

Special Education & Student Services News: August/September 2009

Welcome Back

I hope you had a restful break and are ready to start what I believe will be a wonderful year. Department staff were busy this summer with class lists, hiring new staff, oversight of our extended school year, packing for our upcoming move, and resolving a variety of issues.

Central office staff from our department will be moving to the "Bays" within the next few weeks. We will be set up in both Bays B and C. We will no longer have staff at the Robinson or Murchison offices. Our district psychologists will be at Miles P. Richmond with their materials, for meetings, and with work space. We will be sure you have specific information on our locations, once it is finalized.

The district will be focusing much effort this year on instruction and instructional practices. Our staff will support these efforts and plan to spend much more time this year in our classrooms. We look forward to working with staff more closely and really knowing our programs and students.

Lots of changes as we continue to align our work and our programs. We are looking forward to a fabulous year. Call us—we're here to help!

*Fondly,
Janet*

Department News

Welcome to Our New Staff:

Alicia Sansing	SDC M/S	HAAD
Bruce Bickel	SDC ED	Foothill Farms Jr.
Delia Villasenor	Psychologist	Preschool/Bilingual
Eunice Mitchell	SLP	Grant High/MPR
Hillary Beckmeyer	SDC M/M	Smythe K-6
Holly Rogers	SDC M/M	HAAD
John Hauck	SDC M/M	Grant High
Joy Schurdell	Transition Specialist	MPR
Karen Elliott	SLP	Pioneer/Ind Charters
Kathryn Johnson	SDC M/M	Rio Linda High
Kelly Dodge	SLP	HAAD (7-8)/Larchmont
Kelly Roberson	SLP	Rio Linda High/Frontier
Lovina Robinson	SDC M/S	Rio Tierra Jr.
Meshal Washington	SDC ED	Foothill High
Noreen Brewster-Scherber	Nurse	Hillsdale/Morey Ave./Preschool
Pam Whipple	Nurse	HAAD/MPR
Rachelle Shockley	SDC M/M	Vineland Preschool
Shirley Kaholokula	SDC ED	Rio Linda High
Tami Oliver	SDC M/S	Castori
Tracy Starnes	Nurse	Del Paso/Fairbanks/Larchmont/North Ave.

Strand Assignments:

Foothill

Coordinator: Chandra Kumar
Program Specialist: Peter Schorr

Grant

Coordinators: Lin Wolf (7-12)
Chandra Kumar (K-6)

Program Specialists:
Carol Poteet/Kerry Kelly

HAAD

Coordinator: Earl Pavao
Program Specialist: Mike Grant

Rio Linda

Coordinator: Earl Pavao
Program Specialist: Pat Wolf

HHI/Alternative/Miles P. Richmond

Coordinator: April Santos

Important Dates

Professional Development

August 31

- Psychologists: Grand Ave Board Room, 8:00-3:00
- Nurses: Part 1: Robinson Center (Dixieanne Ave), 8:00-11:30
- Nurses: Part 2: Grand Ave Board Room, 12:00-3:00
- HAAD (7-12) RSP & SDC: Oakdale Parent Center, 8:00-3:00
- SLPs: Robinson Center (Dixieanne Ave), 8:00-3:00
- High School RSP & SDC: Oakdale Parent Center, 8:00-3:00
- MPR (7-12) SDC: Oakdale Parent Center, 8:00-3:00

September 1

- Junior High RSP & SDC (except HAAD and MPR): AM with your school site: PM Norwood Jr. High Library, 1:00-3:00

August 31—September 3

- All K-6 RSP & SDC will participate in the Math training with their school site at the district training in the Bays on Dudley.

Department Meeting Calendar: September/October

PSYCHOLOGISTS

September 11
October 7

SP/LANG THERAPISTS

September 9
October 9

RSP TEACHERS ELEMENTARY

September 18
October 16

**COORDINATORS
SPECIAL ED**

September 1, 15 & 29
October 13 & 27

**COORDINATORS
STUDENT SERVICES**

September 4 & 18
October 2 & 16

**DEPARTMENT CHAIR
SECONDARY SPECIAL ED**

September 8
November 2

SDC TEACHERS ELEMENTARY

September 10 or 11

**COUNSELORS/OUTREACH
LOCATION/DATES TBD**

DCOST

September 10, 17 & 24
October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Pre K SDC TEACHERS

September 25

NURSES

September 9
October 14

SARB REGION 1

September 8 & 22
October 6 & 20

**PRESCHOOL TASK FORCE
LOCATION/DATES TBD**

HEALTH ASSISTANTS

September 23
November 18

SARB REGION 2

September 21 & 28
October 5, 12 & 19

**SP ED & STUDENT SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

September 17
October 15

MEDI-CAL

September 10
October 8

Special Education and Student Services Advisory Committee

Committee Members:

April Santos	Janet Balcom
Bonita Mallory	Joyce Childs
Carol Poteet	Kim Rohall
Caylee Kizer	Lura Hunter
Cookie Whalen	Pam Nolan
Cynthia Adebajji	Pat Wolf
Earl Pavao	Patty Resendez
Frances Swanson	Peter Schorr
Gayle Green	Rudy Puente
Homer Johnson	Stacy Porter
Jane Claar	Tracey Wiltshire

Focus for 2009-10:

- Program Alignment
- Transition
- Curriculum Alignment
- Professional Development
- Family Supports and Training
- SEIS Implementation
- Special Ed Self Review

Please Share your ideas with the committee members that represent your area. Next meeting is September 17, 2009.

The Big Switch:

NOTICE: we are going bigger with the SEIS forms for **all** our SpEd procedures

ALL IEPs must be done on SEIS. No other IEP forms or documents will be accepted.
Throw out all Sp Ed forms – use only the SEIS forms for parent notice of meeting, referral, assessment plan, etc.
The forms are available in both the document library and on the forms page of student's future IEP.