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Feature Stories



Our feature stories explore various ways to improve our mental health and nurture our emotions and those of our children.

Enjoy our stories (pages 10-15).

Lincoln's Birthday HOLIDAY



February 13



Presidents' Day
HOLIDAY
February 20

January

26 Computers for Life & Work Email Class begins--Thursdays 12:15-2:45

February

21 Tutor & Paraprofessional
Course Orientation
Room Square 3 from 12:30-2:45

Student Council Meetings

22 Room S-1 at 7 PM

28 Room S-1 at 10 AM

23 Preschool Information Night Room P-3 at 6 PM

Great Things Are Happening!



Ride Bus 46 Natividad to Our School

The city bus (MST) is coming to our school now for only \$2 from any location in the county. Ask for a free transfer from the driver if you need to take more than one bus. Get help to plan your trip in Room Square 3 in the morning or afternoon. See the schedule and MST information on page 7 of this newsletter.

Bús 46 Natividad viaje a la escuela

El camión de la ciudad (MST) llega a nuestra escuela ahora por solo \$2 desde cualquier parte del condado. Solicite un traslado (transfer) gratuito al conductor si necesita llevar más de un camión. Obtenga ayuda para planificar su viaje en Room Square 3 por la mañana o por mediodía. Vea el horario e información de MST en página 7 de este periódico estudiantil.



Facebook, Instagram & TikTok

Our school newsletter is a wonderful place to learn about school and community events. Let us also introduce our "Welcome to the Salinas Adult School" social media accounts. Regular posts on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok will give you an opportunity to learn and enjoy more. Share us with your friends and family too.

Facebook, Instagram & TikTok

Nuestro periodico estudiantil es un lugar maravilloso para aprender sobre eventos escolares y comunitarios. Permítanos presentarle también nuestras cuentas de redes sociales "Welcome to the Salinas Adult School". Las publicaciones regulares en Facebook, Instagram y TikTok te darán la oportunidad de aprender y disfrutar más. Compártenos con tus amigos y familiares también.



Student Council News

Our student council is a group of students from our morning and evening classes who represent the students and bring our ideas and necessities to the attention of the school.

We are having an election for officers soon and you will be receiving information in person and online about the candidates so that you can vote.

Noticias del Concilio Estudiantil

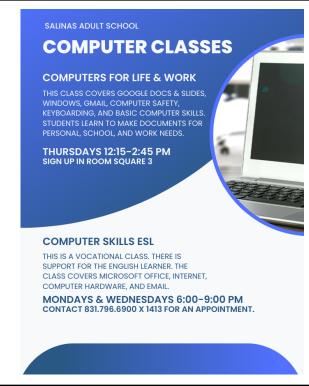
Nuestro concilio estudiantil es un grupo de estudiantes de nuestras clases de la mañana y de la tarde que representan a los estudiantes y comparten nuestras ideas y necesidades a la escuela.

Pronto tendremos una elección de oficiales y recibirá información en persona y en línea sobre los candidatos para que pueda votar.

School News







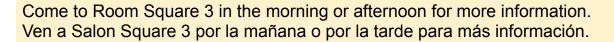


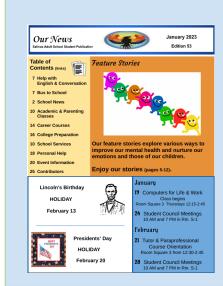
Improve Your English or Math

Do you want help with your English?
Do you need better basic math skills?
Would you like help with algebra?
Are you interested in practicing conversation?
Would you like help with science?
We are student tutors and can help you.

- ¿Quiere ayuda con su inglés?
- ¿Necesita mejorar sus habilidades en matemáticas básicas?
- ¿Quiere ayuda con álgebra?
- ¿Le interesa practicar conversación?
- ¿Quiere ayuda con ciencias naturales?

Somos estudiantes y tutores y podemos ayudar.





You Are Invited

Write stories for our student newsletter. It is a good way to practice your English (o español si está estudiando GED/HiSET en español) or share what you are learning in your parenting classes. You are welcome to be part of the editing team too.

Get information in Room Square 3 or ask your teacher how to contact us.



Specialized Classes





Classes







Parent Activity Classes

These fun, supportive, and educational parent classes (children attend too) focus on topics related to babies, toddlers, and preschoolers; raising healthy, thriving children; and connection.

Classes include:

Baby's First Year of Life

Movers & Shakers (12-24 mos)

Exploring Times (24-36 mos.)

Partners in Play (3-5 year olds)

Garden Class (2-5 year olds)

For class details, times, and cost, go to www.salinasparentcenter.org

Registration is happening now.

Adult Basic Education (ABE)

College & Career Prep

College--Learn about college majors, financial aid, local colleges and the school system, do preparation activities, and learn English, math and other skills to successfully enter college & continue to succeed.

Career--Determine careers for you, make a career education plan or search for jobs & learn English & math to prepare for them.

Tutor & Paraprofessional Training

Improve your English, speaking in front of groups, and teaching skills; practice working with students; and prepare for the paraprofessional exam.

Study on Computer

Hybrid Classes

Do you need to study online or could you attend class more if you could attend online sometimes? Participate.

Int Hi & Advanced ESL (AM) See Ana for more information.

Adult Basic Education
English & Math (AM/AFT)
See Yvonne for information.

Online Courses

Would you like to study online courses at home at any time?

We have ESL, English, math, career, and high school diploma subjects. Ask your teacher for more information.

New Student Orientations/ Orientaciones para Estudiantes Nuevos

Do you have friends or family who would like to learn more English, math, or computer skills, or complete their high school diploma or GED/HiSET?

