

Educational Resource Services creates Quick Tip Videos to share with teachers and families



Yesterday, Educational Resource Services (ERS) posted the first release of its Quick Tip Videos for educators, families, and students. The two- to five-minute videos were created by the curriculum specialists and can be accessed through TCOE's Distance Learning website at tcoe.org/DistanceLearning/QuickTipVideos.

Among the seven videos uploaded to the Distance Learning site are two from Katherine Goyette, ERS's Educational Technology curriculum specialist. Through her videos, Ms. Goyette provides viewers information on how Google Sites and Google Keep can be used to support students' research and writing projects. Lisa Lemus and Tim Budz, English Language Arts/English Language Development curriculum specialists, teamed up to present a lesson on informational writing. Other videos address reading strategies, history/social science content, and the use of images in mathematics and other disciplines. The collection of Quick Tip Videos will continue to grow, providing teachers and parents educationally-sound concepts across all content areas and multiple grade levels for students in distance learning environments.



“Distance learning has been a challenge for everyone involved in education,” said Tim Hire, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools. “I appreciate the curriculum specialists at ERS taking the lead to provide some instructional strategies for teachers and some resources parents and students can utilize as we all learn from home.”

Photos above:

~ Lisa Lemus, an ELA/ELD curriculum specialist, teamed up with Tim Budz to develop a Quick Tip Video on informational writing.

~ The new Quick Tip Videos are being added to TCOE’s Distance Learning website on an ongoing basis. Two to five minutes in length, the videos present education concepts across multiple content areas and grade levels for students in distance learning environments.

Foundations for Life essay contest winners announced

Michael Josephson, creator of the CHARACTER COUNTS! program, said, “Yes and no are powerful words. Mean them when you say them. Respect them where you hear them.”

Nicole Walker, a junior at Redwood High School in Visalia, used Mr. Josephson’s quote as the basis of her essay entitled *The Power of a Simple Word*, which was entered in the annual Foundations for Life essay contest.

In her essay, Nicole said, “There are plenty of people who seem to live by this saying, yet there are still individuals who do not adhere to its principles...the critical nature of choosing the right word for the right situation



becomes evident. Living this maxim helps build strong character and also helps build lasting relationships.”

Numerous students learning from home this spring took the opportunity to participate in the Foundations for Life essay contest. The program is a quotation-based writing competition that promotes reading, critical thinking, and essay development, while simultaneously introducing and reinforcing character education. To read the winning essays, click on the essay titles below. To read all essays entered in the contest, visit tcoe.org/FoundationsForLife.

2020 Foundations for Life winning essays

7th Grade Winner

Sophia LaPlant, St. Paul's School, [*Shine Your Light*](#)

8th Grade Winner

Keira Bixler, Green Acres Middle School, [*Change for the Better*](#)

9th Grade Winner

Alondra Mora, Harmony Magnet Academy, [*The Way Life Goes*](#)

10th Grade Winner

Zoe Roberts, Central Valley Christian School, [*Failure is Equivalent to Quitting*](#)

11th Grade Winner

Nicole Walker, Redwood High School, [*The Power of a Simple Word*](#)

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California Center on Teaching Careers to hold statewide virtual recruitment fair May 28



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The poster features an illustration of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a white lab coat, sitting at a desk and using a laptop. The background is a light beige color with a wavy orange shape at the bottom. The text is in a mix of orange and black fonts.

The California Center on Teaching Careers (The Center) is holding a statewide virtual recruitment fair May 28 from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. Teachers and teacher candidates are invited to register to participate in the fair, which simulates the look of a real recruitment fair through an online platform.

Since The Center held its first virtual recruitment fair in 2018, these events have allowed teachers and teacher candidates worldwide to remotely meet with numerous participating California education agencies. Inside the virtual fair, registered attendees can conduct live chats and videoconferences about job openings at districts and county offices of education throughout the state. Uncredentialed candidates also have opportunities to visit with representatives from participating universities and alternative certification agencies to learn how to start a credential program application.

To register to attend the upcoming virtual fair, visit thecentervirtualevents.vfairs.com, or contact Marvin Lopez at marvinl@tcoe.org.

Distance Learning Resources

- [Arts All Around Us](#)
- [TCOE Learning at Home](#)

Coming Up!

- Many upcoming student events have been cancelled or postponed. Check the current list of all student events (cancelled, postponed, and tentatively scheduled) on the [Student Events](#) webpage.

View more events at tcoe.org/CalendarofEvents.

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