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MISSION STATEMENT

The Sutter County Superintendent of Schools Office is dedicated to delivering successful solutions to the challenges of our local and regional partners by providing innovative support and services to promote education and self-sufficiency.

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BE PREPARED - MORE THAN A SCOUT MOTTO

by Jeff Holland, County Superintendent

I don't need to tell you about the threat of the Virginia Tech incident that was averted here in the Yuba/Sutter area a few weeks ago. Thankfully, nothing developed and the suspect turned himself in without incident. This incident is something we all hope never happens again in our community. However, it did afford the opportunity to put our emergency response and school safety plans into operation for a "real life" event. County office and district plans are similar in structure and provide guidelines for schools on appropriate action they should take in any emergency situation. The county plan also addresses the role our agency provides in concert with local law enforcement and other emergency agencies.

By all indications and feedback this office has received, it appears that appropriate actions were taken by all schools and law enforcement. We had the opportunity to debrief with all superintendents, Yuba County Office of Education, Yuba College, Office of Emergency Services, and law enforcement shortly after the threat was over. Taking the opportunity to review what went well and what areas of improvement were needed provides for an invaluable learning experience for all.

Though we hope no future threats to the safety of students, staff, and community will happen again, it would be foolish to be unprepared. We should always strive to improve our efforts as guardians of safety for our children.

I would like to thank the Sutter and Yuba County law enforcement agencies for their outstanding work, communication, and coordination with other agencies, school districts, and the county office of education. Appreciation is also extended to our local media, KUBA radio and the Appeal-Democrat, for their cooperation and accurate reporting of the incident as it developed and concluded.

I welcome your comments and feedback on how we did. Contact me at 822-2931 or jeffh@sutter.k12.ca.us with your comments, suggestions, and ideas. As a service bureau, we are here to serve the schools of Sutter County.

Out of work, not out of luck!

The Sutter County One Stop is accepting applications for the Youth Program

Are you between the ages of 16-21 years old? Are you a Sutter County resident? If you answered yes to both questions, the Sutter County One Stop may be able to help you find employment. We can offer you job search assistance that may include: job leads, resume development, interviewing techniques, a possible work experience placement, career exploration, and much more. Please visit us at 256 Wilbur Avenue in Yuba City and ask for an application for the Youth Program.

**Some services may require enrollment into the WIA (Workforce Investment Act) Program.*



Park Avenue School

First Place Winner of Wal-Mart Kids Recycling Challenge – Sacramento Region

By Linda Cohee

The Wal-Mart Kids Recycling Challenge is a partnership between Wal-Mart and elementary schools that teaches elementary students about the importance of recycling while earning money for their schools. The contest was held from September 1, 2006 to March 30, 2007. Park Avenue School competed in the Sacramento Region and the contest was organized by the Student Council and teacher, Rita Marler, Student Council Advisor.

The Sacramento Region included all elementary schools in the following counties:

El Dorado County
Nevada County
Placer County
Sacramento County
Sierra County
Solano County
Sutter County
Yolo County
Yuba County



Park Avenue School students turned in **six hundred and-thirty nine** 60-gallon collection bags filled with plastic bags from all grocers and retailers. (That is over ten thousand pounds of plastic bags collected!)

For the six hundred and thirty-nine bags our students earned \$3,195.00. The first prize of \$ 3,000.00 from Wal-Mart makes a total of **\$6,195.00** earned!

Several Park Avenue School employees volunteered to shave their heads in a school assembly if the students met steadily increasing recycling requirements – those employees had their heads shaved on May 25, 2007. They are: Sergio Torres, Pablo Arana, John Bettencourt, Keith Dahlen, Randy Helvey, Richard Hicks and Jesse Rodriguez.

Congratulations are due to all of our students and staff for becoming responsible stewards of our environment – plus we had a lot of fun working together!



The Sutter County One Stop Showcases Its Talents!

The Sutter County One Stop has had many successes in the past year and we wanted to share our wealth of knowledge with other workforce development agencies. With this mission in mind, the One Stop submitted two proposals to the California Workforce Association as a potential presenter at their Annual Spring Conference in San Diego. Both proposals were accepted and we were invited to share our resources and program design with others.

The first presentation was conducted by Rinky Basi and Bobby Chima on client services, titled “Learning the WIA Ropes 101” in relation to the Workforce Investment Act Program. This session served as the beginner's guide to successful program implementation. We emphasized how to meet customer needs and exceed performance numbers while providing exceptional customer service to both external and internal customers. In addition, we discussed our in-depth model on how to serve and capture clients all the way from core to training services.