We have regular orientations so that they can start soon. Contact the Welcome Center for more information in person or at 796-6900 X1372 or 1373.

¿Tiene amigos o familiares a quienes les gustaría aprender más inglés, matemáticas o habilidades informáticas, o completar su diploma de escuela secundaria o GED/HiSET?

Tenemos orientaciones periódicas para que puedan comenzar pronto. Póngase en contacto con el Welcome Center para obtener más información en persona o por teléfono a 796-6900 X 1372 o 1373.

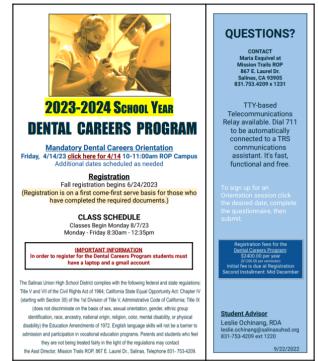
Salinas Union High School District Courses for Adults











Would You Like to Take These Health Career Classes in the Fall?

Certified Nursing Assistant Mandatory Orientation Dates and Sign up 9:00-11:30 AM

March 3 <u>March Orientation</u> April 7 <u>April Orientation</u>

Registration is May 5 (See the flyer).

Dental Careers
Mandatory Orientation Date and Sign up
10:00-11:00 AM
April Orientation

Registration is June 24 (See the flyer).

Ride the MST Bus to School

You can ride the MST bus from anywhere in the county to take Bus 46 Natividad to the Salinas Adult School for only \$2. *Ask for a free transfer when you get on the bus.*

Get help to plan your trip in Room Square 3 or with MST at mst.org or 1-888-678-2871.

Bus 46 Natividad-Natividad Schedule

Get on Bus 46 Natividad-Natividad at the Salinas Transit Center at Gate 3.

The bus leaves 15 minutes after each hour.

To ride back to the Salinas Transit Center, get on Bus 46 Natividad at the school at 23 minutes after each hour and ride to Natividad Hospital. Stay on the bus and return to the Transit Center.

Leaves	Arrives at
Transit Center	adult school
7:15 AM	7:23 AM
8:15 AM	8:23 AM
9:15 AM	9:23 AM
10:15 AM	10:23 AM
11:15 AM	11:23 AM
12:15 PM	12:23 PM
1:15 PM	1:23 PM
2:15 PM	2:23 PM
3:15 PM	3:23 PM
4:15 PM	4:23 PM
5:15 PM	5:23 PM
6:15 PM	6:23 PM

Tome el camión MST a la escuela

Puede viajar en el camión MST desde cualquier parte del condado para tomar el Bus 46 Natividad a la Escuela para Adultos de Salinas por solo \$2. Pide un transbordo gratis cuando suba al camión. Obtenga ayuda para planificar su viaje en Room Square 3 o con MST en mst.org o llamar al 1-888-678-2871.

Horario de Bus 46 Natividad: Tome el camión 46 Natividad-Natividad en el Centro de Tránsito de Salinas en Gate 3. El camión sale 15 minutos después de cada hora.

Para viajar de regreso al Centro de Tránsito de Salinas, tome el Bus 46 Natividad en la escuela 23 minutos después de cada hora y viaje hasta el Hospital Natividad. Quédese en el camión y regrese al Centro de Tránsito.

Welcome New ESL Teacher



Rebecca Rodick

By Yohana Ferreyra and Francisco Solano

This is an interview with a new teacher in our school. Her name is Rebecca Rodick and she has over three decades of experience working with

students from many academic levels including children, teens, and adults.

Ms. Rodick, as she prefers to be referred to, teaches beginning ESL classes in the mornings at Saint Mary's Church and intermediate ESL at night for our school. She considers herself an advocate for English language students and she's committed to helping every one of her students.

As a young adult residing in Salinas, although both of her parents were teachers, she wasn't interested in a teaching career at the beginning. She liked painting, singing, dancing, and acting. However, after doing a college assessment test, she decided to become a teacher because she had the talent for it. She loves her teaching career.

Ms. Rodick began as a substitute teacher in Los Angeles and later got involved with an adult school in Burbank, California teaching ESL classes. She found ways to introduce her artistic talents into her classroom making her ESL classes fun and exciting.

While living in the Los Angeles area, she also taught computer, acting, and distance learning classes. Since moving back to the Salinas, she has taught drama to kindergarten, 3rd, 5th, and 6th graders. Now she is teaching ESL here.

She likes interacting with students. "I like watching when their light bulb turns on and they

understand. I enjoy finding the right way to teach students to be successful and watching them develop and learn". For student success, she recommends good attendance, paying attention in class, and reviewing the material from class.

When not at work, she enjoys acting, screenwriting, learning languages, playing the piano and guitar, learning new dishes, watching ballet, analyzing movies from an actor's perspective, and reading.

Ms. Rodick is also writing the story of her family and plans to share it with everyone, perhaps as a play. Her story involves the journey of her grandfather crossing the Atlantic Ocean coming to the U.S. as a 12-year-old boy in a boat full of sailors. We look forward to knowing more about this amazing story.



Participate in Your Community Participar en tu Comunidad

Help the School

Be a Student Council Member

Two students from each class are invited to participate on the council to represent their class and share important information with the school and their classmates.

Están invitados dos alumnos de cada clase para representar a su clase en el concilio estudiantil y compartir información con la escuela y compañeros de clase.

Next meetings/las proximas juntas: February 22 at 7 PM and February 28 at 10 AM. See your teacher for more information.

Hable con su maestro para más información.



Be a Student Tutor

Learn skills to help other students in our school and become a tutor.

