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# The Inyo Insight

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## Greetings from Lisa Fontana

Greetings all Inyo County education personnel and welcome back to school.

We are off to a great start to what looks to be an excellent school year! I would like to introduce myself to all of you and highlight a few upcoming activities I know you and your students will enjoy.

I am your new County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Lisa Fontana. I am delighted to be part of the Inyo County Office of Education team. I have been, most recently the Superintendent/Principal of a small, rural district in El Dorado County and was the Alpine County Superintendent of Schools before that. My husband, David, and I enjoy exploring the Eastern Sierras and visiting with our adult children



and grandchildren.

Here at the County Office, we have many wonderful activities and events planned for teachers, leaders, support personnel and our students. Be sure to read

our newsletters, website and new Facebook page to find out about this year's Spelling Bee, Writing Contest, Outdoor Education Adventures, workshops and more. At the Inyo County Superintendent of School's (ICSOS) office, we are here

to serve, so please give us feedback and share ideas on training offerings, contests and whatever else is on your mind.

Thank you for all you do every day for our students and we hope you have a fantastic school year!

### Millpond Music Festival 9th Annual "Night for Educators" Friday, Sep. 16th

Save the date and look for more information about picking up your wristbands, coming soon!

#### Here's what will be happening:

5:30–6:30pm: Beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres available at the tent for educators—sponsored by Jake Ramuson & Associates-Coldwell Banker & Associates; McDonald's of Mammoth, Bishop, and Lone Pine; and Manor Market

6:30pm: Fiddlin' Pete

7:45pm: Achilles Wheel

9:10pm: Roy Rogers & the Delta Rhythm Kings

#### Wristbands must be worn at the gate for admission!



## Inyo County TechStravaganza! October 28, 2016

For the second year, ICSOS will offer a conference-style event for Inyo County educators during the fall countywide professional learning day. Although a main focus for the conference is on using technology for teaching and learning, there will also be sessions devoted to non-technology-based topics. This year your colleagues will be part of the presentation team; if there is a technology-related topic that you would like to present, please let us know! Teachers will be able to choose sessions from a menu of options including: Google Apps for Education, which covers Draw, MyMaps, and Classroom; creating multi-media projects with students; technology for the math classroom; literacy in mathematics; social and emotional learning with Mindfulness; Using the Daily 5 in the K-2 classroom; and how to create and use HyperDocs.

At the end of the day, there will be a Technology Showcase where teachers can mingle and see how colleagues across the county are using technology to improve teaching and learning. If you would like to participate in the showcase by sharing a favorite tech tool or student-created product, please contact Lo, Ilissa or Tiffany at 760-873-3262.

Look for a conference flyer coming soon!

## Welcome, New Educators!

Congratulations to all of the following individuals who have accepted new positions in our schools!

### BIG PINE USD:

Alison Amberg  
Dany Hermiz  
Jerome Webber  
Lauren Zierer

### BISHOP USD:

*Bishop Elementary:*  
Kim Beard  
Cindy Cox  
Jennifer Giacomini  
Breanne Leeson  
Jessica Sharkey  
Kathy Smith  
Heidi Taylor  
Nancy Thornburg  
Kelly Willy

### Home Street MS:

Tim Maloney  
Alyssa Spratt  
Karen Tomasek

### Bishop Union HS:

Franz Borow  
Cronus Dillard  
Laura Ketcham  
Julie Misenhimer  
Makena Morehead  
Angela Owens  
Arnie Palu  
Tim Wichersheim  
Shannon Winzenread

### DEATH VALLEY USD:

Stacy Frick

### ICSOS:

Amy Harris  
Aimee Duncan  
Chad Knight  
Mini Mantzouranis  
Nicole Manuelito  
Carlie McKinley  
Justin Norcross  
Joshua Opp  
Tiffany Randall  
Tanya Spoonhunter  
Diana Thompson-Sorric  
Richard Valadez

### LONE PINE USD:

*Lo-Inyo*  
Gillian Jacobson

### ROUND VALLEY JESD:

Mike States  
Phile Wiese  
Gabrielle Guerrero  
Jennifer Simpson

### Palisade Glacier High:

Carrie Brooks  
Chris Ecklund

### Keith Bright Juvenile Court School:

Margaret Matlick

### North Star Counseling Center:

Jaimie Flippin

# New Curriculum Frameworks are here!

California will be releasing two new Curriculum Frameworks this fall: the History/Social Science Framework adopted in July, and the Science Framework which is based on the Next Generation Science Standards and will be approved by the State Board of Education this fall. Standards are often referred to as the “what” students should know and be able to do, and the Curriculum Framework is the document that provides the “how”.

