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# Yuba County Office of Education

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## .....from our Superintendent

My sincere appreciation to everyone for their kind welcome! Everyone has been so generous to share their knowledge and experience and I am so grateful.

Let me tell you what is important to me as I begin my tenure as Yuba County Superintendent of Schools...I support programs that are good for students. That may sound a little superficial to you or a little too broad, but for me all decisions I make and all the choices I am faced with, come right down to that statement. If I know it is good for education, if it has potential to help the learner, then it is important to me.

Good schools are imperative and to have good schools we must support our administrators and teachers at the schools.

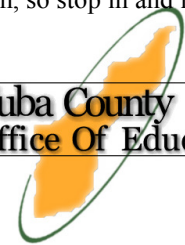
As most of you know, now is a very difficult time for education as well as other state and federal programs and agencies. Our nation has not faced such tough economic situations since the Great Depression of the 1930's. But we will get through this and I am convinced that what we lack in economic support must be made up through confidence in our schools and teachers, as well as volunteer service. More from me later...but in the meantime, my door is always



**Dr. Scotia Holmes Sanchez**  
Superintendent of Schools

open, so stop in and let's talk.

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YCOE Highlights



**This month's spotlight is on...**

## Karen Matthews

Meet Karen Matthews! Karen has worked for Yuba County Office of Education for about twenty years...after a full career of teaching Special Education for Yuba City Unified School District for 30 years! What an amazing woman! She splits her teaching duties between Carden School and Thomas E. Mathews School. Karen is a very accomplished dancer and dances about four times a week along with her daughter, which is probably why Karen is in such great shape.



Karen has four children, three daughters and a son, along with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her family is very close and they are planning a very special trip in the near future...they are all going to New Orleans for the famous Jazz Fest! This will be Karen's third Jazz Fest and she said there is no way she can tell us what an amazing experience this is - the only way to know is for all of us to go! I'm in, Karen! When do we leave?

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Yuba County Office of Education's purpose is to improve the quality of life for all Yuba County citizens. Our specialty is equipping those with unique needs with the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will enhance their journey and empower them to realize their full potential.*

## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES



**Sally Sokoloski,**  
Assistant  
Superintendent

### Artwork YCOE

Thank you to the Pre-school Programs for sharing March artwork with the YCOE. Karen's class at Connections made rainbow hand print & leprechaun ladders laced by the students. Students from Kristen's class at Bridges and Pat's class at

Goldfield contributed beautiful kites to display. Debbie's class at Goldfield shared

collages of green materials put together by students. Hopefully you had an opportunity during the month of March to enjoy them at the YCOE.

### Special Education Program Planning

It is that time of year to begin planning for next year! The Special Education Department Heads have been busy reviewing class loading and student transitions to determine program needs for 2011-12. With 22 students moving from Preschool to Kindergarten aged options in the district and COE Regional options, staff are busy with meetings and program visits!

### Juvenile Hall Special Education Verification Review

The Juvenile Hall Program had a visit from the State Consultants in late January to complete a verification review that included records compliance and IEP implementation review. Of the 26 items identified, 19 were corrected with clarification of information for the review team. Thanks to the Juvenile Hall general education and special education staff and Administrator, Chris Reyna, for their assistance with the process.



## REGIONAL CAREER CENTER/YOUTHBUILD

### YouthBuild Receives DOL Funding

Our very own YCOE YouthBuild received Department of Labor (DOL) funding in the amount of \$998,108 to operate a 3-year program that will serve 70 young people between the ages of 18 to 24 years. Our program was one of 11 California YouthBuild programs that received funding. Habitat for Humanity is partnering with YouthBuild to build two low-income homes for an eligible family. All of Regional Career Center, YouthBuild staff, and YCOE Preparatory Charter are preparing for the next recruitment of YouthBuild

participants. Once all the details are worked out, the recruitment phase will begin. All forms of marketing will be used to recruit eligible candidates. YouthBuild is designed to help young adults between the ages of 18 to 24 to obtain their high school diploma or GED while offering job training, counseling and leadership developmental opportunities at the same time. Many graduates go on to construction related jobs, apprenticeship programs and college. If you know of any youth who would be interested in going through this excellent training opportunity, please con-

tact Sheila Moore at 749-4820. A special thanks goes to all individuals who contributed to a successful grant writing campaign. Stay tuned for further updates.



