July

July 16
Maker's Day
When: 8am - 3pm
Location: CfTE, Almond Room, 5 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA
Details: Come join us to build your junk robot! Upcycle your garbage, scraps, and any other junk you come across and start creating! You will have access to donated materials and resources needed to make an amazing junk robot! The Butte County Fair will be onsite to register your entry into the fair.

August

August 23 – 26
Junk Robotics Exhibition
When: During Fair Hours
Location: Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 East Hazel St., Gridley, CA
Details: Junk Robots designed at the Maker’s Day will be on display at the Butte County Fairgrounds.

September

September 14-28
High School Voter Week
When: Week Long
Location: All Participating Butte County High Schools
Details: The California Education Code designates the last two full weeks in April and September to be High School Voter Education Weeks. This provides an opportunity for high schools and their students to partner with county elections officials to promote civic education and participation on campus and foster an environment that cultivates lifelong voters and active citizens.

September 22
Family Fun Day (in conjunction with the Oroville Salmon Festival)
When: 10am - 3pm
Location: Bicentennial Park, Corner of Huntoon and Robinson Streets, Oroville, CA
Details: Family Fun Day is an opportunity to celebrate programs and services offered to Butte County students through the Butte County Office of Education! Students and families are invited to join us for an array of interactive Expanded Learning Program booths, live music, student talent show, arts and crafts, sports and much more.
September 27

Vex Robotics Qualifying Round 1
When: 4pm-8pm
Location: Almond Room, CfTE, 5 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA
Details: Vex Robotics teams from around Butte County are invited to Round 1 Qualifier to learn about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through participation. Must be a pre-registered team in the Butte County VEX Robotics Competition and VEX IQ Challenge to attend.

October 6

Cardboard Challenge
When: 9am – 1pm
Location: Bicentennial Park, Corner of Robinson & Huntoon Streets, Oroville, CA
Details: The public is invited to attend the first annual Cardboard Challenge at the Butte County Office of Education’s Bicentennial Park on Saturday, October 6, 9am – 1pm. At this free event, children and adults will have the opportunity to design and fabricate their own creations from cardboard and supplies provided. The Global Cardboard Challenge was inspired by the short film entitled Caine’s Arcade – a film about a boy who created a game arcade out of cardboard boxes in his father’s auto parts store and the neighborhood that supported it. Today, the Global Cardboard Challenge is a worldwide celebration of childhood creativity and the role communities can play in fostering it. This event also engages students in the 4C’s of 21st century learning: critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication.

October 11

Vex Robotics Qualifying Round 2
When: 4pm – 8pm
Location: Almond Room, CfTE, 5 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA
Details: Vex Robotics teams from around Butte County are invited to Round 2 Qualifier to learn about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through participation. Must be a pre-registered team in the Butte County VEX Robotics Competition and VEX IQ Challenge to attend.
October 17
Explorer’s Fair
When: 5:00pm – 7:30pm
Location: Silver Dollar Fairgrounds, 2357 Fair Street, Chico, CA
Details: K-8 students and families invited to explore booths from local businesses, industry, high schools and the community college. Interactive hands-on activities from robotics to art and more!

October 23-31
Red Ribbon Week
When: All Week
Location: All participating schools
Details: Red Ribbon Week is the nation’s oldest and largest drug prevention awareness campaign. Butte County encourages all of our students to live a drug-free lifestyle. Wear red ribbons this week to celebrate!

October 31
Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy Essay Deadline
When: 12pm
Location: Local VFW office, Oroville, CA
Details: Patriot’s Pen 2018 - 19 Theme “Why I Honor the American Flag” middle school essay contest and Voice of Democracy “Why My Vote Matters” high school essay contest. This VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. Cash prizes and scholarships awarded.

November 8
Vex Robotics Qualifying Round 3
When: 4pm-8pm
Location: Almond Room, CfTE, 5 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA
Details: Vex Robotics teams from around Butte County are invited to Round 3 Qualifier to learn about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through participation. Must be a pre-registered team in the Butte County VEX Robotics Competition and VEX IQ Challenge to attend.
December

December 3-7
Computer Science Education Week
When: Week Long
Location: All schools
Details: Computer Science Education Week (CSEdWeek) is an annual program dedicated to inspiring K-12 students to take interest in computer science.

December TBA
NCEL Esports Fall Playoffs
When: TBA
Location: TBA
Details: The Northern California Esports League (NCEL) is a new student program ran by the Butte County Office of Education. The program is a student-led operation focused on bringing competitive esports opportunities to our high school students in Northern California. NCEL will work alongside the North America Scholastic Esports Federation (NASEF) formed by the Orange County Office of Education to bring high school gamers in rural California the chance to compete in statewide and national championships. Visit the official NCEL website at ncesportsleague.org to learn more.

December 8
Butte County Vex Robotics Finals
When: 8am - 2pm
Location: Nelson Avenue Middle School, 2255 6th St., Oroville, CA
Details: Vex Robotics teams from around Butte County are invited to Finals to learn about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through participation. Must be a pre-registered team in the Butte County VEX Robotics Competition and VEX IQ Challenge to attend.

