



Triggs News
Dr. Jonna Triggs

Principal's Corner:

As the school year draws to an end I look back at all we've accomplished for our students. Family members, teachers, para-educators, speech therapists, occupational therapists, adaptive PE teachers, behavior specialists, and other support staff have diligently worked together to develop and make progress on the individualized goals identified in the IEPs of the 108 students enrolled in the 14 classes under my supervision. It is often challenging work but the rewards are always gratifying. We all celebrate the gains made by a child who gradually learns he can communicate his needs using a communication device and no longer needs to feel frustration because he can't make himself understood. We all celebrate the little steps made by each and every student as each moves toward more independent functioning.

As the school year comes to a close, I wish everyone a safe and exciting summer break and I look forward to seeing everyone next Fall.



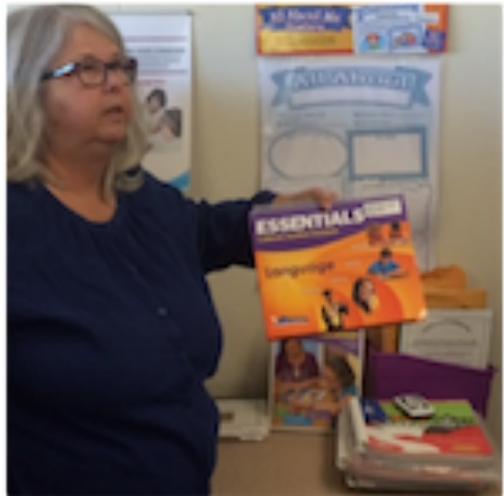
From the classroom of:
Bingta Francke, Seaside High School

Ms. Bingta Francke takes her high school class into the surrounding community twice a week to practice a variety of skills from how to find specific food items in a grocery store, to pre-vocational skill training at the CSUMB Watershed plant nursery. The students are learning the skills necessary for independent living and vocational opportunities in addition to learning functional academics like how to pay for items with the correct amount of money. These functional, pre-vocational skills will serve the students well as they near completion of high school, as they turn 18, and plan to attend one of the Transition programs available in Monterey County for special education students ages 18-22.



The students all look forward to their excursions into the community and often enjoy a break at a local restaurant after they complete their tasks to celebrate their successful trip.

From the Speech & Language Pathologist



Speech & Language Pathologist, Barbara Stillwell, recently trained MCOE Principals on the variety of materials available at the CAT Resource Center located at the Boronda Community School. Many of the materials are available for check out by teachers.

From the Social Worker

News from Bolsa Knolls:

Phrani Diksa, MCOE Special Education Social Worker, and John Aulenta, MCOE School Psychologist, have started a social skills group with students from the classes of Terri Hawkins and Angela Draper. Students and staff discuss fun ways to have social conversations with students and adults. We're finding out neat things about each other and learning new conversational skills at the same time. Everyone looks forward to these Thursday morning social skills groups.

Upcoming Calendar of Breaks, Events, Testing

New Republic Elementary School

May 1, 2015

All MCOE Field Day at Rabofield

May 4-15, 2015

California Alternative Assessment (CAA) testing for grades 3-5

May 29, 2015

Last day of school-minimum day

Boronda Meadows Elementary School

May 1, 2015

All MCOE Field Day at Rabofield

May 4-15, 2015

California Alternative Assessment (CAA) testing for grades 3-6

June 5, 2015

Last day of school-minimum day

Bolsa Knolls Middle School

May 1, 2015

All MCOE Field Day at Rabofield

May 4-15, 2015

California Alternative Assessment (CAA) testing for grades 3-8

May 29, 2015

Last day of school-minimum day

Seaside High School

May 1, 2015

All MCOE Field Day at Rabofield

June 5, 2015

Graduation Day

