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Parent Newsletter

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AND FAMILY READING NIGHT 2026



Dear COA Families,

We are excited to celebrate Reading Month with two special upcoming events — our Scholastic Book Fair and Family Reading Night!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR / MARCH 2–13

Our Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon! Students will visit the Book Fair during the school day with their classes, and families are also welcome to shop during Family Reading Night. We highly encourage families to set up a Scholastic eWallet, which allows you to add money to your child’s account online so they can shop easily and cash-free at the fair. You can set up an eWallet and find all Book Fair details here:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/communityoutreachacademy>

FAMILY READING NIGHT / THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 5:30 PM, PAVILION SITE

Join us for a fun evening of pizza, reading together, and engaging literacy activities for the whole family. We look forward to coming together as a community to celebrate the joy of reading! We hope to see you there!

Уважаемые Семьи COA,

Мы рады отметить Месяц чтения двумя предстоящими особыми мероприятиями — нашей книжной ярмаркой Scholastic и Семейным вечером чтения!

КНИЖНАЯ ЯРМАРКА SCHOLASTIC / 2–13 МАРТА

Наша книжная ярмарка Scholastic скоро начнётся! Ученики посетят ярмарку в учебное время вместе со своими классами, а все наши семьи также смогут сделать покупки книг во время Семейного вечера чтения. Мы настоятельно рекомендуем семьям создать электронный Scholastic (eWallet), который позволяет внести деньги на счёт ребёнка онлайн, чтобы он мог удобно и безналично совершать покупки на книжной ярмарке. Вы можете создать eWallet и найти всю информацию о ярмарке по ссылке:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/communityoutreachacademy>

СЕМЕЙНЫЙ ВЕЧЕР ЧТЕНИЯ / ЧЕТВЕРГ, 5 МАРТА, 17:30, КОРПУС PAVILION

Присоединяйтесь к нам для весёлого вечера с пиццей, совместным чтением и увлекательными мероприятиями по развитию грамотности для всей семьи. Мы с нетерпением ждём возможности собраться все вместе и отпраздновать радость чтения! Надеемся увидеть вас на Вечере Чтения!

Larissa Gonchar, Principal / COA of Arts



БЕЗГРАНИЧНЫЕ ВОЗМОЖНОСТИ GCS: ВЫБОР HIGH SCHOOL

По мере того как наши восьмиклассники начинают задумываться о переходе в старшую школу, важно, чтобы семьи понимали, какие возможности открываются перед детьми. В системе Gateway Community Charters (www.gccscharterers.org) есть разные варианты обучения, и каждая программа подходит разным ученикам в зависимости от их интересов, целей и стиля обучения. В этом месяце мы хотим рассказать о двух школах: Futures High School (<https://www.fhscharter.org>) под руководством директора Висенте Луэвано и CCCS High School (<https://www.cccs-sacramento.org>), которую возглавляет Анжи Фраксаявонг-Брионес. Школа CCCS находится на одном кампусе с COA of Arts. Обе школы объединяет одно: они создают условия, в которых каждый ученик может найти свой собственный путь.

ШКОЛА CCCS – ГИБКОСТЬ, ПОДДЕРЖКА И РЕАЛЬНЫЕ НАВЫКИ



Директор Анжи Фраксаявонг-Брионес выросла в семье беженцев из Лаоса и на собственном опыте знает, как важно, чтобы образование давало не только знания, но и предоставляло возможности. Сегодня этот подход лежит в основе работы школы.

CCCS подходит ученикам, которым важно:

- индивидуальное сопровождение и поддержка
- гибкий график обучения
- возможность совмещать школу с работой или семейными обязанностями
- получение практических профессиональных навыков

В школе развиваются программы профессионального обучения (CTE), которые помогают ученикам попробовать себя в разных сферах – от медицины и общественной безопасности до медиа, кулинарии и работы с животными.

