcss.k12.us/index.php>.



Your ticket to fun!

Enter in this year's SJC Fair

It's that time of year again, San Joaquin Fair time! From June 14 - 24, the SJC Fair will provide opportunities for you and your students to show off their classroom work to the community while earning money. Contrary to what you might think, the Fair is not just for livestock, it has a wide range of categories in the "Still Exhibit Department" for all ages and grades. Yes, this includes an opportunity for adults to display their talents too.

Also at the Fair, the California Women for Agriculture (CWA) will be awarding two scholarships for the "Agriculture in the Classroom" Annual California Conference held October 18 to 21, in Burbank, California. CWA will award scholarships to the two teachers whose class project represents the most outstanding educational display entered in San Joaquin Fair. The projects considered will include "Science and Technology" classroom entries in Bottle Biology, Hydroponics, Roots of Agriculture in San Joaquin County, The Water Cycle, and Worm Composting. For more information, or to enter the Fair visit www.sanjoaquinfair.com. But, hurry because entry deadline is May 5.

On April 19, nearly 200 students will gather at SJCOE's Education Service Center for the 7th Annual AVID Student Recognition ceremony to receive the Write-Off, Spirit of AVID, and Vargo Awards.

The AVID Write-Off Award is presented to two students from each middle school and high school site who won the competitive writing examination.

The Spirit of AVID Award recognizes students who epitomize the true spirit of what Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) stands for and is presented to two students from each middle school and two seniors in high school.

Recipients of the Spirit of AVID Award must have completed the a-g requirements, been accepted to a four-year university, overcome academic or personal challenges, and put forth a maximum effort academically while maintaining obligations to family and the community.

Finally, the Vargo Award is given to one student from each school site for exemplifying hardwork and leadership among classmates.

For more information about AVID, visit www.sjcoe.org/avid.

SAVE THE DATE

From July 9 - 13 you will have an opportunity to gain the skills needed to excel as an Advanced Placement (AP) teacher through University of California, Davis Extension's AP Summer Institute 2007 held at San Joaquin County Office of Education's Education Service Center.

The Advanced Placement Program courses provide students with an intellectual experience comparable to their freshman year in college. Institute participants will learn how to balance curriculum of research and practicality, effectively teach AP courses, and prepare students for the AP examinations. You will also learn how the AP examinations are developed and graded.

For more information, please contact Noue Leung, program representative at (530)757-8512, or email educationinfo@unexmail.ucdavis.edu.

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| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 4/13 - 5/5: 4 p.m. AB2913 River Delta 4/07 | 13 Sign-up for this workshop to learn strategies for assisting English learners in the mastery of language and literacy skills. For more information, call 468-9269. | 14 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. SJCOE Teacher Recruitment Fair If you're looking for a teaching position, come to the Teacher Recruitment Fair at SJCOE. To pre-register, visit www.sjcoe.org/calendar. |
| 15 | 16 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Discipline of Students with Disabilities: What are the Rules and the Practical Implications? Sign-up for this workshop to learn about discipline for students with disabilities. For more information, call 468-9283. | 17 5 - 8 p.m. Intermediate Excel To sign-up, visit www.edserv.sjcoe.net/classes. | 18 6 - 8 p.m. Fear at School: Can we stop bullying, harassment, and intimidation? Workshop given by Dr. Michael Elium. For more information, call 946-2336. | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Community Advisory Committee This meeting will help guide parents on how to write and implement Gary's Social Stories. For more information, call 468-4908. | 25 | 26 | 27 9 - 11 a.m. Autism Connection Committee Meeting This is a monthly meeting for the committee. For more information, contact Gail Dalton at 468-9283. | 28 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 6th Annual Autism Collaborative Forum For more information, call 468-9283. |
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Pictured above are YouthBuild San Joaquin students as they march to their community improvement project.



Pictured above are YouthBuild San Joaquin students as they reconstruct a fire-damaged building as part of their community improvement project.

YouthBuild San Joaquin provides youth in need of a high school diploma with construction skills, leadership development, and an education necessary to succeed in today's society. YouthBuild San Joaquin partners with members of the local community over a nine-month period to provide its students with a high school diploma or GED, as well as construction skills. Thanks to local businesses and government support these students are helping construct affordable housing in the Sierra Vista area of Stockton.

To learn more about YouthBuild San Joaquin and other programs, watch *Outlook: The Television Show* this Wednesday on Comcast cable channel 95 at 8 p.m. For more information about YouthBuild San Joaquin, visit www.sjcoe.org/youthbuild.

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