

## Special Education & Student Services News: December/January 2009

### **Warm Holiday Wishes**

*During this holiday season, our hearts go out to our students and families that are struggling in these tough economic times. In an effort to offer some support, the Special Education and Student Services department has again adopted families in need. The generosity of the department is appreciated by all.*

*As we enter 2010, we will continue our efforts to align our programs, services, and curriculum to provide appropriate supports to our students. Your cooperation in these efforts is appreciated.*

*Have a wonderful, relaxing holiday.*

*Fondly,  
Janet*

### **Special Ed Data**

In reviewing the special education data for our district, the data indicates our percentage of students in special education is about 11.9 percent, with the recommended percentage being 10 percent.

We will continue to work with our staff and schools to monitor eligibility and assure that students have the appropriate interventions prior to being considered for special education.

Disability	Number of Students
Mental Retardation (MR)	242
Hard of Hearing (HH)	22
Deaf	1
Speech/Language Impaired (SLI)	665
Visually Impaired (VI)	21
Emotionally Disturbed (ED)	137
Orthopedically Impaired (OI)	58
Other Health Impaired (OHI)	195
Established Medical Disability (EMD)	0
Specific Learning Disability (SLD)	1731
Deaf Blind (DB)	1
Multiple Disability (MD)	9
Autism (AUT)	129
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)	5
Total Special Education Students	3216 (11.9% of District Enrollment)

### **H1N1 Flu Vaccination Clinic**

Sacramento County Public Health is holding free H1N1 Flu vaccination clinics at Twin Rivers Unified School District high schools. The vaccine is provided free of charge to anyone medically eligible aged 6 months and older.

- Rio Linda High School  
Tuesday, Nov 17, 3:00-7:00pm
- Grant Union High School  
Wednesday, Jan 6, 3:00-7:00pm

In addition, the county health department will offer FREE H1N1 Flu vaccination clinics at the following locations in our area:

- Tuesday, Dec 1, 3:00-7:00pm  
North Highlands Community Center
- Thursday, Dec 3, 10:00-2:00pm  
South Natomas Community Center
- Saturday, Dec 5, 10:00-2:00pm  
American River College
- Monday, Dec 28, 10:00-2:00pm  
Robertson Community Center

Depending on supply, a flu nasal mist or injection will be available at the vaccination clinics.

**Congratulations to Bonita Mallory!  
She has been nominated for CSNO School Nurse Administrator of the Year.**

## Upcoming Department Meetings

### PSYCHOLOGISTS

January 13  
February 26

### COORDINATORS SPECIAL ED

December 8 & 22  
January 5 & 19  
February 2 & 16

### SDC TEACHERS ELEMENTARY

December 3 or 4  
February 25 or 26

### Pre K SDC TEACHERS

January 8

### SP ED & STUDENT SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 17  
January 21

### SP/LANG THERAPISTS

December 11  
January 6  
February 5

### COORDINATORS STUDENT SERVICES

December 4 & 18  
January 15  
February 5

### PROGRAM SPECIALISTS SPECIAL ED

December 4  
January  
February

### NURSES

December 2  
January 13  
February 10

### HEALTH ASSISTANTS

December 2  
January 27

### MEDI-CAL

December 10  
January 14  
February 11

### RSP TEACHERS ELEMENTARY

December 11  
January 22

### DEPARTMENT CHAIR SECONDARY SPECIAL ED

January 11  
February 8

### DCOST

December 3, 10 & 17  
January 7, 14, 21 & 28  
February 4, 11, 18 & 25

### SARB REGION 1

December 1, 15 & 29  
January 12 & 26  
February 23

### SARB REGION 2

December 7 & 14  
January 11 & 25  
February 1 & 8

## Professional Development

### December 9

- Taking and Analyzing Running Record Assessments

Audience: Elementary RSP and SDC Teachers  
Instructor: Nancy Nos

### December 11

- Systemic Instruction in Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words (SIPPS)

Audience: Elementary RSP  
Instructor: SIPPS Trainer

### January 13, 20, & 27 and February 3, & 10

- Effective Teacher Training: 10 hours of training (Hours can be earned through My Learning Plan)

Audience: K-12 RSP, SDC, and General Ed interested in focusing on classroom management skills and strategies.  
Instructors: Christina Boerner, Travis Cunningham, and Nancy Nos

## Medi-Cal Update

All disciplines are receiving Medi-Cal reporting refresher trainings. All trainings have been completed:

Speech Language group  
Psychologists  
Health Assistants  
Nurses

November 4th.  
November 9th  
December 2nd  
December 2nd

Targeted Case Management trainings will be held on January 13th for:

Nurses                      Psychologists                      Counselors  
Dept Chairs              Program Specialists              Coordinators

More information regarding these trainings will be coming soon.

## SEIS

Thanks to everyone for all the hard work and effort on the December 1 Count.

We will get the final report from SCOE later this month.

## MAA Time Survey

The third quarter MAA Time Survey

January 8-14

Contact Rob Roach if you have questions