



# Welcome Back . . .

July 24, 2008

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2008-09 school year! I hope that you are enjoying a glorious, restful, and relaxing summer!! We have been busy completing new technology installations, finalizing hiring for 2008-09, and putting the finishing touches on getting our schools ready for everyone's return. Listed below are important school activities and information.

Leslie Fausset, Superintendent



## Welcome to New Staff

We've been busy selecting new employees and preparing for the start of the year. I'm pleased to introduce the new employees we've added to the team:

Monica Adams-Rainville, *Classroom Teacher*  
Anji Becker, *Classroom Teacher*  
Lacy Butler, *Educational Psychologist*  
Jason Cowell, *Child Development Center Teacher*  
Denise De Graffenreid, *Classroom Teacher*  
Leah Engbrecht, *Special Education Teacher*  
Carlos Estrella, *Chief Fiscal Officer*  
Jenny Flynn, *Child Development Center Teacher*  
Matthew Frumovitz, *Classroom Teacher*  
Erin Henry, *Special Education Teacher*  
Lindsay Middleton, *Special Education Teacher*  
Diana Murphy, *Speech Language Pathologist*  
Raelyn Piuser, *Classroom Teacher*  
Veronica Reist, *Reading Teacher*  
Chris Shore, *Classroom Teacher*  
Karen Zagursky, *Speech Language Pathologist*



## Professional Development Symposium (August 14-15) 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. at Solana Pacific

All certificated employees, technology lab and science lab instructors are strongly urged to attend to learn about: Compass Learning software (replacing CCC/Successmaker), newly adopted mathematics instructional materials, strategies for meeting the needs of students in Special Education, instructional technology and science. You will be paid your daily rate for attendance from 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. only.

It is not too late to sign up to attend using the SurveyMonkey website:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=\\_2fjtx6GnQXwO3kokkV9gx8w\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=_2fjtx6GnQXwO3kokkV9gx8w_3d_3d)  
or RSVP by August 12, 2008 to Monica Smith at (858) 794-7135.



**Classified Professional Development Day (August 19)**  
**8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. & 1:15-3:15 p.m. at Solana Pacific**

All school-year classified employees whose start date is August 21 or later are invited to attend a special workshop at Solana Pacific that includes a four-hour certification session for CPR from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. After a break for lunch, two separate one-hour sessions will be held; one on playground safety and one previewing further opportunities for online training. Although this is an optional day, all school-year classified employees are strongly urged to attend. You will be paid for six hours at your regular hourly rate for 2008-09. For employees in paid status on this day (11 and 12-month classified employees), you may attend the workshops after a receiving advance approval from your direct supervisor.

Please RSVP by [August 15](#) to Linda Soto or Renate Applegate at the District Office, (858) 794-7100.



**Special Education Welcome Back (August 19)**  
**8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Solana Pacific**

For all Special Education certificated staff and school psychologists. Staff will have an opportunity to catch up with one another, review caseloads, and prepare for the beginning of a new school year. Bring your Tongue Fu books with you, as we will be doing some linguistic karate.



**Special Education Instructional Assistant Training (August 21)**  
**8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Solana Pacific**

Dr. Erin Ring will be conducting an all-day, mandatory training for Special Education instructional assistants. Dr. Ring will focus on facilitating independence for special education students.



**Welcome Back Activities (August 22)**  
**Mini Open House & BBQ at Skyline School**

As in the past, we welcome parents and children at our Mini-Open Houses on Friday, August 22 at the following times:

- 9:00 a.m. Skyline & Solana Santa Fe (Kindergarten)
- 10:00 a.m. Skyline & Solana Santa Fe (Grades 1-6), Carmel Creek & Solana Highlands
- 11:00 a.m. Solana Pacific & Solana Vista

Class lists will be posted electronically the night before and posted at the school sites immediately before Open House.

Staff Welcome Back

Starting at 12:00 noon, administrators and the Board of Education will be flipping hamburgers for your enjoyment. At 1:30 p.m., all staff will gather in the Activity Center for the traditional Superintendent's Welcome Back.





