



November 16, 2020

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Greetings!

Good morning! I hope this email finds you and your family safe and healthy. We have Hybrid MOU negotiations today, after which an update will be sent out. Next week is Thanksgiving Break, and there will not be a weekly email. Please stay safe and practice all the safety precautions if you gather with family and friends!

Jocelyn Vargas, our newly elected School Board Trustee for the Mecca seat, would like the opportunity to visit a Zoom classroom session to learn about what we are doing right now in Distance Learning. If you would like to welcome Ms. Vargas into one of your Zoom sessions, please let me know and we can get it coordinated. This is a great opportunity to showcase all of your efforts with one of our newest board members!

Strategies to Encourage Students to Turn Their Cameras On via Edutopia

This is a great article about how you can use SEL strategies to get students using their cameras during class time. Take a few minutes to read the ideas, and try them out!

[Read the article here.](#)

Reminder - Teacher Dismissal Time Before a Holiday or Holiday Break

Article 12.1.6 in our CBA states unit members can leave at the end of the instructional day on a school day preceding a holiday. 11/20/2020 is a day before a holiday break. This means that on Friday:

- Elementary can "leave" at 2:00
- MS can "leave" at 2:30
- HS can "leave" at 12:40
- ECE can "leave" at 2:30
- LF can "leave" at 12:40

As other holidays come up, we will share those times as well. Please speak to your site reps if you have any questions or concerns about this.

Professional Development Opportunities from CTA

Please see the pdf **below** from the CTA IPD Department. They have offerings each week regarding Distance Learning and Hybrid Learning. November's focus is on Mindfulness and Relationships with Families. Members can register for these free sessions, or access the recordings afterwards. These are great resources!

Thank you for everything you do...it does not go unnoticed! Have a great week!

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DISTANCE/HYBRID LEARNING SERIES

November: Family & Community

The California Teachers Association's Instruction and Professional Development team is hosting an ongoing series of webinars this fall to help educators navigate the changing environment for teaching and learning. Our November webinars will focus on forging relationships with families and supporting educators' social emotional learning.

ONGOING OFFERINGS

Mindful Mondays

Monday, Nov. 2nd
3:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Focus:
How to Set Healthy Boundaries

Mindful Mondays

Monday, Nov. 16th
3:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Focus:
The Benefits of Laughter as Self-Care

All webinars will be recorded and made available at:
cta.org/ipd/distancelearning

Cultivating Trust to Forge Relationships with Families

Tuesday, Nov. 17th | 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

This webinar will provide a glimpse into Parent Teacher Home Visits, an evidence-based, high-impact strategy for engaging with families. You will learn about building high-impact relationships of trust with your students' families. You will also be introduced to some foundational components of trusting relationships.

Engaging Your Students to Thrive!

Wednesday, Nov. 18th | 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

In this webinar, participants will learn how the Thrively website supports growth mindset by unlocking each student's Habits of Mind and Intelligences. University credits are available to members who complete all ten Thrively webinars.

Panel Discussion- Reaching Across the Community and Working with Families During a Pandemic


Thursday, Nov. 19th | 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Hear from our panel of educators how they have found successful strategies to work with families during the COVID-19 pandemic.



REGISTRATION

<http://bit.ly/IPDfamily>

 Certificates of completion available for CTA members!



Important Dates

- **November 17th** - CVTA Eboard Meeting 4:00 pm
- **November 19th** - Elementary Conferences
- **November 23rd-27th** - Thanksgiving Break
- **December 2nd** - CVTA Office Hours 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
- **December 4th - 6th** - CTA LGBTQ+ Issues Conference
- **December 9th** - CVTA Rep Council 4:30 pm
- **December 10th** - CVUSD School Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- **December 16th** - CVTA Eboard Meeting 4:00 pm
- **December 17th** - First Day of Winter Break

Carissa Carrera
CVTA President

"You can't do it unless you organize."

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