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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings Expanded Learning Community,

As we step into the vibrant month of October. It's an exciting time for Expanded Learning, and I'm delighted to share some updates, insights, and our appreciation with all of you.

I want to emphasize the essence of who we are - Expanded Learning. Our commitment to providing enriching experiences, fostering growth, and nurturing the inquisitive spirit of our students remains at the core of everything we do. Our collective efforts make us a force of positive change in the lives of the young minds we serve.

Our dedication to delivering high-quality programs remains the forefront of our vision. As we continue to innovate and evolve, rest assured that we are committed to assist you in meeting the unique needs of your community while upholding the rigorous standards of the Expanded Learning Quality Standards.

Did you know that October was once the eighth month of the Roman calendar, hence its name, derived from "Octo," meaning eight? It's a testament to the rich history and evolving nature of time, much like our programs that adapt and grow to meet the ever-changing needs of our participants.

None of our achievements would be possible without the incredible dedication and hard work of each SAFE program throughout the county. Your unwavering work to support families and students is the cornerstone of our success.

I want to express my deepest appreciation for your continued commitment to the Expanded Learning vision. Your passion for expanding horizons, nurturing curiosity, and creating a brighter future for our young learners is inspiring.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. Here's to a fantastic October filled with growth, discovery, and success.

Should you have any questions or concerns, our dedicated team is always here to assist you.

Warm regards,  
Kelly Smith  
Director of Expanded Learning

## SAFE NEWS



### Lights On Afterschool

This year signifies the 24th annual Lights On Afterschool event, a national celebration scheduled for Thursday, October 26th. SCOE - Expanded Learning, in collaboration with SAFE programs, will provide black banners and glow-in-the-dark paint to help promote this significant occasion.

At your individual sites, we encourage you to celebrate in your unique way. Consider hosting an open house, rally, carnival, student showcase, or let your imagination run wild with creative ideas.

SCOE - Expanded Learning will be making special visits to select sites, joined by Mayor Pro Tem Paul McCoy and the Yreka News, to highlight the invaluable contributions of SAFE programs to our county's students.

To enhance your participation, please register your SAFE site activity at [Afterschool Alliance](#). By doing so, you'll receive 10 complimentary posters to promote your event and become eligible for some exciting prizes.

### California Afterschool Network 7th Annual Symposium

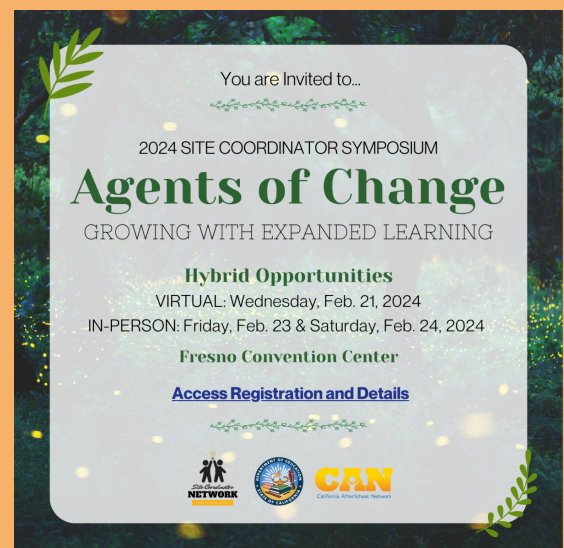
Don't miss this opportunity; secure your early bird registration now! Consult with your SAFE site administration to discuss your attendance. The Site Coordinator Network is thrilled to unveil the 7th Annual 2024 Site Coordinator Symposium, themed "Agents of Change: Growing with Expanded Learning."

This event, presented by the Site Coordinator Network and backed by the California AfterSchool Network, California Department of Education Expanded Learning Division, and the System of Support for Expanded Learning, promises a dynamic blend of learning and enjoyment. Whether you prefer virtual or in-person experiences, this hybrid conference offers both options to suit your needs.

### [Expanded Learning Activities](#)

Detailed information will be sent via email to you as the events get closer.

- Lights On Afterschool - October 26, 2023
- Advisory Committee Meeting - November 16, 2023
- Hour of Code - December 5 - 11, 2023



## Professional Development QuickBite - PDQ

### Classroom Transitions

Transitions help us move smoothly between activities in order to stay focused and engaged with each task. They also allow for downtime so that we can process information better later on. And finally, transitions give us opportunities to reinforce concepts and skills that were covered.

Transitions are a key partner in promoting positive classroom climates and student participation. Students will experience between 5 to 6 transitions within an hour of program activity. Often the transitions happen without conscious thought. The below resources will offer ways to start thinking more critically about the transitions that take place in your SAFE program. Effective transitions will reduce challenging behaviors experienced in the classroom.

Click the links below for the full article.

