

YCOE UPDATE

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ROB GREGOR, YUBA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



Tammy Upton, UPK Coordinator

California launched Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) by putting into action a dramatic expansion of Transitional Kindergarten (TK) for all four-year-old children, with universal access to TK for all four-year-old children by the 2025-26 school year. As the UPK Coordinator for Yuba County, my role is to provide support through, training, coaching, and collaboration to District TK teachers and State Preschool classrooms in the county. A major goal of UPK is to not only increase access to early education experiences but also to provide quality and joyful learning experiences for all children to participate in general education classrooms with their peers. This is an opportunity for all children to engage in play-based culturally and linguistically supportive environments across our county-wide UPK system. All learning, including content learning, should be playful. November is Family Literacy Month. All young children should have ample opportunities for open-ended literacy-rich activities through play both in the classroom and at home. Children benefit more when teachers and families emphasize language development through stories, songs, and experiences, rather than overly focusing on alphabet learning. We encourage families and teachers to provide a balanced language and literacy approach that will benefit children in the long term. There is no such thing as 'just play' in our Preschool and TK classrooms. Play is where the learning happens.



Specialized Services, Unique Issues in County Offices

Educator safety among top priorities

By Julian Peoples

"WE SERVE JUVENILE HALL, we serve at risk youth, probation, career and technical education, moderate to severely disabled students, visually impaired students, — there are so many different programs," says resource teacher Shelby Rider, president of Yuba County Certified Employees Association. "We work in the most difficult conditions and we teach the most vulnerable kids."



Shelby Rider

California's 58 county offices of education provide a support infrastructure to local school districts, approving district budgets and Local Control Accountability Plans, registering teacher credentials and developing programs to serve students with special needs throughout the county. These programs support students that local school districts often lack the resources or facilities to serve.

Steph Cruz has been working for San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) since 1996. The San Diego County Association of Educators (SDCAE) president says her members work in programs

that specialize in a variety of student populations: the unhoused, foster youth, students on probation and incarcerated, expelled students, students with alternative living situations, migrant education, students who are deaf and hard of hearing, those who are visually impaired, and infants and toddlers. The focused nature of the work allows her more time to reach and teach her students.

"I'm not working with 200 kids. I've had classes with 20 kids that were self-contained," she says. "A lot of educators in the county office never leave. We start here and retire here. I think so much of that has to do with a passion for serving the underserved."

Staffing and safety

Working with these populations comes with specific safety concerns for each, Cruz says, such as the array of challenges that stem from working with students and families experiencing trauma in different educational settings.

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Congratulations to Shelby Rider for being featured in a CTA publication.



Julie Coulson was honored for her community service and induction into the Marysville Hall of Fame by the Yuba County Board of Education on November 8th.

YUBA COUNTY WANTS TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS...

YUBA SCHOOLS

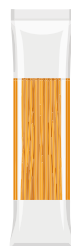
SHARE YOUR VOICE

Yuba County Office of Education wants to hear from you for a Community Schools Needs Assessment. This is an important survey that will help gather information from students, parents, staff, and community members in support of our schools.

The survey asks questions about student and family engagement, leadership, classroom instruction, school climate, learning opportunities, student and family supports, and other ways to improve our schools. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by scanning the QR code above.

YCOE
Better Together
Rob Gregor
Yuba County Superintendent of Schools

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During the holiday season, SoYouCan provides more than 400 meals and thousands of gifts to families in need of extra support. YCOE has decided to contribute **400** packages of pasta to the cause. Collection bags will be delivered to your location next week. We kindly request you to consider purchasing pasta and help make a family's Christmas a little brighter. The progress of the collection efforts will be provided in the newsletter starting from November 27th. We hope that you will grab an extra bag of pasta the next time you visit the grocery store! The final collection day is on Friday, December 8th.

DAY OF HOPE

Let's Love Our City

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT



FREE TURKEY



FREE COAT



FREE FOOD



FREE HAIRCUT

RESOURCES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

NOVEMBER 18TH | 10AM - 2PM

VICTORY OUTREACH TWIN CITIES

523 J STREET MARYSVILLE CA 95901

FOR DETAILS 530-755-4040



YCOE EVENT CALENDAR

Nov 18 - Day of Hope

Dec 2 - Marysville Christmas Parade

Dec 8 - Winter Wonderland FIVE30 Event Center, 2pm-7pm

Dec 9 - Olivehurst Christmas Parade



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