While much of the H/SS Framework will be familiar to teachers since the standards-based content hasn't changed, there are also many new features. First and foremost, the Framework integrates the Common Core Standards for Literacy and the new English Language Development standards. In the chapters for each grade level, teachers will find examples and strategies for the integration of content and literacy instruction. There is also

a new focus on inquiry and critical thinking in this revision. According to California History Social Science Project Director Nancy McTygue in her [blog post](#), “Each grade level chapter is organized around large questions of significance, supplemented with questions to organize instruction around more discrete eras, movement, or periods.”

The new Science Framework, based on standards that differ substantially in format and organization from the old Science Standards, is quite different from the old Framework. The new document describes the three dimensions of learning from the NGSS (Science and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Crosscutting Concepts) and shows how the dimensions interrelate in the context of science content. Like the new Mathematics Framework, the Science

Framework incorporates many examples of how teachers can address the new Practices. And like the History Framework, the Science Framework addresses the CCSS, including opportunities for ELA/ELD connections as well as opportunities for Mathematics connections. Each grade level features vignettes that describe what we might see and hear in a Science classroom. The Science Framework provides useful guidance for teachers as they begin transitioning to the NGSS.

Teachers can access the Frameworks online by clicking the links below:

- [History Social Science Framework](#)
- [Draft Science Framework](#)

There is some interesting information about the H/SS Framework on the CHSSP blog [here](#).

# Save the Date!

## WRITING CONTEST

SEPTEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 4

6th - 8th Grades

At your site

## NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

OCTOBER 5, 2016

Bishop, Big Pine and Toiyabe

## COLLEGE DAY

OCTOBER 21, 2016

8th Grade

Cerro Coso College, Bishop

## UNR TRIP

NOVEMBER 29-30, 2016

8th Grade

More information coming soon

## COLDWELL BANKER SPEECH CONTEST

DECEMBER 14, 2016—6PM

6th - 8th Grades

Jill Kinmont Boothe School

## ALTRUSA SPELLING BEE

JANUARY 26, 2017—6PM

Jill Kinmont Boothe School

## POETRY OUT LOUD

DATE TBD (FEBRUARY 2017)

11th & 12th Grades

Inyo Council for the Arts

## COLLEGE & CAREER DAY

MAY 19, 2017

5th Grade

Cerro Coso College, Bishop

# Summer Camp at Sierra Adventure Center!



For more pictures and information, visit our [Facebook page here](#)

# FREE Adult Education Classes

Spread the word! ICSOS is now offering free classes for adults who want to brush up on math or reading skills, or learn life skills such as resumé writing, preparing for interviews, and budgeting. All classes will take place at Bishop Union High School from 7-8pm, and will run in six-week sessions.

- **Basic Math**—will help adults develop confidence in math by going through important skills step-by-step. Class dates: Tuesdays, September 13-October 25.
- **Basic Reading and Writing**—will emphasize vocabulary, reading comprehension, and writing skills in relation to life experiences. Class dates: Wednesdays, September 14-October 26.
- **Skills You Need: Personal, Career, Life**—will prepare individuals to enter the workforce, as well as to balance work and home life. Class dates: Thursdays, Sept. 15-Oct. 27.

For more information, contact Karen Kong at 760-873-3262 x2112 or email: [kkong@icsos.us](mailto:kkong@icsos.us)

# Teachers: Art Docents Needed!

Inyo Council for the Arts is in need of new parent volunteers for the 2016/2017 Art Docent Program.



If you know someone who might like to volunteer, or you would like an Art Docent for your class, please email Erin Livingston at [schoolarts@inyo.org](mailto:schoolarts@inyo.org) or call 873-8014. Learn more about the program at the Art Docent Informational Social on Sept. 21 at 5:30 PM at the ICA Gallery.