Training and opportunities to participate will be

explained on February 21 at the Tutor/Paraprofessional Training Orientation in Room Square 3 from 12:30-2:45. Join us.

Write for the School Newsletter

Every student is invited to write stories for our school newsletter. See the AM teacher in Room Square 3 for more information.

Todos los estudiantes están invitados a escribir para nuestro periodico estudiantil. Informarse con la maestra matutina del salón Square 3.

Help Our Community

Salinas Budget Survey Encuesta del Presupuesto de Salinas Early February



Share your ideas for how the city of Salinas should spend its money.

Comparta sus ideas sobre cómo la ciudad de Salinas debería gastar su dinero.

Complete the survey. Llena la encuesta. Use/Usa bit.ly/salinas23

Volunteers Needed

Volunteer for Whalefest in Monterey on March

18 or 19. For more information about this event go to page 24 of



this newsletter or www.whalefest.org . To volunteer, contact info@montereywharf.com or call 831.238.0777.

California State University Monterey Bay Habitat Stewardship Project Monterey Bay Big Sur Land Trust Planting Day at Carr Lake Salinas Dia de plantación en Carr Lake April 8 from 10 AM-1 PM

Native plant planting at the future park next to our school off Las Positas Way near the Rodeo Market. Bring garden gloves and water if possible.

Día de plantación de plantas nativas en el parque del futuro a lado de nuestra escuela por Las Positas Way cerca del Rodeo Market. Traer sus propios guantes de jardín y agua si es posible. Registration/Inscripciones https://bigsurlandtrust.org/event/community-planting-day-at-carr-lake-january-28/

New Year's Resolutions
May Actually Be Harmful to
Mental Health

By Francisco Solano



Everyone everywhere experiences a new year every year. We think that with a fresh new year, we get a fresh new start. We feel motivated to set a few New Year's resolutions, although we often forget about them in a few weeks or months. Only one or two people out of ten see through their New Year's resolutions. So, why is it so hard to stick to our resolutions for the New Year? Well, setting them might be doing more harm than good to our mental health.

When we create our New Year's resolutions, we focus on "what is wrong" instead of focusing on the positive. This often leads to stress, anxiety, or other harmful feelings. If we want to create lasting changes or improvements in our lives, we first need to see what's right about us. By accepting ourselves and our current circumstances, we set ourselves up for meaningful success. Concentrating on what's bad or wrong takes energy, but by focusing on the positive, we release our grasp on the negative, giving us energy which makes change easier.

One way we can focus on the positive is by practicing gratefulness. Being grateful for all the good things we have in our lives helps us to focus on the positive side of things. Being okay with ourselves, we can look for ways to improve and move forward.

One characteristic of creating New Year's resolutions that harms our mental health is that we want to make significant or extreme behavior changes which adds a lot of pressure and stress. Usually, our resolutions are unrealistic and too broad.

Fortunately, we can learn from people who are successful at fulfilling their resolutions. These

are a few strategies that are hallmarks of people who attain their goals: Focus on what's right! As mentioned previously, learn to see the qualities, skills, and strengths that are unique to you. See how far you've come. Only you know what you're capable of. Seeing that you've overcome many obstacles, you will continue to do so. Set smaller, more attainable goals. Take one day at a time, so they say. Start small and work from there. Take short walks with friends, eat one or two fruits per day, or practice speaking or reading in English for 10 min every day. Whatever it is, start small and just start. Remember, occasional slips are part of the process. Try not to beat yourself up if you fail to be disciplined. Being imperfect is what defines humans. Just get back to working on your goals.

Emotions Starting in a New School

By Magaly Martinez

Starting a new school is a challenge for toddlers, kids, and others. On the

first day, everyone is nervous. Nobody will know what 's going to happen on the first day, and it's completely normal to feel like that.



Attending school for the first time for toddlers between 3 and 5 years old, I think, is the most difficult part of a toddler's life. They have been with their moms since they were born. Parents need to talk to them a lot about what they are going to expect, do, and find at school. In that way, they will feel more comfortable starting school. Some of what we can share is that maybe they will meet new kids that in the future will be their friends.

The emotions that they feel may be strong, but as the time goes by, those emotions will disappear; however it will take some days for them to feel comfortable in school. Parents should be preparing their kids at home before the school year starts.

Emotions starting kindergarten are different from preschool because those children have been at school for a year or two. They are more excited, ready to learn, and make new friends.

Those who have not been attending preschool will feel more scared, nervous, and confused, and will miss their moms and home. Those kids need more help from their parents who should be telling them every day what to expect.

Some kids at the age of 5 will be very curious how the teacher will be or what the classroom will look like. Kindergarten kids will adapt to school sooner than preschoolers. In my own experience, I think that is because they are a little bigger.

Moving from elementary to middle school is a big change and all students will be nervous, anxious, scared and excited at the same time. They have been for six or seven years in the same school, and now they are leaving their "home" and will start in a new school. Everything will change including their teachers, classrooms, and friends. They don't know what to expect in middle school and will have a lot of emotions at this age. Parents should speak with them to prepare for this big challenge. Eventually, they will make new friends, and teachers will help them to get adapted to this new stage.

Emotions in youth are completely different. They are waiting anxiously for high school to start. Even though they are nervous, they want to meet new friends, maybe have a boyfriend, and definitely want to have new teachers. They do not need so much help from their parents.

Emotions in adults starting a new school are very different from kids' because they want to increase their knowledge, try to obtain a better job, or be prepared to help their kids with their homework. It is difficult for adults to start classes since they have more responsibilities than kids or teenagers.