The second presentation was conducted by Rinky Basi, Linda Baker, and Heather Helmer on business services, titled “No Strings Attached” in relation to the Workforce Investment Act Program. This session explored how to enhance business relationships by taking them to the next level with no strings attached and how to cut the “red tape” and dispel government agency stigmas. Furthermore, we discussed our fee for service venture and how to strengthen our existing business relationships.

Both presentations were well received and many workshop attendees were impressed with the systems that we have in place. We received several compliments and “pats on the back” by staff from other One-Stops who were looking for new innovative ideas. This was a great opportunity for us to highlight our accomplishments for the year and to re-evaluate ourselves on just how much impact we have made in our local community!

Bobby Chima discusses the WIA Program.





2007 Sutter County Spelling Bee



The 25th annual Sutter County Spelling Bee was held March 14 at Boyd Hall, located on the Feather River Academy campus. Forty-one students from twenty-two local elementary schools competed in this bee sponsored by the Sutter-Yuba Association of Realtors and the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools Office.

Spellers were challenged with words such as 'juxtaposition' and 'indefeasible.' Congratulations to all the participants for their win at the school level and to the following 2007 county winners:

First Place	Chris Gramm	Meridian Elementary
Second Place	Jared Seamons	West Walton Elementary
Third Place	Benji Wankmuller	St. Isidore

The first and second place county winners represented Sutter County at the Annual California State Elementary School Spelling Championship on May 19, 2007 at Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park.

The continued participation and support of our community is greatly appreciated. The following people helped make this event a great success, and a special THANK YOU goes to:

Masters of Ceremonies – **Kathleen Hansen**, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Sutter County Superintendent of Schools Office

Bee Coordinator – **Carol Myers**, Sutter County Superintendent of Schools Office

Reader – **Nikki Hu**, Sutter County Superintendent of Schools Office

Judges – **Sandy Dilday**, Sutter Community Bank
Sharon Starmer, Showcase Real Estate
Marianne Karnegas, Heritage House

Logistics – **Suzanne Myers**, Sutter County Superintendent of Schools Office
Kathy Elia, Yuba City Unified School District

Volunteer – **Bud Myers**, Sutter Union High School District



Administrative Assistant Seminar

On April 24, 2007, the Sutter County One Stop held an Administrative Assistant Seminar with over eighty people in attendance. The Paradiso restaurant was a great environment for a day of pampering, learning and of course eating within the garden setting of their enclosed patio room.

The first portion of this seminar included a True Colors presentation by Jennifer Godbold and Susan Odegard. The True Colors information was provided to assist attendees with personal assessment as well as key guidelines on how the group could improve their ability to work together as a team. They were followed by the keynote speaker, Ruth Schwartz, who is the owner of High Performance Advocates. She and her assistant led the group in an interactive game, role playing exercises and conversation as they focused on how important it is to build trust within the workplace. The final portion of this seminar included the FISH philosophy. Linda Baker explained how it can be used to encourage fun at the workplace and improve internal and external customer service.

The Sutter County One Stop plans to provide quality workshops like this one in the future. If you would like to be invited to the next event and you are not already on our list, please call Jennifer Godbold at 822-5120 ext. 3073 and you can be put on our mailing list.

Attendees enjoy a day of pampering, networking and learning.





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Target Store Hosts a Workability I Activity for Students from Tierra Buena Middle School

On February 2nd, students from Tierra Buena Middle School participated in the nationally recognized Job Shadow Day as part of the Workability I Middle School Program. Susan Odegard, Business & Workforce Specialist from the Sutter County One Stop, took a small group of 7th and 8th graders to Target.

Target employees, Thomas Spindler and Michael McMurray gave the students a tour of the entire store and a glimpse into a day in the life of a Target employee. Students were greeted with enthusiasm and invited to ask questions of all of the employees they met. The day ended at the Target Food Court where Thomas and Mike generously provided sodas and popcorn to the entire group.



Pictured left to right are: **Michael McMurray**, Target Team Lead, **Naeem Gors**, 7th grader at Tierra Buena Middle School, and **Thomas Spindler**, Target Executive.



Catherine Hawes, Sutter County Superintendent of Schools payroll specialist, reads to students in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday.

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