Кроме того, ученики могут проходить курсы колледжа ещё во время школы благодаря партнёрству с Los Rios Community College District и American River College. Главная идея школы – помочь ребёнку не просто закончить обучение, а понять, куда он хочет двигаться дальше.



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FUTURES HIGH SCHOOL – РАННИЙ СТАРТ В КОЛЛЕДЖ



История директора Висенте Луэвано началась с простой работы в школе, где работала его мама. Со временем он стал учителем, а затем руководителем, и сегодня он строит школу, где ученики получают реальные возможности для будущего. Futures

- это школа формата Early College. Это значит, что ученики могут:
- получить диплом старшей школы
- заработать колледжные кредиты заранее
- лучше подготовиться к университету
- сэкономить время и деньги на дальнейшем обучении

Школа подойдёт семьям, которые ценят структуру, ответственность и серьёзный академический подход. Здесь ученикам помогают ставить цели, развивать дисциплину и уверенность в своих силах. Основной принцип Futures – не просто выпуск, а подготовка к взрослой жизни.



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ЧТО ОБЪЕДИНЯЕТ ОБЕ ШКОЛЫ

И CCCS, и Futures создают условия, в которых ученики получают поддержку, реальные навыки, возможность попробовать разные направления, подготовку к колледжу и профессии

Самое важное – у выпускников появляется выбор. А значит, появляется и уверенность в будущем.



ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES: OPTIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL IN GCC



As our 8th grade students begin thinking about high school, one of our goals is to help families understand the different options available at GCC so that they can select the program that best aligns with their interests, goals, and learning style. This month, we would like to highlight two schools and their Principals. Vicente Luevano of Futures High School and Angee Phraxayavong-Briones of CCCS High School which shares the campus with the COA of Arts. At the heart of both schools are leaders whose journey reflects the same resilience, determination, and hope we want for every student who enters our campus.

Leadership with Purpose: The Vision Behind CCCS 9-12 SCHOOL'S INNOVATION

Principal Angee Phraxayavong-Briones brings more than educational experience to campus (14+ years at Gateway Community Charters and Community Collaborative Charter School), she brings a life story that deeply shapes the programs and opportunities available to students today. Raised in a low-income household by refugee parents from Laos and then needing a different learning environment than traditional in high school, she learned early that education is more than academics; it is access, empowerment, and possibility. As a first-generation American who was also an English learner, school was not just a place to learn — it was the pathway to opportunity, stability, and a voice. That belief now drives the innovative work happening at CCCS CTE and Independent Study High School, where students are supported not only in earning credits but in igniting futures.

A School Designed for Real Life

Under Principal Phraxayavong-Briones' leadership, the school focuses on preparing students for both graduation and life beyond high school. Programs are intentionally built around:

- ▶ **Personalized academic plans** that keep students on track for graduation while exploring their interests and strengths
- ▶ **Flexible Independent Study structures** that support students balancing work, family responsibilities, or unique learning needs
- ▶ **Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways** that give students hands-on, career-connected learning experiences. (*Culinary, Patient Care, Animal Science, Media & Managerial Arts, Public Safety, and Health and Human Services*)
- ▶ **College and workforce readiness skills**, including goal setting, accountability, and self-advocacy
- ▶ **Dual Enrollment** - which allows students to take college courses while still in high school (Partnership with Los Rios - American River College)

CCCS's approach blends high expectations in academics with strong relationships. At the same time, staff prioritize connection, encouragement, and a sense of belonging as a Phoenix with the PBIS RISE Expectations (Respectful, Inclusive, Safe, Excellence) — because students thrive when they feel seen and supported. Principal Phraxayavong-Briones is especially passionate about giving students opportunities to innovate, think creatively, and build confidence. Whether

through project-based learning, career exploration, or CTE skill-building, students are encouraged to see themselves as capable problem-solvers and future professionals.

