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NOVEMBER 1ST, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

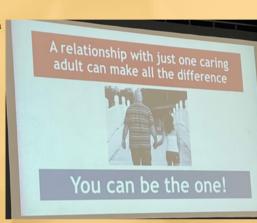
Trauma Informed Care was introduced to staff as an overarching umbrella to MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) and PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports).

Children's reactions to trauma can interfere considerably with learning and behavior at school. Schools serve as a critical system of support for children who have experienced trauma. Administrators, teachers, and staff can help reduce the effects of trauma on children by recognizing trauma responses, accommodating and responding to traumatized students within the classroom.

Decades of research and studies have established that children who experience adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) not only are more likely to exhibit negative behaviors at school, but are more likely to develop risky behaviors.

They are more likely to face a host of negative health consequences over their lifetimes, including reduced life expectancy. Data from the 2016 National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) showed that 46 percent of America's children had experienced at least one adverse childhood experience with the number rising to 55 percent for children aged 12 to 17. One in five U.S. children had two or more ACEs.

Mr. James Klipfel, keynote speaker kicked off the morning with a motivational message. Mr. Klipfel is the California Teacher of the Year recipient for 2021.





Keynote speaker, Mr. James Klipfel

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HIGH DESERT MIDDLE SCHOOL'S PAXTON PATTERSON LAB RIBBON CUTTING AND TOUR

On November 4th, HDS had the Paxton Patterson Lab Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Tour.

Students demonstrated their hands-on activity at each of their respective stations. Students took great pride in showcasing their new lab.

The Paxton/Patterson - College & Career Ready Lab will provide college and career preparation for our students at High Desert. The lab engages students with problem-based, real-world technology. It empowers our students to discover their interests and aptitudes, along the pathway to postsecondary success. The programs concentrate on STEM Education, Health Science Careers, and Architecture & Construction.

These work-based and problem-solving units will provide students an opportunity to hone in on their interests and skills.







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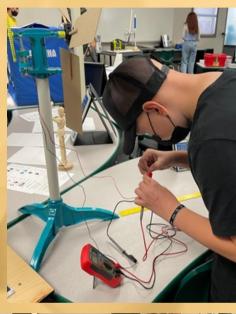














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VHS ATHLETICS

- The fall season is ending and the winter season is starting in 10 days. The cross country team qualified for CIF prelims and they are running at Mt. SAC on 11/12. The girls' volleyball season was cut short due to COVID and senior night was one of those matches.
- Volleyball will honor its seniors with their version of "Senior Night 2.0" on 11/16 at 6pm at VHS. Both the Junior Varsity team and the Varsity team will play one more match against each other. GVB will also be holding its end-ofthe-year banquet on 12/14.
- The winter season starts on 11/15 with a home boys soccer match at 4p against Lancaster HS and a boys basketball game against Rosamond at 6p. The girls soccer team starts their season on 11/17 with an away match at AV high school. There is much anticipation for the start of this season.

VHS COUNSELING CORNER

- We just completed PSAT (8th-11th grade) on October 13th and SAT (12th grade) testing on Oct 28th.
- The Armed Services
 Vocational Aptitude Battery
 (ASVAB) career exploration
 testing available for 10th-12th
 grades on Nov 9th.
- Two Virtual College Fairs for students 9th-12th on October 24th and November 2nd.
 Tomorrow we will be sending out UC Application, CSU Application Presentations, and information regarding
 Financial Aid in both English and Spanish versions to senior students and parents.
- AP Exam registration is currently in progress. Next week we will be completing classroom visits to verify student registration for the AP exams.

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HEALTH OFFICE UPDATE

Community Vaccine Clinic for COVID-19

- November 17th from 3:30-7:00 pm at Meadowlark Elementary MPR
- December 8th from 3:30-7:00 pm at Meadowlark Elementary MPR
 - Adult, child, and booster Pfizer vaccines will be available
 - Register at https://portal.veritasvaccines.com/upcoming-events/146c9cd8-273b-4726-a629-3f4213cf28e6

COVID-19 testing availability for Employees and Students

Clinic hours are Mondays 12:30 - 3:30, Tue. & Thur. 2:00 - 3:00, Wednesday 2:00 - 3:30, and Fridays by appointment call 661-575-7022.

Vision and Hearing Screenings

- Starting this week students have begun to get vision and hearing testing.
 - Vision screenings are done for grades TK/K, 2, 5, 8, Special Education students, and all referrals.
 - Hearing screenings are done for TK/K, 2, 5, 8, 10, Special Education students, and all referrals.



Covid Quarantine Guidelines

Identifying Exposures On Campus - Close Contacts to a Confirmed Case

Does this student meet the criteria of a close contact?

- The student was within 6 feet of someone with Covid-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- The person had unprotected contact with bodily fluids and/or secretions. (Shared eating utensils, kissed, coughed on, sneezed on, provided care to someone with C19 without proper protective equipment).
- A person is considered to be infectious and able to spread the virus to others from 2 days before symptoms first started until the isolation period ends (i.e.
 10 days have passed since symptoms first started AND no fever for at least 24 hours AND symptoms improve); OR, if symptoms never develop, from 2
 days before their positive test was taken until 10 days ofter that test was taken.

If the student tested positive within the past 90-days

 The student may return to school immediately, no testing required.

If the student is Vaccinated

- Asymptomatic
 - The student may return to school immediately. It is recommended the student test for Covid-19 on day 6.
- Symptomatic
 - The student tests for Covid-19.
 - Negative Student returns to school once they are symptom free for 24 hours without medication.
 - Positive Student may return on day 11 if symptoms have not been present for 24 hours without medication.

Unvaccinated students

(do not meet criteria of box 1 or 2)

Begin Quarantine

- Asymptomatic
 - o Recommended to test for Covid-19
 - Student does not test
 - Students remain home for 10-days and may return if symptoms did not develop during quarantine.
 - Student is tested on Day 6
 - Negative may return to class on day 8 if student remained asymptomatic.
 - Positive Student begins their isolation period.
- Symptomatic
 - Recommended the student get tested right away and then again on day 6 to determine if symptoms are related to Covid-19.



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RTUAL COFFEE HOUR **& CONVERSATION** WITH YOUR SUPERINTENDENT

Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 Time: 10:00 am - 10:45 am

Zoom meet link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3547587989? pwd=T1A2VTQrbTM5T0t5OTRrc3l0aTdKQT09

- FEATURED GUEST: DR. MICHAEL MURPHY, VHS'S NEW PRINCIPAL - DISCUSSION TOPIC: **ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Q & A

All our welcome!

Mark your calendar

Be sure to bring questions, a coffee, and a snack while you Zoom!

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