Everybody in the world will feel different emotions in a new school, but with the support of parents and teachers, there will be success.



Importance of Children's Attachment to Parents

By Widji Setyani

The attachment between parents and children should start early because parents are the key to the development of a child's brain, and children will tend to be mentally and physically healthier if they have an attachment to their parents.

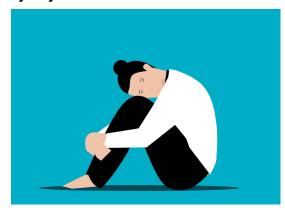
Naturally children need the sense of security, comfort, and protection that their parents provide. The interactions in childhood between children and parents will be an illustration for them on what they will do when they grow up and how these children can establish relationships with friends and other people.

If the child does not have an attachment to his parents, it will have a negative impact on the child's brain, psychological, and emotional development. When they grow up, children may find it difficult to respect relationships because they learned that other people cannot be trusted and this also affects the child's mental health.

What is attachment? Attachment can be interpreted as an emotional bond with other people, especially between parents and children. Children who grow up in a positive social environment can develop stable attachment patterns. Naturally children will seek a sense of security and comfort from their parents as a survival mechanism. The impact of attachment can make children feel that they can develop

their abilities independently, build positive relationships with others, and be motivated to do things.

Why Do People Get Depressed? By Mayumi Furuichi



Why do people get depressed? I thought that I wanted to know that answer because I experienced depression when I was pregnant and after delivering my first baby. I felt that I had a personality that was not my own and my way of thinking became negative.

It's said there are various causes of depression, and it is a complicated illness. No one has a clear answer yet of why, but it's said that some neurotransmitters in the brain are related to the person's mood. The main causes so far are:

- Genetic problems
- Hormone imbalances
- Age
- Life changes, such as starting a new job, graduating, or getting married
- Stress
- The death of a loved one
- Isolation and lack of support

Everyone feels sadness, down, or anxious at times, but what is the difference between feeling down and clinical depression?

If you have been experiencing some of the following signs and symptoms most of the day, for at least two weeks, you may be suffering from depression.

- Feeling of sadness
- Loss of interest
- Feelings of irritability and frustration even over small things
- Difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much
- Feelings of hopelessness
- · Tiredness and lack of energy
- Difficulty thinking, concentrating or making decisions
- Thoughts of death or suicide

The answer is not only one because there are many causes and it is different for each person, but there are some ways to reduce the symptoms of depression.

- Get some exercise Exercise can improve mood and provide multiple positive benefits and help with depression symptoms.
- Be with other people It can be a great help to reduce feelings of isolation. You can also encourage each other with people who have the same problem and share experiences.
- Manage your stress Figure out all the things in your life that stress you out, such as work overload and money problems
- Try to change negative thinking Depression makes us have a negative
 view of everything. It is important to avoid
 negative thinking and think positively
- Sleep well: Get plenty of rest every night.
 It is important for your mood and improves your health and energy level.

In my case, I suffered from depression due to lack of sleep. Also I felt that it was caused by a combination of things such as anxiety about raising a baby for the first time, and moving after marriage. I think it is a possibility for everyone to get depressed. I hope these tips will help you in such a case.

Support

Are you experiencing a mental health crisis? You can call 988 anywhere in the U.S. at any time to talk with a mental health professional.

¿Está experimentando una crisis de salud mental? Puede llamar al 988 en cualquier lugar de los EE. UU. en cualquier momento para hablar con un profesional de la salud mental.

More Support:

Would you like to find help for yourself or someone else who is experiencing mental or substance abuse issues? You can contact SAMHSA's National Helpline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357) It's 24 hours a day every day, TTY 1-800-487-4889, text 435748 (HELP4U)

Postpartum Depression & Emotions By Marcela Martinez



Although having a baby should be a happy event, many women in their postpartum feel depressive symptoms. Pregnancy and postpartum are periods when women have not only physical, but also emotional

changes such as postpartum blues and postpartum depression.

To begin with, 40% of women during the postpartum period have postpartum blues. Though the cause is unknown, postnatal hormonal changes is the most major factor. The postpartum blues is characterized by mood lability, irritability, anxiety, insomnia, exhaustion, sadness, crying and decreased concentration. These symptoms begin within two or three days after delivery, resolve within the next two weeks, and can be self-managed.

If these blues continue, they can lead to postpartum depression which needs immediate medical attention because it can result in maternal problems and suicide thoughts. Furthermore, newborns are also affected. Research shows that children whose mothers have postpartum depression tend to have a higher risk of abnormal development and cognitive impairment, as well as bad health and poor nutrition.

In conclusion, emotional changes during the postpartum period are very common, but when they worsen or do not improve, women should talk with their prenatal doctor about this.

Why Is Psychotherapy Good? By Yohana Ferreyra

It is important to take care of your mental health because it is as important as physical health. Therapy helps you and every part of your life not only if you have a problem or struggles. This helps you to have better interpersonal and societal relationships at the same time while improving aspects of your life including changing habits, quitting addictions, and controlling anxiety, eating disorders and depression. Therapy also allows us to improve relationships

with our environment, feel more positive, happy, and motivated.

What is psychological therapy?

The professionals in charge of this area are psychologists.

Psychological therapy is talking with a mental health professional (psychologist) in which you communicate the part of your life in which you feel bad or makes you feel stuck.

History of Mental Health in America By Servando Carrasco

Mental Health in the United States has a long history. First, in 1843 after the Civil War, William Sweetzer used the term mental hygiene to describe soldiers who had mental disorders. Then, Isaac Ray, a founder of American Psychiatric Association gave us a definition of the term "the art of preserving the mind against all traumatic incidents and troubles of body movements, all these come within the province of mental hygiene." In 1948, the World Health Organization was established and the concept of "Mental Health" appeared.