FUTURES HIGH SCHOOL: Built on Purpose, Driven by Opportunity

Principal Vicente's journey in education didn't begin in an office, it began with a broom. As a janitor at the school where his mother worked, he learned early that schools are more than buildings; they are communities. He later transitioned into working as a paraeducator during summers while attending college, eventually earning his degree and becoming a teacher for students facing significant challenges. After ten years as a P.E. teacher, he stepped into administration and is now entering his fourth year as an administrator, bringing with him a deep understanding of what students need at every level. That lived experience shapes his leadership at Futures High School.

An Early College Model with Real Impact

Under Principal Vicente's leadership, Futures High School is intentionally designed for families who want structure, accountability, college exposure, and educators who challenge students to rise. Futures is a small Early College high school, and that distinction matters. Students have the opportunity to graduate not only with a high school diploma, but with significant college credit through the school's partnership with Los Rios and American River College. This model changes trajectories, academically and financially. By reducing the time and cost required to earn a college degree, students leave Futures with momentum and options. At its core, Futures focuses on:

- ▶ **Early College pathways** that give students authentic exposure to college expectations
- ▶ **College and Career Readiness** that bridges academics with real-world applications
- ▶ **Strong academic support systems** designed to help students meet high expectations
- ▶ **A deep commitment to student belonging**, ensuring every student feels part of something bigger

Futures High School is built for families who value structure, accountability, and long-term thinking. The school's motto, "Battle as One", reflects a culture rooted in unity, character, and collective responsibility. Principal Vicente emphasizes that Futures is not flashy, it is focused. The school believes in data-driven improvement: *We don't guess. We measure, adjust, and grow.* Systems are intentionally built around students, and the results speak for themselves, students consistently outperform expectations because the school builds around their needs. High expectations are paired with real support. Staff challenge students while also providing the scaffolding necessary to succeed. The goal is not simply graduation, it is preparation. Futures intentionally aligns academics with career pathways in high-demand fields, including engineering, biomedical science, and other CTE opportunities. The school is expanding career-aligned pathways in technology and emerging industries to ensure students are prepared for both college and workforce success. The Early College model is not an add-on, it is becoming the school's defining identity. Futures is strengthening this model while also:

- ▶ Expanding career-connected pathways
- ▶ Building stronger collaboration systems among staff
- ▶ Hosting student recognition events and increasing parent engagement
- ▶ Exploring ways to position Futures as a true destination program

At Futures High School, everything comes back to one central mission: giving students options when they graduate.



READING TAKES YOU PLACES



FAMILY READING NIGHT



THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 5:30 PM

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE: PAVILION SITE



Welcome aboard Flight COA
— where every book is a
ticket to a new adventure!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Pizza
- Photobooth
- Giveaways

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🌐 outreachacademy.org
📍 5640 Dudley Blvd.
McClellan, CA

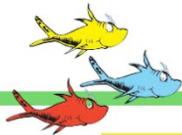


Read Across America Spirit Week

MARCH 2-6

MONDAY

One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish
Wear red and blue



Fox in Sox day
Wear your craziest socks

TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

Green Eggs and Ham day
Wear green today



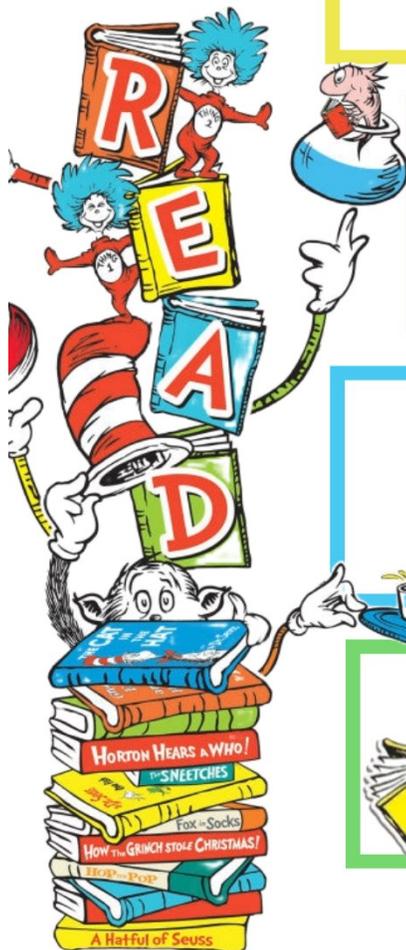
School Spirit Day: Character Day
Dress as your favorite character