**Patti Clary,**  
Director

## HUMAN SERVICES

### EDUCATORS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**SAVE THE DATE** –The annual *Educators Who Make a Difference* is May 12th. The program starts at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Chamber at the Government Center in Marysville with award presentations and a reception to recognize all recipients. This is always a great way to celebrate individuals that make a difference in education. Please plan to attend and support your fellow co-workers.

### WELLNESS PLAN

The Yuba County Office of Education and Tri-County Schools Insurance Group will once again offer an on-site Health Evaluation. This program is offered to all employees, spouses and retirees who participate in Tri-County Schools Insurance Group's Health Plan. You will incur no out-of-pocket expense. In fact, you will make money! Tri-County Schools Insurance Group will send you a \$25 check for completing your confidential health evaluation (\$50 if you also participated in 2010)! Your health evaluation will include testing for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, liver and kidney disease and much more.



**Cindy Sutfin,**  
Director

2011 health evaluations are by appointment only.  
The dates at Yuba County Office of Education are:  
**April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>; 6:30 a.m. to noon**  
**in the Oak Room at the County Office**

To schedule your appointment, go to [www.interactivehs.com](http://www.interactivehs.com) and click on *Instructions for reserving your appointment online*. First time users will have to register using the Sponsor Code VATSW or call IHS at 1-800-840-6100. Please have your insurance card ready when you register, as you will need to provide your member ID Number. You will also be asked to bring your insurance card to your appointment. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Janet Beaver in Human Resources.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE**

April 18th through May 20th is the Open Enrollment period for medical insurance.

This is a time for individuals to access their medical needs and choose the correct plan for them. Those employees that qualify to receive insurance



coverage will receive a notice in their mail boxes at their site. Please return the form to Janet Beaver choosing the correct option for you. If you have any questions or concerns, Janet can be reached at (530) 749-4867.

**CREDENTIALS:**

As summer approaches and everyone is enjoying the sunshine, please remember to check your teaching credentials for expiration dates. As a courtesy, Jennifer Allread, Credential Ana-



lyst, is sending out reminder notices, but ultimately it is your responsibility to assure that you have a valid teaching credential. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing has made it very easy to renew. Just go online to CTC.ca.gov. If you have any questions or concerns, Jennifer is always available for assistance. Just call her at (530) 749-4869.

**EXTENDED YEAR PROGRAM:**

It's that time of year to begin thinking about your summer plans. I hope you will include working an additional four (4) weeks to provide continued special education services for Extended Year. The dates are June 14th through July 13th. Please remember through our Extended Year Program we provide continued services to the same wonderful students we serve during the regular school year. Your willingness to provide these services is greatly appreciated.

If you are interested, please return the response form sent to your YCOE e-mail address or you can get a copy from Daren or Arletta. If you have questions, please contact the Human Resources Department, your supervisor, or call me directly at (530) 749-4870.

**DRESS CODE:**

As spring and summer approach, please be cautious about your clothing attire. Employees are encouraged to wear clothing that demonstrates their high regard for their profession and presents an image consistent with their job responsibilities. The specific criteria for dress attire are in the handbook. In part it states clothing shall not be worn which creates a safety hazard, is revealing or provocative or displays any words, pictures or designs that would be considered vulgar, profane or otherwise inappropriate for the workplace. Blue jeans, shorts or sweat suits require the approval of your department manager. Employees that work on campuses that have a different dress code standard will follow the dress code of that school.

**VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS:**

Just a reminder that there is specific contract language regarding voluntary transfers. If you are considering a transfer for the 2011/12 school year, please consult the appropriate contract for language. Contract can be viewed on the YCOE website at [yuba.net](http://yuba.net) under "Human Resources" and "For YCOE Employees" sections.



**Party Time!**

**March Birthdays**

Mary Yang	3
Caridad Ramirez	5
David Vasey	8
Kelly Biersdorff	9
Eric Anderson	9
Andrea Peters	11
Kristen Nottle-Powell	15
Kenneth Williams	18
Johnnie Dollins	19
Arletta Adams	19
Dorothy Harman	22
Lei Lani Torres	23
Lisa Tucker	27
Claudia Garcia	28
Betty Adan	31
Jaime Karnes	31

**April Birthdays**

Lynn Swaim	1
Scotia Holmes Sanchez	4
Sean Fetters	6
Chris Reyna	10
Leigh Hardee	14
Lucrecia Rojas	17
Laura Ontiveros	18
Debbie Lockwood	19
Rusty Gordon	20
Cheryl Baxter	24
Sheena Jason	26
Amanda Siler	28
Monique DeVaughn	29
Beth Kuhn	30