



Siskiyou County Office of Education

**Expanded Learning Program
November 2023 Update**

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Expanded Learning Community,

As we step into the month of November, I'm thrilled to connect with you once again through our newsletter. The leaves have painted the world with hues of red and gold, and it's the perfect time to reflect on the warmth and brightness our Expanded Learning programs bring into the lives of our students and families.

Did you know that November is National Gratitude Month? This is the perfect time to express our appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our educators, staff, and the extended community that makes our programs flourish. Let's take a moment to acknowledge and give thanks to everyone who contributes to the success of SAFE Expanded Learning programs.

I am pleased to announce the resounding success of our recent "Lights On Afterschool" celebration. It was heartwarming to witness our community coming together to support our youth in afterschool. For a glimpse of the memorable moments from the celebration, please scroll down to the bottom of this newsletter for a photo gallery that captures the spirit and energy of this national day of recognition.

As we continue through November, our commitment to providing a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment for our students remains unwavering. We look forward to further empowering our students through engaging programs, mentorship, and community involvement. Your continued support and dedication are what make our SAFE Expanded Learning programs a beacon of hope and opportunity for our youth of Siskiyou County.

Thank you for being an integral part of the SCOE - Expanded Learning family. Together, we are lighting the path for our students to explore, learn, and grow.

Warm regards,
Kelly Smith

SAFE NEWS

Join the Band

Join Our Site Coordinator Community Platform, Band!

We are excited to introduce an opportunity for all our site coordinators. Our new communication platform, “Band” is a space where we can come together to amplify the impact of our afterschool programs.

This platform is designed to foster collaboration, share best practices, and ignite innovation. Here's what you can expect:

1. **Collaboration Hub:** Connect with your fellow site coordinators for fostering a space for discussion, idea sharing, and problem-solving. Collaborate on projects, exchange resources, and inspire each other.
2. **Professional Development:** Opportunities for professional development learning will be posted for you to take advantage of.
3. **Networking Opportunities:** Build valuable connections with site coordinators who share your passion for enriching the lives of our students. Expand your network and discover potential collaborators.
4. **Resource Sharing:** Gain access to resources featuring lesson plans and activity ideas, making it easier than ever to enhance your afterschool programs.
5. **Exclusive Events:** Participate in exclusive virtual events, expert panels, and discussions. Engage in meaningful conversations with others in the field.

To join this vibrant community and take your involvement in afterschool education to the next level, keep an eye on your inbox for your invitation. Let's come together and make a difference, igniting the potential of our students and programs like never before!

Reach out to us if you have not received your invite yet!

Together, we can accomplish more than we ever thought possible!

Handbook

There is a wealth of information in the Expanded Learning - [SAFE Handbook](#). Many of the questions you will have regarding your SAFE program can be found here. We continue to welcome any and all inquiries you may have. Please reach out to any of the Expanded Learning team via email at Kelly.Smith@siskiyoucoe.net, knakano@siskiyoucoe.net, khughes@siskiyoucoe.net, or lvaldez@siskiyoucoe.net.

Expanded Learning Activities

Detailed information will be sent via email to you and your Site Coordinators

- Advisory Committee Meeting - November 16, 2023 - A Google invite and an agenda will be sent out this week.
- [Hour of Code](#) - December 5 - 11, 2023

ELO-P NEWS

ELO-P FAQs Updated

As of October 3, 2023 the FAQs for ELO-P have been updated. Please take a moment to check them out! [Click here to review the questions.](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT QUICKBITE (PDQ)

Responding to Trauma In Your Classroom

[Read this article for more information!](#)

In the "Responding to Trauma In Your Classroom" article, it explores essential insights on addressing trauma within the educational setting. It delves into crucial topics such as discerning between behavioral issues and trauma-induced reactions, understanding the root causes of trauma, and most importantly, provides guidance on how you can effectively respond to trauma. This article is a valuable resource to help create a safe and supportive environment for students who may be grappling with the lasting effects of trauma. For more in-depth information on these critical aspects, we encourage you to give the article a thorough read.

The article talks addresses:

- Is it bad behavior or trauma?
- What causes trauma? and;
- Responding to trauma.

FISCAL NEWS

Quarterly Reports

In late November, we will distribute quarterly fund reports to each site. In our commitment to transparency, this fiscal information will be provided to school fiscal staff, administration staff, and site coordinators. Just a reminder: please ensure all expenditure reports are submitted to our office by the 15th of every month. Your timely cooperation is greatly appreciated.



EXPANDED LEARNING AROUND THE COUNTY

Lights On Afterschool

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating the 24th Annual Afterschool Alliance Lights on Afterschool event. With participation from over 8,000 communities across the nation, we collectively emphasized the significance of afterschool programs for both students and families. The students showcased the profound impact of quality afterschool programs in Siskiyou County, highlighting the positive change they bring to our community.

For a glimpse of the enriching experience, please enjoy some event photos below and read the [Yreka News Article here!](#)