THURSDAY



FRIDAY

Cat in the Hat day
Wear stripes





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Hello COA Family,

As we celebrated National School Counseling Appreciation Week, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to my family, friends, and the entire team at COA Middle School for making the first week of February so meaningful. I am truly grateful for the people in my life and in our school community who recognize the dedication, time, and heart that go into every activity, event, and counseling session in support of our students.

It is a privilege to be surrounded by individuals who are deeply committed and motivated to create brighter outcomes for tomorrow. The support we provide extends far beyond academics. It includes nurturing students socially and emotionally, helping them develop a sense of belonging, keeping our doors open during lunch so they have someone to talk to, encouraging them to strive for their best, preparing them for challenges, and guiding them as they learn to overcome those challenges. I take great pride in the work I do, and witnessing our students' growth and resilience is both rewarding and inspiring.

This month, we have begun ELPAC testing. Students who are identified as English Learners will be participating in this important assessment, which measures their progress in English language development. To help your child feel confident and prepared, we encourage the following: prepare the night before and ensure their computer is fully charged, make sure they get a good night's sleep, provide a healthy breakfast each morning, ensure they arrive at school on time, and remind them to take their time and do their very best on each section of the test. Your support at home plays an important role in their success at school. Thank you for your continued support.

Здравствуйте, Семьи COA,

В рамках Национальной недели признания школьных консультантов хочу от всего сердца поблагодарить свою семью, друзей и всю команду COA Middle School за то, что сделали первую неделю февраля такой тёплой и значимой для меня. Я очень ценю людей в своей жизни и в нашем школьном сообществе, которые видят и понимают, сколько

сил, времени и души вкладывается в каждое мероприятие, каждый проект и каждую встречу с учениками. Для меня большая честь работать рядом с людьми, которые искренне преданы своему делу и стремятся создавать для наших детей лучшее будущее. Наша поддержка — это не только про учёбу. Это про заботу о социальном и эмоциональном развитии детей, про создание чувства безопасности и принадлежности, про открытые двери кабинета во время обеда, когда ребенку просто нужно поговорить. Мы вдохновляем учеников стараться, поддерживаем их в трудностях и помогаем учиться справляться с вызовами. Я горжусь своей работой, и видеть, как растут и крепнут наши ученики, — это самая большая награда.

В этом месяце началось тестирование ELPAC. Ученики со статусом English Learners проходят важную оценку, которая показывает их прогресс в изучении английского языка. Чтобы ребёнок чувствовал себя увереннее, просим вас помочь с подготовкой: заранее проверить, чтобы компьютер был полностью заряжен, обеспечить хороший сон, здоровый завтрак и своевременный приход в школу. Напомните детям не торопиться и стараться показать свои лучшие знания в каждой части теста. Ваша поддержка дома действительно имеет большое значение. Спасибо вам за доверие и постоянную поддержку.



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BASKETBALL ACADEMY

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Sharpen Your Skills & Build Your Character!

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LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION: 02/26/2026

- Time: 1pm - 4pm
- Dates: 03/10/2026 - 03/13/2026
- Location: COA MS GYM
- Bring comfortable shoes
- Bring a water bottle
- Parents are welcome by our parents



**SURPRISE VISIT FROM SACRAMENTO KINGS PLAYER
& ASSISTANT COACH BOBBY JACKSON!**



International **WOMEN'S** *day celebration*



**FRIDAY
MARCH 6
1:30 PM-3:00 PM**

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- Public Charge consultations
- Health care access questions

SERVICES WE OFFER, PENDING CAPACITY:

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- Green Card Renewals
- U visas/T visas
- VAWA Petitions
- Removal Defense
- Asylum



Sacramento, CA



916-241-3355

*In order to receive legal services from California Immigration Project, the potential client's household income must be under 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. All CIP legal services are free of charge; however, clients are expected to pay any applicable application filing fees.