January

January 17*
Mock Trial
When: 8am - 3pm
Location: Butte County Courthouse, Courtroom #7, 1 Court St., Oroville, CA
The Mock Trial competition simulates a trial-level proceeding in which high school students play the roles of pretrial counsel, prosecuting and defense attorneys, witnesses, court clerks, and bailiffs before a single presiding judge and two to three scoring judges who score individuals based on their legal arguments and presentations. Mock Trial materials include a hypothetical criminal case (summaries of case law, witness statements, official exhibits, simplified rules of evidence) and lesson plans on the central issues in the case. *date to be confirmed by Court

January 24
Butte County Academic Decathlon Essay
When: After School
Location: Participating School Sites
Details: Student high school decathletes complete the essay portion of the Butte County Academic Decathlon.
January 28 – February 1

The Great Kindness Challenge

*When*: Weeklong Challenge  
*Location*: All Butte County Schools

Details: The Great Kindness Challenge is one week dedicated to creating a culture of kindness on campuses nationwide. BCOE, alongside our schools are proudly participate in this proactive bullying prevention initiative. Students and adults will receive a GKC Checklist with 50 kind deeds. We are encouraging everyone to complete the checklist and show the world that kindness matters!

February

February 2

Butte County Academic Decathlon Speech, Interview and SuperQuiz

*When*: 8am - 5pm  
*Location*: Butte County Office of Education, 1859 Bird Street, Oroville, CA

Details: Student high school decathletes participate as a 9-member team against other schools by taking 30 minute multiple-choice tests in the subjects of economics, language & literature, music, science, art, mathematics, and social science. They also compete in interviews, speeches and essays. The competition culminates in the high-energy team event called the Super Quiz, which is open to the public. Individual and team award medals are presented at an awards banquet and the overall winning team from the county competition is invited to participate in the statewide California Academic Decathlon.

February 12

Butte County Poetry Out Loud Competition

*When*: 9am – 12pm  
*Location*: 1078 Gallery, 1710 Park Avenue, Chico, CA

Details: The Butte County Poetry Out Loud Competition encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition. The program provides students with the opportunity to perform poetry in their classroom. Winners advance to school-wide, then compete at the county competition for a chance to recite their poetry at State and National level.

February TBA

STEM Girl Career Trek

*When*: TBA  
*Location*: Butte College Gym, 3536 Butte Campus Dr., Oroville, CA

Details: The Butte County branches of the American Association of Women (AAUW) in partnership with Butte Community College, invite all 8th grade girls to attend a career exploration program. Interact with professional women whose careers require training in math, science and/or technology and learn about the preparation required for those careers. Must register to attend. Includes meals. Only open to 8th grade girls.
March TBA

Butte County Juried Art Show
When: TBA
Location: TBA
Details: Selected students invited to display their art at the Juried Art Show. This event showcases the finest art work in the county as part of the Arts Education Initiative designed to bring about a renaissance in arts education for Pre K-12th.

March 2

Butte County National History Day
When: TBA
Location: TBA
Details: National History Day, is a year-long educational program that encourages students to explore local, state, national, and world history. After selecting a historical topic that relates to an annual theme, students conduct extensive research by using libraries, archives, museums, and oral history interviews. They analyze and interpret their findings, draw conclusions about their topics' significance in history, and create final projects that present their work. These projects can be entered into a series of competitions, from the local to the national level, where they are evaluated by historians and educators.

April TBA

Butte County Spelling Bee
When: TBA
Location: TBA
Details: The Butte County Office of Education coordinates the county elementary Spelling Bees for grade 4-6 students and the county junior high competition for students in grades 7-9. Butte County Spelling Bees give students the opportunity to demonstrate their spelling ability, think on their feet, and speak before an audience.

April TBA

Butte County Kids Challenge
When: 2pm – 5pm
Location: Butte College Gym, 3536 Butte Campus Dr., Oroville, CA
Details: Students visit Butte College for an engaging day highlighting career exploration and participation in an exciting academic trivia competition. Students, parents, and educators are welcome to attend.
April 15

Butte County Young Author’s Writing Contest: Submission Deadline

When: TBA
Location: TBA

Details: The 2019 Paradise Chocolate Fest celebration will include "All About Books!" ... connecting Authors, Illustrators and Publishers to the Community. It will include a Young Authors Writing Contest. Young writers are encouraged to create a fictional story that includes the word "Chocolate". The contest is to K-12 students who are enrolled in public and private schools in Butte County. BCOE Student Events, along with Friends of the Library, the Elks and Lions Clubs are sponsoring it.

April 19 (subject to change)

Math Field Day

When: TBA
Location: TBA

Details: Math Field is an opportunity for Butte County Elementary Schools to join together in promoting excellence in mathematics, team work, achieving goals, and school spirit. Math Field Day is an all-day math competition for students in Grade 4, 5, and 6. A school can have only one team (4 team members) per grade level participating. Most schools hold try-outs and have practice sessions for their teams. Must be registered to attend.

May

May 3 (subject to change)

Butte County Special Olympics

When: TBA
Location: Harrison Stadium, 1674 3rd Avenue, Oroville, CA

Details: The track meet is an annual collaborative event and doubles as a service learning opportunity for students attending local middle and high schools, Butte College and Chico State, to work with students with disabilities in an athletic and active environment.

May TBA

Lego Robotics and STEM Tournament

When: 2pm-5pm
Location: Las Plumas High School, 2380 Las Plumas Avenue, Oroville, CA

Details: Schools may bring up to 1 team to compete in the Lego Robotics and STEM Tournament. Teams must consist of 3-6 students. The mat used will be Trash Trek Challenge. Teams must be registered to attend. Open to 4th – 8th grade students.
May 19
Butte County Young Author’s Writing Contest Awards
When: TBA
Location: TBA
Details:
Gift certificates for sweet treats will be offered to the winners of 1st through 3rd place in the K-5 grade category, while 6th through 10th graders will be awarded Barnes & Noble Gift Certificates. The first place winners of the 11th and 12th grade division will be awarded scholarships. Must submit entries by April 15th.

May TBA
Esports Spring Playoffs
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Location: TBA
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All event dates, times and locations subject to change. Please check back at www.bcoe.org/student-events to confirm details.

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