

North Valley News

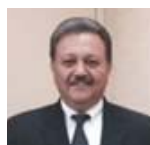
"The best teachers are those that show you where to look, but don't tell you what to see." Alexander Trenfor

Approved by: Rosario Galvan, Principal

November 2, 2015



Veterans' Day: Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 23-27
Schoolwide Accreditation Meetings: 12/9
Benefits Open Enrollment: Nov. 1-22
WASC Visit: April 18-20, 2016



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Rosario Galvan

Last week Student Council did a great job with our Halloween Celebrations. There was a lot of student and staff participation with our door decorating contests and the Halloween dances. There were some great costumes!



This week the NVOC Student Council invites all students to for **"Coffee with the Principal"** in the cafeteria on Tuesday, November 3 at 9:45 am (day students) and 7:00 pm (evening students). It is so important for our school's accreditation process to have student input into our programs and services. Students please bring your questions, comments, suggestions and enthusiasm!! I look forward to seeing you all there.

If Student Council as other sites would like me to come to meet with the students there, please let me know. I would like to meet with as many students as possible!



CCAE NEWS

The California Council for Adult Education (CCAE) membership is open to Teachers, Support Staff, Administrators, Retirees and Students. Sean Abajian is the new CCAE site rep at NVSA. I

If you haven't joined CCAE yet, please contact Sean for a membership form: (818) 365-9645 x381. Why Join? REASON of the week: **SOLIDARITY** -- CCAE is the only organization whose members include teachers, classified staff members, administrators, counselors, students and friends of adult education.



ACCREDITATION

The Accreditation process is an excellent way for us to reflect on our programs and school. This process also takes everyone to make it a collaborative effort. **A special THANK YOU to the teachers who have dedicated their own time to be part of the Leadership Team and to those who are helping with the writing and editing of the documents!**

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

NVOC
Wed., Nov. 4
1:00 pm—3:00 pm
Room 102

The Leadership Team will be identifying strengths and key issues for the future action plan. Action Plan items will be reviewed and revised at the December 9 All School Focus Group Meeting.

NEW LAUSD POLICY BULLETIN



EMPLOYEES' CHILDREN AND VISITORS IN THE WORKPLACE BUL-6600.0

The District does not permit the presence of employees' children or visitors at the work assignment.

The District values an atmosphere that fosters a healthy balance between workplace obligations and family members. However, recurring presence of visitors or family members during work hours is unsuitable in that it detracts from the District's goals of proficiency for all students, presents potential health and safety issues to all involved, and poses a liability to the district.

Critical emergencies should be discussed and pre-approved in writing by the administrator or supervisor.

SAVE THE DATE

CCAE 2015 Fall Awards Dinner

Friday, November 13
Quiet Cannon
901 Via San Clemente
Montebello, CA 90640

Los Angeles Unified School District's

AEBG Adult Education Block Grant Symposium

GET THE LATEST NEWS ON THE ADULT EDUCATION BLOCK GRANT (AB86 AND AB104)

Date: November 7, 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: Sheraton Universal Hotel
333 Universal Hollywood Dr. Universal City, CA 91608

We encourage you to come and learn about the vision and history of the consortium and how the plan will be implemented at LAUSD.

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided and District-Sponsored Training Rate will be paid.

Please notify Harim De Leon at NVOC (harim.deleon@lausd.net) to sign-up to attend the Symposium.

CASAS/EL CIVICS

ESL: CASAS and ELCivics test results will be distributed this week.

Please direct your concerns and questions to the WIOA team.

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EVSC STUDENT COUNCIL

MEETINGS

Student Council will be meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in room 218, and Wednesday, November 4th at 7:30 p.m. in room 206. Members will be discussing and voting on ideas for holiday activities for November and December.

Mission Statement

North Valley Service Area offers educational and training opportunities that provide a diverse population of students with skills to participate more effectively in the family, at work and in the community.

NVSA PILOTING FIRST PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY (PLC) MEETINGS FOR ESL /ACADEMIC PROGRAM GROUPS WORKING TOGETHER

ESL and Academic Program Groups at EVSC are meeting together for the first time this year as a newly formed Professional Learning Community to support the DACE mission and annual objectives (commitment items), and Division instructional plan that includes integration of the College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) and introduction of the PLC process. Instructors from both programs are working collaboratively to discuss areas of need particularly as they pertain to student writing skills, and are brainstorming instructional strategies that could be implemented across both programs, at all course levels to facilitate increased student learning gains.

Many excellent strategies were shared including, but not limited to use of graphic writing frames/organizers, writing single personal introductory paragraphs at all levels, creating student writing portfolios, modeling writing first, peer tutoring/mentoring, reading writing aloud, and mini research projects. Teachers shared ideas, and were asked to experiment with trying out one of the ideas presented so that experiences can be discussed in the upcoming December PLC meeting. December's meeting will focus on coming to consensus on at least one of the instructional strategies to implement in both programs in all classes/levels. After the strategy is implemented in classes for a specific timeframe, teachers will then meet to discuss whether implementation of the instructional strategy had any impact on student learning, either positive or negative (data).

In the classic PLC process, the results (data) will guide our PLC's future instructional choices, and the process continues again. The PLC process not only provides a data-driven strategy to improve professional practice and increase student learning gains, but the collaborative process facilitates the development of a stronger, more connected teaching team. Building an inclusive and supportive teaching team provides a better sense of community, which encourages best teaching practices that benefit our students. Check back with us for updates on our PLC team's success!

HELPING NVSA STUDENTS GET INTO THE WORKFORCE

We are currently doing a pilot project which involves connecting a CTE cohort to the Sun Valley WorkSource Center El Proyecto with the goal of finding jobs for all of the students in the cohort. Mr. Allan Craig, Building and Grounds instructor took his students to the WorkSource Center earlier this month. There the students learned about resume assistance, job leads, interview skills and also heard from a couple of employers including Douglas Emmet who then interviewed ten students on the spot. These Building and Grounds class will culminate on November 18, 2015, we will follow these students as they get into the workforce and keep you informed of their success getting into the workforce.

If you are interested in connecting your students with jobs, please email me at epenuela@lausd.net. We will then plan to visit the center as your students get closer to completing their capstone classes. Big thanks to Mr. John Alvarez, CTE Advisory at NVSA, Sal Moncada WorkSource Representative and Magdalena Duran, WorkSource Director who were instrumental in making this project a reality.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Student Council at all campuses will be coordinating a Thanksgiving Food Drive. We will begin the drive now through Wednesday, November 18 and donate our items to MEND (Meeting Each Need with Dignity) that serves low income families in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. With your help, we can make a difference for a needy family

Please bring unexpired dry and canned goods to your classroom. Food items needed most are Rice, Pinto Beans, Peanut Butter, Canned Vegetables, Canned Soup, Canned Tuna, Canned Fruits and Juices, Canned Tomatoes, Oatmeal, Ground Coffee and Spaghetti.



2016 ANNUAL BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment for eligible employees is Nov. 1—22 for the plan effective Jan. 1, 2016.

During the open enrollment period, employees may access the Benefits Administration website, benefits.lausd.net to:

- ◆ Obtain details on all plan choices, view and download all benefits publicans and forms, and links to benefit providers websites
- ◆ Access the online enrollment site to review current plan benefits and make any desired plan changes

NORTH VALLEY SERVICE AREA HALLOWEEN 2015