To reach California Immigration Project, please call and leave one voicemail on our message line (916) 241-3355. We do not currently have the capacity to take walk-in appointments.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACADEMY OF ARTS

OPEN ENROLLMENT

FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

December 19 - March 6, 2026

SCHOOL FEATURES:

- 20+ Years of Academic Excellence
- World Language Program
- STEM, Music, Art, PE Programs
- Bilingual Staff
- Extended After School Program
- Technology Enhanced Classrooms

APPLY ONLINE:
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TK-5 GRADE

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McClellan, CA





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DRIVE THRU & WALK UP FOOD DISTRIBUTION

in partnership with Sac Food Bank

Every other Friday,
12:30-1:30 PM
at Pavilion Site,
5640 Dudley Blvd. McClellan, CA
**first come, first serve*



CalFresh/CFAP

Eligible for CalFresh after April 1	Eligible for CFAP after April 1
Citizens of the United States	Lawful Permanent Residents who have not met the five-year waiting period and do not qualify for an exemption
Noncitizen U.S. Nationals	Parolees (paroled in US for over one year)* but less than 5-yr waiting period and no exemption (rare)
Lawful Permanent Residents (who has met the 5-year waiting period or qualify for an exemption)	Battered Noncitizens aka VAWA self-petitioners (who have not met the five-year waiting period and do not qualify for an exemption)
Cuban-Haitian Entrants	Individuals with pending or granted U-Visas, survivors of trafficking preparing to file a T-Visa within 1 year or with pending T-Visas and no ORR certification (uncertain) [SB 1569]
Individuals who reside in the U.S. in accordance with a Compact of Free Association (COFA) Agreement	

*Effective June 1, 2026, or when the statewide system is ready, people with parole status of any length will be eligible for CFAP.



What is California Food Assistance Program (CFAP)?

State-funded food stamps for non-citizens who do not qualify for federal food stamps because of their immigration status. The benefits are exactly the same as CalFresh.

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PARENT CAREER WORKSHOPS & ESL CLUB

You are invited to join The Parent Career Workshop, which is designed to support parents in exploring career pathways, building job-readiness skills, and gaining confidence as they pursue employment or career advancement.

To help parents reach these goals, we also offer a free, practical ESL program focused on real workplace communication and everyday life skills.

This program includes:

- Series of lessons focused on job preparation
- Resume and cover letter in simple English
- Work-related vocabulary and useful phrases
- Job Interview preparation
- Lots of speaking practice
- Real-life dialogues and situations

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE AND COMPLETE A SHORT REGISTRATION FORM. WE WILL CONTACT YOU WITH FURTHER DETAILS.



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МАЙСТЕР-КЛАСИ ДЛЯ БАТЬКІВ ТА КЛУБ ESL

Ми запрошуємо вас долучитися до Parent Career Workshop — програма для підтримки батьків у виборі кар'єрного шляху, розвитку навичок, необхідних для працевлаштування, та впевненості у собі під час пошуку роботи або кар'єрного зростання.

Щоб допомогти батькам досягти цих цілей, ми також пропонуємо безкоштовний практичний курс з вивчення англійської мови (ESL), який включає:

- Серію занять, спрямованих на підготовку до працевлаштування
- Резюме та супровідний лист
- Робочу лексику та корисні фрази
- Підготовку до співбесіди
- Багато розмовної практики
- Діалоги та ситуації з реального життя



БУДЬ ЛАСКА, ВІДСКАНУЙТЕ QR-КОД І ЗАПОВНІТЬ КОРОТКУ РЕЄСТРАЦІЙНУ ФОРМУ. МИ ЗВ'ЯЖЕМОСЯ З ВАМИ ТА НАДАМО ДОДАТКОВУ ІНФОРМАЦІЮ.

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