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Welcome *by Barry Simpson*

Hello Everyone and Happy New Year! Greetings from my new office at the newly **re-named** Inyo County Office of Education! It is a great honor to serve as the next Inyo County Superintendent of Schools and I am excited to start this new chapter of my career.

Over the next six months I am looking forward to getting to know my new staff, learning the ropes of this new position, and continuing to provide Superintendent services to Bishop Unified while they complete their Superintendent search. There is a great deal of work ahead in the new year, but I am looking forward to the challenge!

As the new County Superintendent I have a number of educational initiatives that I would like to accomplish, some of which will include supporting Career Technical Education, improving chronic absenteeism, expanding early education options, and improving school safety and technology - just to name a few. Ultimately, my only goal is to serve the students of Inyo County.

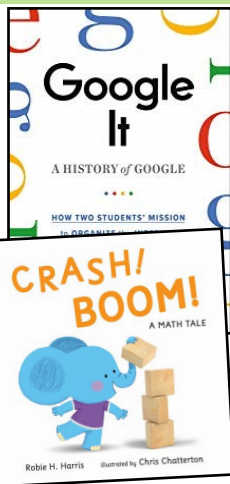
I believe our county office of education functions best when it is serving students by working closely with our school districts and providing great service. If we recognize our shared interdependence and

continue to look for opportunities to collaborate, I know our students will thrive!

Have a great 2019 and I look forward to working with all of you here at the **Inyo County Office of Education!**



Ring in the New Year with STEM books & the CAST Training Tests *by Ilissa Twomey*



It's a new year and there are two new resources to share in support of science teaching and learning. The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) has released the Best STEM Books of 2019. These books explore problems and possible solutions in the world around us. According to NSTA, "The Best STEM Books help by celebrating convergent and divergent thinking, analysis and creativity, persistence, and the sheer joy of figuring things out." Explore titles ranging from *Google It: The History of Google* for secondary readers to *Crash Boom: A Math Tale* for our youngest readers. Check out the full list at <http://static.nsta.org/pdfs/2019BestSTEMBooks.pdf>...and if you are interested in winning a copy of one of these books for your classroom, enter the raffle using this link: <https://goo.gl/ZyPkzM>. Three names will be drawn on January 22d and announced in the February Inyo Insight.

Released this past November, new training tests for the California Science Test (CAST) are available. The CAST training tests provide an opportunity to introduce students to new item types. Three separate tests (one each for grades five and eight and one for high school) are available, and they include accessibility resources to match those available on the CAST. The training tests include stand alone test items in addition to one performance task. Find them at <http://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html> and see these [detailed directions](#) on how to access the tests.

Save the Date!

SPELLING BEE

JANUARY 31, 2019
4th–8th Grade
Jill Kinmont Boothe School

POETRY OUT LOUD

FEBRUARY 6, 2019
9th-12th Grade
Inyo Council for the Arts

HISTORY DAY

MARCH 14, 2019
4th-12th Grade
Jill Kinmont Boothe School

SPEECH CONTEST

APRIL 11, 2019
6th-8th Grade
Jill Kinmont Boothe School

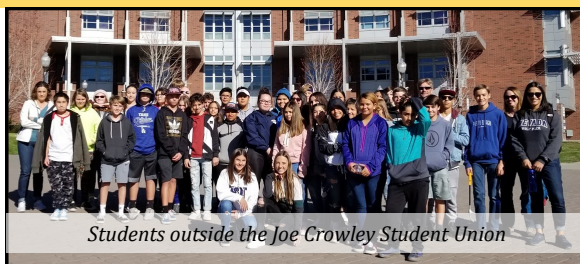
COLLEGE AND CAREER DAY

APRIL 29, 2019
5th Grade
Cerro Coso College, Bishop

8th Grade College Trip, UNR *by Tiffany Randall*



Students outside the Fitness Center



Students outside the Joe Crowley Student Union



Students meeting the Volleyball team