



West Contra Costa School Notes

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Grants available: The Ed. Fund is accepting applications for its grants program through Sept. 30. Mini-grants of \$500 are available for classroom projects, and \$1,000 grants are available for schoolwide applications, for a total of \$50,000 for schools in West Contra Costa.

Project areas include literacy, writing and math skills; music and art; science, technology, engineering and math; teacher professional development; culturally-responsive instruction; college access; Linked Learning; community involvement and leadership; physical fitness and nutrition; violence prevention; history and social science; special education; and community engagement.

Grants are available to anyone who works or volunteers in West Contra Costa public schools, including teachers and principals; other school employees who work with teachers and principals; parents and students; or nonprofit organizations working in the school district.

Those who need assistance putting together their grant application can attend a free workshop from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 21 and 22 at the Ed. Fund office, 217C W. Richmond Ave. in Richmond.

Grants will be chosen in October and awarded at the end of that month. For more information or to submit an application, go to www.EdFundWest.org.

Coaches meet with students at the school on a regular basis to assist with writing assignments. Volunteers don't need to have a background in teaching or English.

For more information, send an e-mail to volunteer. ecwcc@gmail.com or call Todd Groves at 510-558-8018.

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