At the beginning of the 1900s, the psychiatric hospitals were in deporable condition, over capacity, and there was stigma from the society over people who had mental disorders. It was difficult for doctors to work against this horrible disease and try to reintegrate sick people back into the community, but some physicians and psychologists were convinced that early treatment might reduce the extremity and recurrence of mental illness. One of these doctors was G. Stanley Hall.

Adolph Meyer, one of the founders of the Mental Hygiene movement in the United States, combining his training as a physician, and the studies of the social reform ideology of the 1900s said, "What the sick needed was a biologically sound idealism". His concept sprang from experience with a child study in each life period. Meyer proposed studying the patient and his life history including family and community factors.

Clifford Beers, another founder of the mental Hygiene Movement in the United States, contributed to mental health when he wrote a book and shared his experiences working inside the mental hospitals. That book helped to improve the care of people with mental disorders, humanizing the care of mental

patients, and reducing the abuses and brutalities that they had.

Finally a big change in mental health was in 1963 when President John F. Kennedy signed the Community Mental Health Act, where the foundation for a community-based mental health system was created. Beers changed the system in the United States and brought to our society new ways to work in mental health. He reformed the rooms and the processes inside of state hospitals, and developed child guidance centers where the patients began treatment in childhood. Also he developed community programs where families, community and government institutes were involved. All those elements were designed for treating mental illness. Then in 1999, the Olmstead Act brought hope to all people for recovery and getting back to normal life as soon as possible.

Mental Health Services

There are several places in our community to go when you have mental health needs.

Wellness Centers in local schools.

Monterey County Behavioral Health

Their website has many resources.

<u>Behavioral Health</u> or contact them about their services at 888-258-6029.

Suicide Prevention Help

Help yourself or someone else. See https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/news-and-updates/ for resources.

www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Mental Health from the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula

By Esmeralda Meza

The hospital in Monterey, California (the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula--CHOMP) helps adult patients with therapy for mental illnesses. CHOMP offers counseling for adults with special needs. There are doctors that help with coping strategies, and mental, emotional, or behavioral health disorders.

The psychiatric doctors help patients make healthy life changes. CHOMP offers the emergency department for mental health for people that need it. The emergency department offers treatment from the psychiatric doctor who is on call or mental health specialists. The conditions or mental disorders they treat are anxiety, ADD, bipolar disorder, depression, and other mental illnesses.

The hospital in Monterey gives five suggestions for mental health. One of the suggestions is to

value yourself. It also advises patients to take care of their health by doing things like exercise. CHOMP also speaks of taking care of your body and surrounding yourself



with positive people like groups, church, and programs. Other suggestions from their mental health program is to set realistic goals for yourself and to get help when you need it.

More Mental Health Resources

Substance Abuse Resources

https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/2022/05/national -prevention-week-a-resource-guide/

County of Monterey Health Department Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) Resources & Supports

Here you can find information about resources, support groups, suicide prevention, and help for many different groups of people in different areas of the county.

Este sitio web contiene información sobre recursos, grupos de apoyo, prevención de suicidio y otros tipos de ayuda para prevenir y ayudar personas con condiciones de salud mental (algunos ofrecidos en espanol). https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/home/showpublisheddocument?id=71525

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You can call this number for help for many different family or personal needs.

Puede llamar a este número para obtener ayuda para varias necesidades familiares o personales.

Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Crisis Support

Are you or someone else experiencing emotional distess or considering suicide? The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988 is available 24 hours a day and provides free, confidential support. Service provided for the deaf and hard of hearing and English and Spanish-speaking communities. For more information about their services see www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

¿Está usted o alguien más experimentando malestar emocional o considerando el suicidio? La Línea Nacional de Prevención del Suicidio en el 988 está disponible las 24 horas del día y le ofrece apoyo gratuito y confidencial. Sus servicios están disponibles en inglés y español y para personas sordas. Para obtener más información sobre sus servicios, vea www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Mental Health First Aid

Read more about how you can help yourself and others. See

https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/news-and-updates/ for stories such as "How to Set and Keep Wellbeing Intentions in the New Year", "How Employers Can Support Staff Experiencing Seasonal Depression", and "Student Mental Health is Top Concern of School Board Members".



Effect of Rain on the People's Lives

By Hyejung Jung

All life on the earth must have water to survive. In order to get enough water for life, we need to have rain. Rain is a great source of drinking water, clean hygiene, agriculture, and energy sources.

Droughts can have big effects on humans, animals, plants, and crops. Due to droughts, millions of people and living creatures have been killed throughout history.

In the last few weeks, we had a lot of rain. When the rain started, it was great to have it, but as it continued for a few weeks continuously, some areas had tremendous problems.

I hope we can somehow manage the rain water saved for possible droughts in the future.

We hope that the flood resources provided by our school were helpful to anyone who experienced a rain-related problem. We wish you the best.

Effects of Rain and Drought on Agriculture

By Eduardo Lucas

For a long time, California has experienced significant droughts throughout the entire state. A drought is a period of abnormally dry weather that persists long enough to produce hydrological imbalance, causing crop damage



and shortage in water supply. However, this winter things changed for California residents. As multiple atmospheric rivers

came to the state dropping inches of rainfall, the agriculture industry was concerned about this.

California has experienced four years of drought. This affects residents, livestock, farmers, and agricultural industries. Residents must take water-saving measures while in a drought, ensuring water is available for essential services such as medical care, fire protection, and general health and sanitation. Livestock farmers suffer losses of their animals due to lack of water. Vegetable farmers have reduced their plantings. For example, they used to plant a whole acre of garlic, but now they sow only half of an acre to reduce water usage. Drought causes significant impact on industries that use water or depend on water for their business.