[Why transitions are the key to an effective classroom & how to improve them.](#)

[Strategies That Help Students Manage Transitions](#)

## ◆ Classroom Climate



*Having positive, respectful teacher-student relationships is the foundation to effective classroom management.*

### What is Classroom Climate?

Classroom climate is a term used to give attention to a constellation of factors including teacher-student interactions, teacher tone, student-student interactions, the overall level of respect for one another, and classroom orderliness.

### Why is it important?

Positive classroom climates are ones in which students feel important, supported, respected, and valued. Classroom climates that foster effective teacher-student relationships are associated with increased academic engagement and student satisfaction with school. Climates where students do not feel respected or valued lead to student disengagement in school, resulting in higher levels of disruptive behavior.

Source: The Classroom Check-Up

## ELO-P NEWS

### Expanded Learning Opportunities - Program Academy & Resources

In collaboration with the California Department of Education (CDE), the California Afterschool Network (CAN) concluded its ELO-P Academy at the end of September. This four-day event was filled with informative sessions designed to empower participants with valuable insights into the world of Expanded Learning Opportunities-Program (ELO-P).

Here's a breakdown of what each day entailed:

- ★ Day 1: Delved into the fundamental "Nuts & Bolts" of ELO-P.
- ★ Day 2: Explored strategies for "Creating Conditions for Children to Thrive through Expanded Learning."
- ★ Day 3: Focused on "Supporting Early Learners in Expanded Learning Programs."
- ★ Day 4: Equipped LEA Leaders with the necessary knowledge and tools for successful implementation.

Each day featured presentations from renowned leaders in the field, who shared their expertise and valuable resources to facilitate the implementation of these critical topics. To access the recorded sessions, presentation slides, and supplementary resources, please follow this link. [2023 ELO-P Academy Details & Resources](#)

Taking some time to review these sessions will undoubtedly provide you with a clearer understanding of how to effectively implement ELO-P at your site.

## FISCAL NEWS

### SAFE Funds

All SAFE funds are used in compliance with all applicable regulatory provisions and are reasonable and necessary for operating SAFE programs. Funds are not used for general expenses required to carry out other program needs not directly related to SAFE program needs per the grant award. Example, the curriculum used for the regular day.

### Fiscal Agent

SCOE - Expanded Learning is the grantee and fiscal agent of SAFE sites, which is funded through the ASES grant. As the fiscal agent, we are legally responsible for all financial aspects of the grant and ensuring compliance with the grant requirements. We must provide assurances that the program will follow all fiscal reporting and auditing standards required by the CDE, SACS manual, and Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures (GAAP).

### Yearly SAFE Site Budget

The SAFE fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30 of each year. Schools are allowed to spend SAFE funds until June 30th of each year. At the beginning of each school year, Expanded Learning releases an **estimated** SAFE site allocation to budget program costs for each participating school. Official allocations for SAFE site budgets are released when SCOE- Expanded Learning has received the signed Grant Award Notification (GAN) form from the CDE. Program funds are based on the target number of students served on a daily basis in SAFE. The amount of each individual SAFE site's allocation budget can fluctuate from year-to-year based on target number increases/decreases, voluntary or involuntary deductions, school closures, etc.

### SAFE Budget Narrative

It is suggested that each school year, during budget development, SAFE sites complete a budget narrative for the upcoming school year based on estimated allocations of ASES funding. SAFE site coordinators need to work collaboratively with site business personnel to plan accordingly for the program needs.

## EXPANDED LEARNING AROUND THE COUNTY

During the next few months SAFE sites will have the opportunity to offer enriching experiences that will inspire curiosity, encourage creativity, and cultivate lifelong skills.

These enrichments are designed to provide a diverse and engaging experience for our students, fostering their growth and development in various areas. Each one of these programs fosters implementation of the Quality Standards for Expanded Learning.

Here is a brief overview of programs happening around the county.



### Shasta Gravity Adventures

Christian Birch provides the youth mountain bike program to sites and builds skill development, friendship, and leadership in the outdoors. Students grow as contributing individuals who are more confident, connected, and engaged. Students participate in real hands-on mountain biking experiences.

### STEAM and Outdoor Education



Stacia Anderson with the SCOE - Science Education team will bring our STEAM and Outdoor Education enrichments. Stacia takes the opportunity to utilize her enthusiasm for innovation by crafting STEAM curricula that seamlessly intertwines science, technology, art, and mathematics, immersive outdoor field experiences that kindle wonder and curiosity among students. Through outdoor education, she is able to impart understanding of the delicate equilibrium of ecosystems and the innate beauty of the world, nurturing stewardship and sparking the flame of student engagement. She enjoys catalyzing students to bridge classroom insights with real-world applications and help foster critical thinking among our future generation.

### Engaged on Stage



The "Engaged on Stage" enrichment is perfect for students who love the performing arts. This introductory program is designed to have SAFE students stimulate imagination through experiences they otherwise may not have an opportunity for. Bennet Gale has a background working on Broadway and the film industry and looks forward to providing students using SEL practices to have them explore their creativity, build confidence, and develop communication skills through theater, drama games, and stage performances. It's an excellent opportunity for students to express themselves and collaborate with their peers.