# August 2008 Calendar

| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  |
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| <p><b>11</b></p>  | <p><b>12</b></p>  | <p><b>13</b></p> <p>8:00 - 11:30 a.m.<br/> <b>New Teacher Orientation</b><br/>           District Office, Board room<br/>           CONTACT: Katie McNamara</p> <p>11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.<br/> <b>New Teacher Orientation Luncheon</b><br/>           Leslie Fausset's Home</p> <p>12:30 - 3:30 p.m.<br/> <b>BTSA Orientation</b><br/>           District Office, Board room<br/>           CONTACT: Katie McNamara</p> <p>12:30 - 3:30 p.m.<br/> <b>Special Ed. New Teacher Orientation</b><br/>           District Office, Room C-10<br/>           CONTACT: Mary Ellen Nest</p>   | <p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Certificated Professional Development Day #1</b><br/>           8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.<br/>           For certificated staff<br/>           Solana Pacific<br/>           CONTACT: Katie McNamara</p> <p>11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.<br/> <b>BTSA Year 2 and Support Provider Luncheon</b><br/>           Solana Pacific<br/>           CONTACT: Katie McNamara</p> <p>6:30 p.m.<br/> <b>Board meeting</b><br/>           District Office<br/>           CONTACT: Leslie Fausset</p>  | <p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Certificated Professional Development Day #2</b><br/>           8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.<br/>           For certificated staff<br/>           Solana Pacific<br/>           CONTACT: Katie McNamara</p> <p>11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.<br/> <b>Media Center Teacher Luncheon</b><br/>           Solana Pacific<br/>           CONTACT: Katie McNamara</p>   |
| <p><b>18 Teachers Return</b></p> <p>9:00 - 9:45 a.m.<br/> <b>Skyline Technology Meeting (all staff)</b><br/>           SKY, Media Center<br/>           CONTACT: Caroline Brown</p> <p>10:00 - 10:45 a.m.<br/> <b>Solana Santa Fe Technology Meeting (all staff)</b><br/>           SSF, Media Center<br/>           CONTACT: Caroline Brown</p> <p>1:00 - 1:45 p.m.<br/> <b>Solana Highlands Technology Meeting (all staff)</b><br/>           SH, Upper Media Center<br/>           CONTACT: Caroline Brown</p> | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.<br/> <b>Special Ed. Staff Meeting (all Special Ed. certificated staff)</b><br/>           Solana Pacific<br/>           CONTACT: Mary Ellen Nest</p> <p><b>Classified Professional Development Day</b><br/>           (voluntary for all classified staff; 11 and 12-mo. employees with supervisor approval)</p> <p>8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.<br/>           CPR Certification</p> <p>1:15 - 3:15 p.m.<br/>           Playground Supervision</p> <p>2:15 - 3:15 p.m.<br/>           Preview of Online Training Opportunities<br/>           Solana Pacific<br/>           CONTACT: Bill Banning</p> | <p><b>20</b></p> <p>8:00 - 9:00 a.m.<br/> <b>Carmel Creek LCD Training (all staff)</b><br/>           CC, Upper Media Center<br/>           CONTACT: Caroline Brown</p> <p>9:00 - 9:45 a.m.<br/> <b>Carmel Creek Technology Meeting (all staff)</b><br/>           CC, Upper Media Center<br/>           CONTACT: Caroline Brown</p> <p>10:15 - 11:00 a.m.<br/> <b>Solana Pacific Technology Meeting (all staff)</b><br/>           SP, Room 104<br/>           CONTACT: Caroline Brown</p> <p>11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.<br/> <b>Solana Vista Technology Meeting (all staff)</b><br/>           SV, Kiva<br/>           CONTACT: Caroline Brown</p> | <p><b>21 Aides Return</b></p> <p>8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.<br/> <b>Special Ed. Classified Training (mandatory for all Special Ed. instructional assistants)</b><br/>           Solana Pacific<br/>           CONTACT: Mary Ellen Nest</p> <p>8:30 - 11:30 a.m.<br/> <b>Compass Learning Make-up Training</b><br/>           Skyline, Technology Lab<br/>           CONTACT: Sophia Bouvier</p> <p>12:00 - 3:00 p.m.<br/> <b>Compass Learning Make-up Training</b><br/>           Skyline, Technology Lab<br/>           CONTACT: Sophia Bouvier</p> | <p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Mini Open Houses</b><br/>           9:00 - 10:00 a.m.<br/>           Solana Santa Fe (K), Skyline (K)</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00 a.m.<br/>           Carmel Creek, Skyline (1-6), Solana Santa Fe (1-6), Solana Highlands</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.<br/>           Solana Vista, Solana Pacific</p> <p>12:00 - 3:00 p.m.<br/> <b>Welcome Back BBQ</b><br/>           Skyline, Lunch Table Area<br/>           CONTACT: Leslie Fausset</p> |
| <p><b>25 Students First Day</b></p>   | <p><b>26</b></p>  | <p><b>27</b></p>  | <p><b>28</b></p>  | <p><b>29</b></p>  |