



Inyo County Office of Education  
Barry D. Simpson, Superintendent

# The Inyo Insight

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## Welcome!

By Barry D. Simpson

Greetings from the Inyo County Office of Education! It's my pleasure to say welcome back and best wishes to a great new school year in 2019-2020! I am so excited to move forward in my new role as the Inyo County Superintendent of Schools and I look forward to working with all of the educators in our county as we support district programs and student achievement.

I'd like to take a moment to remind our teachers that September is "Attendance Awareness Month." As you know, Chronic Absenteeism is a serious issue in Inyo County. More than 1 in 10 students in Inyo County misses more than 18 days in each school year. I think we can agree this is far

too many. To that end, we will be working closely with your site administrators to improve attendance through our Attend, Achieve, Succeed attendance campaign. I hope that you will help me work with our students and families to address the importance of school attendance. The first step to success is just showing up!

In addition to our Attendance Campaign we also look forward to working with each of our districts on other projects including Technology Improvements, School Safety, College and Career Readiness and many other exciting projects. Please continue to look for information on these activities in the Inyo Insight.

Finally, I'd like to personally invite each of you to our Night for Educators at the Millpond Music Festival on Friday, September 20th. I look forward to seeing everyone there, so don't forget to call for your tickets. As always, thank you for what you do for our students in Inyo County and have a great school year!



## Thanks for Reading!



Last May we raffled off three Spellbinder Gift Cards to celebrate the end of the school year and reading our newsletter. The three lucky recipients were:

*Abby Sada, Alison Amberg, Michele Dossey*

Keep an eye out for similar giveaways in upcoming newsletters.

Thanks for all that you do!

## Information at Our Fingertips

Last year, California State Library databases were made publically available to students and teachers. Students can access Encyclopedia Britannica (also available in Spanish), ProQuest, and Teachingbooks.net. For more detailed descriptions of each resource, please see this Google slide [presentation](#). ICOE has also purchased some licenses for CalSnap (formerly known as MediaSnap) so those that would like to continue to access that resource can do so. CalSnap is a searchable, curated collection of safe and vetted K-12 resources. In addition to the California State Library resources and other open sources, CalSnap includes a subscription to California Streaming. For a complete list of CalSnap partners, see this [document](#). If you would like a login for CalSnap, please contact Ilissa Twomey at [itwomey@inyocoe.org](mailto:itwomey@inyocoe.org) by September 20th.



## Welcome New Educators!

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

### BIG PINE USD

Anna Marie Fitt  
Amy Leist  
Robert Nielsen

### BISHOP USD

Marnie Casteel  
Jon Ray  
Lucy Terrasas

### Bishop Elementary:

Kristi Boxley  
Tiffany Randall  
Abby Sada

Michael Salemi

Adele Schopf

### Home Street MS:

David Fulkerson  
Danielle Grate  
Crystal Martinez  
Lyndsie Schneider

### Bishop Union HS:

Annie Camacho  
Jessica McElroy  
Demi Milici  
Derek Moisant

Joni Riggs

### ICOE

Leif Arntsen  
Kristin Carr  
Randy Cook  
Sarah Franks  
Troy Johnson  
Jane Pace  
Barry Simpson  
Hailey Thomas

### LONE PINE USD

Patrick Traynor

### Lo Inyo Elementary:

Ken Dutton  
Angelina LaCour  
Phillip Wiese

### Lone Pine High:

Vanessa Smith

### OWENS VALLEY USD

Ron Simmons

### ROUND VALLEY

Geraldo Sarmiento

## Millpond Music Festival 11th Annual "Night for Educators" Friday, September 20th

Reserve your free Friday night passes by Friday Sept. 13th!  
760-873-3262 ext. 2102



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

# New Week of Inspirational Math(s) Resources

By Ilissa Twomey

Jo Boaler's work around developing a mathematical mindset in students has been featured in a past [newsletter](#), and we are pleased to share that additional tasks have been added to the [youcubed website](#). In addition to having access to pre-made playlists, teachers can now build a customized Week of Inspirational Math (WIM) lesson plan for K-12 by selecting one growth mindset or brain science video, one resource for creating a positive classroom environment and an open, creative math task that's suitable for the grade level you are teaching. The tasks are "low-floor, high-ceiling" showing students that everyone can engage in problem solving and succeed in mathematics. There are multiple methods, pathways and visual representations that can be used to engage with the tasks. Although many teachers use WIM to set the tone for the school year, the 5-day series could also be used to start a new unit or mathematical concept. Check out WIM and other resources at [youcubed.org](#).



## ICOE Summer Camp 2019



## Save the Date!

### COLLEGE DAY

OCTOBER 25,

2019

8th Grade

Cerro Coso

College, Bishop



### SPELLING BEE

FEBRUARY 12,  
2020

4th—8th Grades

Jill Kinmont

Boothe School



# POETRY OUT LOUD

### POETRY OUT LOUD

FEBRUARY 5, 2020

(tentative date)

9th-12th Grades

Inyo Council for the Arts

### SPEECH CONTEST

MARCH 12,  
2020

6th-8th Grades

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### COLLEGE AND CAREER DAY

APRIL 7, 2020

5th Grade

Cerro Coso

College, Bishop



### STEAM SHOWCASE

APRIL 30, 2020

4:30 - 7:30PM

K-12th Grades

Tri-County Fairgrounds

Please contact Mini at  
[mdoonan@inyocoe.org](mailto:mdoonan@inyocoe.org) with  
questions about student events.