This winter atmospheric rivers have been slamming one after another dropping numerous inches of water. It's been years since California faced several storms combined together. About 24,500,000,000,000 gallons of water have pelted California amid relentless storms, student scientists estimated. This has caused rivers such as the Salinas River, San Lorenzo River, and

Carmel River to overflow, and Highway 99 towards Sacramento was underwater. Snow in the Sierras measured at 153.7 inches which is nearly three times the average amount for mid-December. The views of snow at Big Bear Lake, Lake Arrowhead, and Lake Tahoe are breathtaking.

The impact of atmospheric rivers has agriculture industries worried. Although livestock and vegetable farms needed rainfall for their



business to prosper, excessive soaking after rain can ruin plant roots, which in turn affects the growth of the vegetation. If crops are too wet, they can begin to collect bacteria. Tom Barcellos, a third-generation dairy farmer and operator of a family farm said that

"water run-off and wet grounds can increase the risk for low grade infection in cows". Also, the agriculture industry's major concern is that farm workers aren't working. There is a whole spectrum of people not working right now as a result of these rains.

Ironically, at the same time we're dealing with major droughts and mega flooding as well, all this rain won't fix the Golden State's problems with droughts; though it could help water supply. It's a fact that prices of crops, livestock and agriculture will increase due to these weather events. All this can cause consequences in our economy as well.

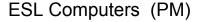
Salinas Adult School

Quarter 3 Course List Call 796-6900 X 1372 or X 1373 for information.

Classes are at the main campus on Sherwood Place and the Salinas Adult School Parent Center, and off campus at the One Stop Center, St. Mary's Church, Sherwood Elementary, Rancho San Juan High School, Santa Rita Elementary, Alisal High School, and McKinnon Elementary.

English Skills

ESL (AM/PM)
Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced



Developing English (AM)

Pronunciation (AFT)

Tutor Training (AFT)

Writing (AFT)

Citizenship

Citizenship (AM/PM)

ESL (AM/PM)
Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced

College & Career Preparation

Developing English (AM)

High School Diploma (AM/AFT/PM)

HiSET/GED English (AM/PM)

HiSET/GED español (AM/PM)

Tutor Training & Paraprofessional Exam Preparation (AFT)

Counseling 1 Dual Enrollment (PM)





Computer Skills

Computer Skills for Life & Work (AFT)

ESL Computers (PM)

High School Completion

High School Diploma (AM/AFT/PM)

HiSET/GED English (AM/AFT/PM)

HiSET/GED español (AM/PM)

Math Skills

Developing English (AM)

High School Diploma (AM/AFT/PM)

HiSET/GED English (AM/AFT/PM)

HiSET/GED español (AM/PM)

Parenting

Go to <u>www.salinasparentcenter.org</u> for more information or contact the Welcome Center.

Parenting

Parent/Child Activity Classes (AM/AFT)

Preschool (AM)

Skills & Exam Preparation

Citizenship Classes & Citizenship Exam Preparation

Fridays 8:45-12:15

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6-9 PM Register at the Welcome Center.

Developing English & College & Career Preparation

Monday-Friday 8:30-12:00 Improve your English & math skills to get prepared for a GED/HiSET or to enter college or a job training or certificate program. Ask Ana, Araceli, or the AM teacher in Room Square 3 for more information.

Computer Classes & Northstar Certificate Preparation

Various computer topics taught throughout the school year.

Thursdays 12:15-2:45 Start class in Room Square 3

Mondays & Wednesdays 6-9 PM Ask the Welcome Center for information.

HISET or GED Certificates (English)

Monday-Thursday 8:45-12:45
Monday & Wednesday 5-9 PM
Register at the Welcome Center.
Learn math, reading, writing, social studies, and science to prepare for the HiSET or GED exams to earn your high school equivalency.

Certificados de HiSET/GED (español)

lunes a jueves 8:45-12:45 o 5:30-9:00 Información del Welcome Center Aprenda matemáticas, lectura, escritura, estudios sociales y ciencias naturales para prepararse para los exámenes HiSET o GED y obtener su equivalencia de preparatoria.

Tutor Training & Paraprofessional Exam Preparation

Tutor Training Tuesdays 12:15-2:45 See teacher in Room Square 3 for information and registration.

Increase your confidence in speaking and writing English and learn communication, leadership, and teaching skills to be a better student, help your children with homework, train workers, or prepare to be an instructional aide and pass the Paraeducator NCLB exam.





Salinas Adult School Supportive Services

Transcripts & Student Records

For transcripts or other student records, contact Allison at 796-6900 X 1340 or allison.hulden@salinasuhsd.org.

OSY Migrant Services

If you are a migrant youth 18 or over, contact 796-6900 X1342 or 1344 for more information.

Si usted es un joven migrante mayor de 18 años, comuníquese al 796-6900 X 1342 o 1344 para más información.

Career Center

College & career advising, job search, skills assessment, financial aid assistance, and community referrals. Room A-2 or call 796-6900 X 1414 or 1413 or cell number 831-583-7755.

Citizenship Application Assistance

Our school has a special relationship with an organization to help people complete citizenship applications. See Ana for more information.

Nuestra escuela tiene una relación especial con una organización para ayudar personas con solicitudes de la ciudadanía.
Comuníquese con Ana para más información.

English Peer Tutoring

See the AM teacher in Room Square 3 to get help from a student tutor. Tutoring available for Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced ESL students.

