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Contra Costa County Office of Education and Contra Costa Television Team Up to Support Distance Learning with Televised Elementary Math Lessons

Math lessons in English and Spanish for grades K-5 to address learning loss during school closures

Pleasant Hill, Calif., June 25, 2020 — To support distance learning instruction in mathematics and address learning loss during the shelter-in-place and summer months, the Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) and Contra Costa Television (CCTV), are teaming up to provide grade-specific math lessons Monday – Friday, beginning June 29 on the county’s public access education channel (edTV). edTV can be seen throughout most of Contra Costa County on Comcast Cable Ch. 32 and AT&T U-Verse Ch. 99. CCTV is a public service of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.

Video math lessons for grades Kindergarten through Five open with a “Number Talk” followed by a lesson and practice provided courtesy of Khan Academy. The lessons range in duration from 10 minutes to 15 minutes depending on the grade level, and are offered in English and Spanish. The balance of each half-hour time block will be filled with local programming provided by Contra Costa Library Services and East Bay Regional Parks.

“I am thrilled that we are able to provide this opportunity for families in our county, particularly for those households that may not have adequate access to technology or the internet,” said Lynn Mackey, Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools. “The loss of in-class instruction has called for an amazing amount of ‘out-of-the-box’ thinking, and we hope these lessons will be another creative way to reach and engage students.”

“We are pleased to be able to innovate a solution to challenging times by providing CCTV television channels to help meet the community’s needs. Together, Contra Costa Television and edTV will help make learning more accessible for children,” said Supervisor Candace Andersen, Chair of the Board of Supervisors. “Removing barriers to help families keep their children learning is crucial.”

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Each morning's programming will begin at 8:30am with a brief introduction by Contra Costa County Superintendent, Lynn Mackey, followed by CCCOE's own Betty McPeak (Turner School Special Education Program, Antioch) providing a 15-20 minute "morning circle time" designed for pre-k through 3rd grade students with special needs. In addition, there will be early afternoon educational programming for older students, including *STEM in 30*, *National Arts Gallery*, and *Food Kids*.

Math Programming Schedule Beginning Monday, June 29:

8:30 a.m. / Introduction by Lynn Mackey, Circle Time with Betty McPeak
9:00 a.m. / Kindergarten (English/Spanish)
9:30 a.m. / Grade 1 (English/Spanish)
10:00 a.m. / Grade 2 (English/Spanish)
10:30 a.m. / Grade 3 (English/Spanish)
11:00 a.m. / Grade 4 (English/Spanish)
11:30 a.m. / Grade 5 (English/Spanish)

*Lessons will repeat each afternoon starting at 2:00 p.m., and will also be available on the [CCCOE YouTube channel](#).

More information about this as well as CCCOE's response to COVID-19 can be found on the CCCOE website at: www.cocoschools.org/coronavirus.

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About Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE)

Video about CCCOE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSQHmDkTNc>

The Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) is a unique agency. One of 58 counties in the state of California, Contra Costa County has the 11th largest public-school student population in the state (approximately 178,000 students). Officially established in 1932, the CCCOE has a long history of providing direct services to some of our county's most vulnerable students, including young people who are incarcerated, homeless, or in foster care, as well as students who have severe physical or emotional challenges.

CCCOE also provides support services to schools and school districts in Contra Costa County; services that can be handled most effectively and economically on a regional basis rather than by each of the county's 285 schools or [18 school districts](#). These services range from budget approval and fiscal support, to technology infrastructure, communication support, and high-level professional development opportunities for educators. The CCCOE maintains a website at www.cocoschools.org.



About Contra Costa Television (CCTV)

Contra Costa Television (CCTV) is a public service of the Board of Supervisors committed to producing and televising quality programming on issues of countywide interest or concern. It plays a key role in transparent and open government. CCTV airs the Board of Supervisors and District meetings, community meetings, events of countywide interest, local sports and locally originated programming, as well as supporting the video technology and production needs of the County and its various departments and offices.

CCTV is our flagship channel and can be seen on cable TV and online at www.contracosta.ca.gov and contracostatv.org. Recent programming can be seen on demand on its [YouTube](#) channel. Working in association with several cities, CCTV operates six Public, Education, and Government (PEG) channels, serving different areas of the County. These channels are included in the basic cable TV service provided by Comcast, AT&T's U-verse, and WAVE. CCTV has been recognized for award winning programming. Watch video of the [25-year history of Contra Costa Television](#).