

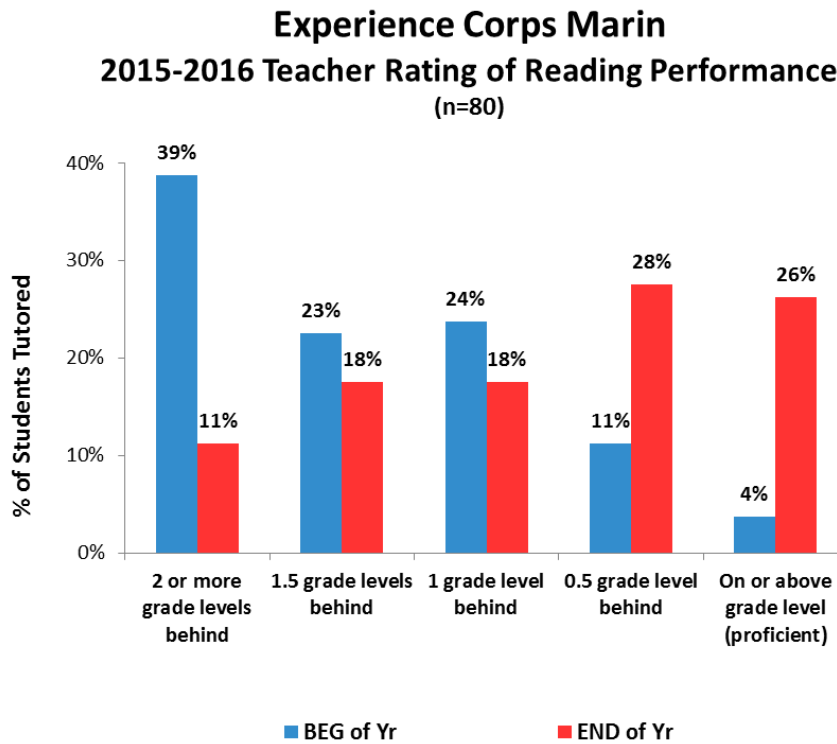
September 2016 Newsletter

“Every child needs at least one adult who is irrationally crazy about him or her.”

– Urie Bronfenbrenner, Developmental Psychologist and co-founder of Head Start



Your students continue to show remarkable improvement across each school year. – Teacher ratings of our students’ reading performance at the beginning and end of the 2015-2016 school year showed:



Thank you for helping your students succeed! And welcome back!



Volunteer of the Week – In case you missed it, San Pedro volunteer Sydne Bortel was recognized in the *Marin IJ* as Volunteer of the Week on August 10th. Patricia Talke, 1st grade teacher at San Pedro Elementary School, says: “Sydne is a kind and patient volunteer truly invested in student learning. Both my students and I can always count on her. We feel very lucky to have her.”

Back
To
School!



Back to School Event – Our Back to School meeting is Thurs., October 6th from 9:30 am – Noon. It will be at a new location - the Marin Community Foundation, 5 Hamilton Landing, Novato (off Hangar Ave.). We'll be in the Redwood Conference Room. We hope you can make it:

- Reconnect with fellow volunteers and meet some new ones
- Get introduced to Julianne Havel, our new site coordinator for Sun Valley and Venetia Valley (Robin Levy retired)
- Learn about "Mentoring Matters" from Paula Hammons (trainer extraordinaire) and pick up some new tools to help you and your student connect in fun ways while you learn together
- Collect some giveaways from the Experience Corps National organization
- Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by clicking [here](#). Or you may RSVP to Judy (jkramer@ncphs.org or 415-464-1767) or to Donna, Julianne or Tove.



Marin Senior Fair – The fair is Wed., October 26th this year. EC Marin will be in booth #180M. Please stop by and say hello! Tell your friends and family to come by and learn about our program. Also, Judy could use help staffing the booth. Staffing Needs: 2 people each from 9-11 am; 11 am-1 pm; 1-3 pm. Contact Judy Kramer to sign up.



Training

“Coffee & Comprehension” – Back by popular demand.

Comprehension is one of the five components of literacy and is the one that ties the other four together (phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency and vocabulary). On Thurs., October 20th from 9:30 am-Noon in room 109 at 3240 Kerner Blvd., San Rafael, EC Marin trainer Paula Hammons will lead a session focused on Comprehension and what is expected at each of our grade levels. You will have an opportunity to learn new hands-on exercises to use with your students. There will also be a block of time to discuss student challenges as well as successes. Please contact Judy Kramer if you’d like to attend.

Basic training is required of first-year tutors but is also open to experienced tutors. Quite a few experienced volunteers took the training last year and found it a good refresher. See the Calendar below for dates and locations. EC Marin trainer Paula Hammons will lead these “T2” and “T3” sessions.

- “T2” Brief Description: Tips for building relationships, communicating with and motivating students; different learning styles; and an introduction to the essential elements of reading and phonics.
- “T3” Brief Description: Delves deeper into the essentials of reading and phonics, including strategies to help with decoding, vocabulary and comprehension. Bring your own tutoring tips to share.

Please take T2 and T3 in sequence. They may be taken more than once – you learn something new each time you take it. To ensure there are enough materials for everyone, please contact Judy Kramer to register for trainings.

Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
October			
Thurs., Oct. 6	9:30 am - Noon	EC Marin Back to School	Redwood Conference Room, Marin Community Foundation, 5 Hamilton Landing, Novato
Thurs., Oct. 13	9:30 am – Noon	“T2” Training	Room 40-133, Connection Center, 3240 Kerner Blvd., SR
Oct. 17-21	Parent Conference Week at San Rafael schools (no school on Monday; ½ day Tuesday-Friday)		
Thurs., Oct. 20	9:30 am - Noon	Coffee & Comprehension	Room 109, Connection Center, 3240 Kerner Blvd., SR

Calendar (continued)

Date	Time	Event	Location
Wed., Oct. 26	9 am – 3 pm	Marin Senior Fair	Marin Exhibit Hall, San Rafael
November			
Thurs., Nov. 3	9:30 am - Noon	“T3” Training	Room 40-134, Connection Center, 3240 Kerner Blvd., SR
Mon., Nov. 7	9:30 am - Noon	“T2” Training	Room 40-133, Connection Center, 3240 Kerner Blvd., SR
Thurs., Nov. 10	No school at Hamilton Elementary (Staff Development Day)		
Fri., Nov. 11	Veteran’s Day – No School		
Mon., Nov. 14	9:30 am - Noon	“T3” Training	Room 40-134, Connection Center, 3240 Kerner Blvd., SR
Nov. 21-25	Novato Schools Thanksgiving Break – no school all week		
Nov. 23-25	San Rafael Schools Thanksgiving Break		
December			
Dec. 23 – Jan. 6	Winter Break – No School San Rafael schools are also closed on Mon., Jan. 9		

2016-2017 Contact Information – We’re all back and looking forward to working with you again this school year! Here’s our contact information. Feel free to contact any of us with questions, concerns, new ideas, etc.:

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