Hable con la maestra matutina en el salón Square 3 para recibir información sobre tutoría ofrecida a los alumnos de los niveles de inglés principiante, intermedio y avanzado.

Testing Center Dates

Paraeducator Test

Mondays, February 27; March 6 at 2 PM

HiSET Testing

Tuesdays, February 21; March 7 at 8:30 AM & 12:30 PM

Thursdays, February 23; March 9 at 5:30 PM

Fridays, February 24; March 10 at 8:30 AM

Pearson Vue Testing

Tuesdays, February 14 & 28 at 8:30 AM & 12:45 PM

Thursdays, February 16 & March 2 at 5:15 PM

Fridays, February 17 & March 3 at 8:30 AM.

Welcome Center

You can ask questions about the school, make orientation appointments, and register for some classes at this center. Visit or call 796-6900 X 1372 or 1373.

Information

If you would like more information about our school, check this newsletter and our website at https://www.salinasuhsd.org/Domain/19. Or our Facebook, Instagram or TikTok pages. For information about the school district see https://www.salinasuhsd.org



Go to the Parent Center's website for more information about all that the center offers and to register for classes. www.salinasparentcenter.org

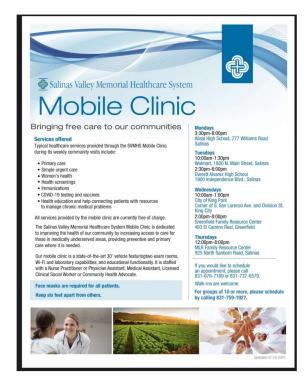
COMMUNITY RESOURCES

2-1-1

You can call this number for help for many different family or personal needs.

Puede llamar a este número para obtener ayuda para varias necesidades familiares o personales.





MoCo Health Department Flu Information https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/health/diseases/influenza-flu

COVID-19 Vaccines & Test Vacunas y pruebas

www.monterevcountyvaccines.com

Monkeypox Information

<u>www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h</u>/health/diseases/monkeypox

Legal Help/Asistencia Legal California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA Asistencia Legal Rural de California) 3 Williams Rd., Salinas 757-5221 or 800-337-0690 for other locations (por mas locales) https://crla.org

For help with legal issues related to education, employment, housing, health, or COVID-19.

Para recibir ayuda con asuntos legales de educación, empleo, vivienda, salud o COVID-19.

Funeral Assistance Program for COVID-19 related funeral expenses. Catholic Charities of Monterey

Minimum requirements: The death was in Monterey County and the death certificate states the death was because of COVID-19. For more information contact 831-393-3110.

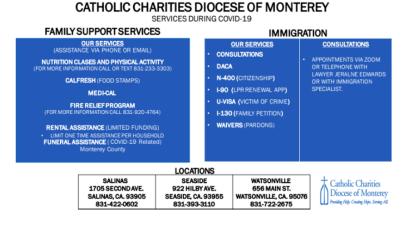
Programa de Asistencia Fúnebres relacionado con COVID-19. Catholic Charities of Monterev

Para ser elegible: La muerte debe haber ocurrido en el condado de Monterey, y el certificado de defunción tiene que indicar que la muerte fue relacionada con el COVID-19. Para más información, ponerse en contacto al 831-393-3110.

The Food Bank for Monterey County 353 W. Rossi St., Salinas Call 831-758-1523 to volunteer

Do you qualify for free food? ¿Calificas para comida gratis?

https://foodbankformontereycounty.org/food-assistance/emergency-food-assistance-program/



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SERVICIOS DURANTE COVID-19



Alliance on Aging Call 831-758-4011 for more information.

www.allianceonaging.org

This site shows many services for seniors in our area related to transportation, taxes, medical, counseling, and more and has a COVID-19 link updated every week to help the whole community.

Este sitio tiene detalles sobre varios servicios para ancianos (algunos en español) y un enlace para información reciente de COVID-19 para toda la comunidad y recursos para campesinos.

INTERNET/COMPUTERS

Loaves, Fishes and Computers

938 S. Main St., Salinas 831.393.9260 Low Cost Computers & Internet service for qualified people. Computadoras y servicio de Internet de bajo costo para personas calificadas.

Federal Stimulus Package

The federal stimulus package covers a temporary \$50 discount per month on Internet service and \$100 off computers for people who qualify.

El paquete de estímulo federal cubre un descuento temporal de \$50 cada mes por el servicio de Internet y \$100 de descuento en computadoras para las personas que califican.

Their site is/Este es el sitio web getemergencybroadband.org

Federal Affordable Connectivity Program

This program gives qualified low income telephone customers a discount on data for their phones. Ask your phone company if you qualify.

Este programa ofrece un descuento por data de teléfonos a los clientes de bajos ingresos que cumplan los requisitos. Pida información sobre esto de su compañía de teléfono.

DISCOUNTED USED BOOKS

Friends' Community Bookstore

330 Reservation Rd. Suite F, Marina Across from the Ramada Inn Tuesdays, Thursdays 12-4 PM Saturdays 10 AM-4 PM Books, DVDs and CDs. Sales benefit the Marina Library. For information contact friendscommunitybookstore@gmail.com

Monterey Bay Aquarium

Free passes for low income families. Information at Salinas Public Libraries.

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

Free & Discounted Day Passes

Do you receive CalWORKS or SSI, have a permanent disability, have a fourth grade child, or are a veteran or a senior 62 years old or older? You may qualify for a free or reduced price pass to enter our state parks. See https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1049 for information on the qualifications.



Go to the Parks Free

Anyone can check out a California State Parks day use pass from your local library.

