Welcome back to school everyone! Our West Sacramento classes started first on August 10th, then Woodland classes on August 15th, and Davis classes on August 23rd. The start of the school year is going well as students and staff are settling in and getting back into the swing of things.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer, but I know I am looking forward to cooler weather in the months to come. This month of September has started out very hot and it looks like the next couple of weeks will be warm. Please keep hydrated and stay indoors when needed.

If you have any questions about your students and their classrooms, you can give me a call or email me.

- Jessica Bohatch
Updates

Our Westfield Village Elementary MD class moved over to Riverbank Elementary this summer. Riverbank is a wonderful school full of trees and kind staff. We are thankful to have our classroom on the campus.

In addition, we have new teachers in Davis and Woodland: Alison Kennedy, our new teacher in the Adult Living Skills program and Tye Hertel, our new teacher in the Whitehead Horizon grade 6 classroom.

Welcome back to all our returning teachers, para educators, service providers and administrative staff.

Curriculum

In our many varied programs in Yolo County Office of Education, not only do we use curriculum and textbooks from our host districts, but we also use a multitude of curriculum to help our students succeed. I cannot include all that we use in one newsletter, but I did want to send a sample of some of the curriculum that is used at YCOE:

- Unique Learning System
- AVID
- Virtual Job Shadow
- Oneder
- Zones of Regulation
- Reading with Relevance
- Help Kidz Learn
- Learning for Justice
- AIM
- Second Step
Celebrating Staff

Jessica Wiegel is an Infant Special Education teacher with YCOE and recently transferred over to that position over the summer. Jessica has been with YCOE for over 16 years and has worked as a teacher in our Court and Community Schools and for years was our Multiple Disabilities teacher in West Sacramento and Woodland. Jessica loves to travel and eat. This summer Jessica endeavored to help the Special Education department set up the new MD classroom at Riverbank Elementary and retrofit the MD classrooms at Yolo Education Center. Her help in moving, arranging, decorating, completing paperwork, training staff, and setting up curriculum and daily lesson plans for two classrooms for the school year has been invaluable.

Rose Jinkhie-Villasan is a para educator at Riverbank Elementary School. Rose was an integral part of helping set up the Riverbank MD classroom and helping our new special education teacher and staff daily in the classroom. Rose is knowledgeable about our students, special education, and classroom needs. Rose is married and she spent the summer traveling with her husband. She is originally from the Philippines and makes a wonderful cheesecake flan dessert that staff beg her to bring to potlucks.
COVID Updates

Yolo County has risen to a HIGH Community Level. Indoor masking is strongly recommended. Staff and students continue to be required to stay home if they display any cold or COVID symptoms. If a student begins to display symptoms at school, they will need to be picked up. Parents will be notified via letter sent home in backpacks if their classroom has a potential COVID-19 exposure. Please keep your student at home if they have:

☐ Temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher
☐ Cough
☐ Runny nose or congestion
☐ Chills or uncontrollable body shaking with chills
☐ Fatigue
☐ Headache, muscle aches, or body aches
☐ Nausea or vomiting
☐ Diarrhea
☐ Sore throat

Director’s Corner

Dear Parents,

My name is Marty Remmers, I'm the new Director of Special Education for the Yolo County Office of Education. I hope everyone had a restful summer and is as excited for the new school year as I am! Our special education team diligently worked to get ready for this school year. Please reach out to me directly with any questions, comments, or concerns.