CAREER PREPARATION Salinas Adult School

Classes

See page 17 for information

Tests

See page 20 for information

Career Advising

Career advising and job search. Room A-2 or call 796-6900 X 1414 or 1413 or cell number 831-583-7755.

Online Manufacturing Classes

Bay Area Community Colleges

Sign up for their newsletter & get information about career fairs, jobs, online manufacturing classes, scholarships, community college job training programs & manufacturing careers. Go to

https://bayareamanufacturingcareers.com/newsletters.html

Monterey Peninsula College-MPC

Law Enforcement

PELLETB Exam \$12 + fees South Bay Regional at MPC 2642 Colonel Durham Street, Seaside, CA

March 20 8:30-11:30 AM

Entry-level Law Enforcement test. This is a reading-writing test with multiple choice and fill-in questions. Maximum of one test each 30 days. Government-issued ID is required. For more information, go to https://www.eventbrite.com/o/post-written-tests-120252727

Phlebotomy Tech Training \$3,100
Monterey Peninsula College (MPC)
Marina Education Center
289 12th Street, Marina at Imjin Parkway & 3rd
Ave

For more information, contact Continuing Education at MPC ContinuingEd@mpc.edu or (831) 646-4058.

COLLEGE PREPARATION

Salinas Adult School College Preparation Classes

Developing English M-F 8:30-12:00

Improve your English & math skills and learn about college requirements, select schools & majors, and begin to prepare for your future.

HiSET Preparation M-Th 8:45-12:45

Prepare for taking these exams for high school equivalency.

Equivalencia de Preparatoria (HiSET) Lunes a jueves 8:45-12:45

Prepárense para tomar los exámenes de equivalencia de preparatoria.

College Advising

College advising and registration & financial aid assistance. Room A-2 or call 796-6900 X 1414 or 1413 or cell number 831-583-7755.

Money Mondays Hartnell College Building B, Room B-110 Mondays 3-4:30 PM

Drop-in help for FAFSA or Dream Act applications for 2022-2023 school year.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Science Workshop Games & Puzzles

John Steinbeck Llbrary Every Tuesday in February from 4-5:30

Special Kids Connect Events Eventos para familias con niños especiales

Registration for all events inscripciones para todos los eventos https://specialkidsconnect.org/events.html or 831-372-2730.

Transition from Early Start to Preschool for Special Kids

February 27 from 5-6 PM on Zoom

Transición de inicio temprano a preescolar para niños con necesidades especiales de Special Kids Connect

el 1 de marzo 5-6 PM por Zoom Una guia rapida para el IEP y el proceso de educación especial

El 21 de marzo 7-8:30 PM por Zoom

Kids Eat Right

Cesar Chavez Library February 22 from 2:30-4:00

Community Hospital of the Monterey Hospital provides family resources about healthy foods and physical activities you can do every day.

Bilingual Cooking Demonstration Aprende a Preparar una Receta

Blue Zones Project Cesar Chavez Library February 23 from 4-5 PM Learn to prepare a healthy, delicious plant-based

Aprende a preparar una receta simple a base de plantas en esta demostración bilingüe. Register /Inscribase https://bit.ly/bzpcooking

Whalefest Monterey

Custom House Plaza, Old Fisherman's Wharf, and Heritage Harbor March 18-19 from 11 AM- 5PM Free festival

Activities include a symposium (presentations & research) by well-known marine experts, live music, interactive exhibits, ocean photography, boat displays, a whale model (on Sunday), family games and activities, learning about whales, sea otters, dolphins, and sea birds, and wharf tours (1:00 and 2:30). For specific schedules of the festival events go to www.whalefest.org or www.montereywharf.com. You can also pay to take whale watching tours or other boat trips (some discounts available during the festival).

ONGOING EVENTS

Monarch Butterfly Viewing Monarch Butterfly Habitat Sanctuary 250 Ridge Rd., Pacific Grove Open sunrise to sunset every day

The best times to see butterflies are from November-February. For viewing clusters, go before 11 AM or on cloudy days. To watch them fly, go on sunny days or after 11 AM. To learn more about the butterflies, take a tour with a docent between 11 AM-3 PM.

Free

First Friday Art Walk March 3 from 5-9 PM Free Downtown Salinas

Visit downtown galleries, coffeehouses, CSUMB Salinas City Center and other locations to enjoy art, music, and more.

Open House at Railroad Museum March 4 & 5 from 10 AM-4 PM Free Near Salinas Amtrak Station

Railroad dioramas of Monterey County railroads. You must wear a mask.

West Coast Songwriters Competition Downtown Book & Sound 213 Main St., Salinas March 16 from 7-9:00 PM

Local musical professionals judge best performance and best song from those in the competition. Public welcome.

Preschool Curiosity Club Pacific Grove Natural History Museum 165 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove One month of Saturdays 9-10 AM

This club is for ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Children will explore nature with various activities and learn skills to help them to prepare for school and their caregivers will learn ways to explore nature with their families. Club is in English and Spanish. Register or get more information at education@PGMuseum.org

Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks Activities Guide

Nature activities, hikes, photography, volunteer opportunities, events and other activities for

children, youth, adults, and families from fall 2022 through winter 2023.

https://www.mprpd.org/files/25e0a2f1a/FINAL_LGO2 2-23+Fall-Winter-R14.pdf

Elkhorn Slough Tours 1700 Elkhorn Rd., Watsonville Go to Highway 1 North. Right on Dolan Rd. & Left on Elkhorn Rd.

Free Tours on Saturdays at 10 & 11 AM Only small groups are accepted at this time. Reservations required. Call 831-728-2822 to make your reservation.

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