



Message from Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

Activities with loved ones encourage participation and act as a model for children to foster a love of learning.

National Family Literacy Month is an opportunity for loved ones to spend time reading together. Reading fosters a fascination and appreciation of books and literacy. Reading with and to children strengthens their vocabulary and builds foundational literacy skills they need in school. There are a variety of resources and opportunities for families to engage in reading throughout Santa Clara County.

I encourage and invite residents to participate in the county-wide reading program, Silicon Valley Reads. Silicon Valley Reads is presented by the Santa Clara County Office of Education, the Santa Clara County Library District, and the City of San Jose Library. Each year books for adults and children are selected according to a relevant theme. The 2024 theme focuses on the importance of sustainability, "A Greener Tomorrow Starts Today." There will be many associated free events in support of Silicon Valley Reads in early 2024. Families can start reading the selected works, which are featured on the Silicon Valley Reads website: www.siliconvalleyreads.org

Local libraries are a great place for families to build and maintain reading habits. [The Santa Clara County Library District](#) is a resource within the county to access free books for any age, in either printed or digital copies. To learn more about the Santa Clara County Library District, visit: <https://scclid.org/>

Libraries and FIRST 5 of Santa Clara County partner to additional reading resources to children in various languages as well. To learn more about this program, visit: https://first5parents.org/services/bridge_library/



Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

When we invest in literacy and education at a young age, the benefits will pay dividends for years.

We are #StrongerTogether.

Be well,

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SCCOE News



Visit the [SCCOE Newsroom](#) for the latest news and updates.

- [SCCOE YouTube Channel](#)
- [California Governor Signs Bill to Enable Schools to Receive Federal Reimbursement for Providing Mental Health Services](#)

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TEAM!**

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Visit the [SCCOE Job Opportunities Page](#) for the latest information and about job postings.

To stay up to date on all job opportunities at the SCCOE, register to receive the Jobs Bulletin: <https://sccoe.to/SCCOEJobsBulletin>

Community News and Resources



Recall - Lead Alert

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department issued a warning for elevated lead levels in the below products:

1. WanaBana apple cinnamon fruit puree pouches
2. Schnucks-brand cinnamon-flavored applesauce pouches and variety pack
3. Weis-brand cinnamon applesauce pouches

It is recommended that families immediately stop using these products and inform others who may be using these products. There are tests for children who may have been exposed.

To view current updates,

visit: https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2023/han00500.asp?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery



Santa Clara County Library District Author Visits

The Santa Clara County Library District hosts author visits. There are opportunities for youth and adults to meet authors and discuss a variety of books.

To learn more, visit: <https://scclld.org/author-events/>



Star Stories

The Santa Clara County Parks Department will host Star Stories: An Astronomy Program at Coyote Lake Harvey Bear County Park on December 15 from 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. This program will be located at 10840 Coyote Reservoir Road in Gilroy using the lake entrance. During this program, star stories will be discussed from over the years.

To learn more and register, visit: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRXIdnnRqf0aW8qyfAHQfwh5GIGTDKHF5Wm4-mwVkJWpUoVaA/viewform>

School District News and Resources

Transformational Learning Communities (TLCs)
for California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) grantees in the Bay Area region
(Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Sonoma counties)

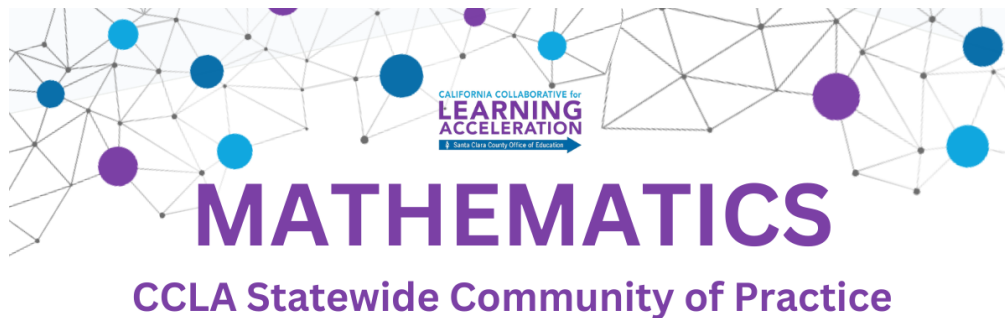
Community Schools Transformational Learning Communities

The SCCOE is hosting virtual Community Schools Transformational Learning Communities (TLCs) for both CCSPP Year One Grantees and CCSPP Planning Year Two and Implementation Grantees. These opportunities for collective learning on community schools presentations are free and hosted on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Year One Grantees can join the virtual meeting on December 5.

Year Two and Implementation Grantees can join the virtual meeting on December 12.

To learn more, visit: www.sccoe.org/yhw/community



INTENDED AUDIENCE: K-12 educators
(breakout sessions will consist of grade-alike groupings)

Collaborate on practical ways to integrate learning acceleration approaches in mathematics to support student success!

California Collaborative for Learning (CCLA) Mathematics Community of Practice

The California Collaborative for Learning (CCLA) will host a virtual statewide community of practice for mathematics instruction on December 14. This opportunity allows K-12 educators can discuss and learn more about learning acceleration utilizing evidence-based practices. Breakout sessions will contain grade-alike groups. There is no cost to attend.

To learn more or register, visit: www.sccoe.to/2023-2024CCLAMathCoP

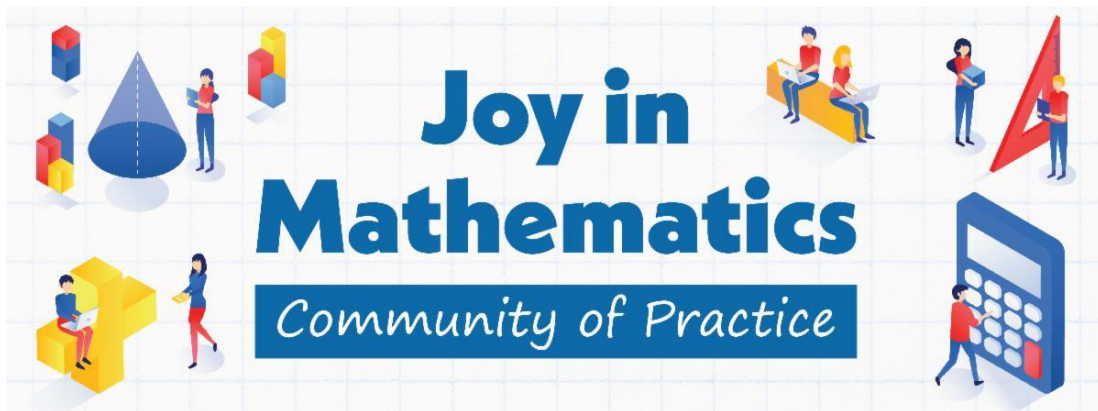


Unlocking Student Success

The SCCOE invites educators within the county to participate in an online, asynchronous course about Unlocking Student Success. In this training, educators will learn key concepts and research behind standards-based education, exploring tools and techniques, examine the role of student and family communication in education, and more. Space is limited.

To learn more, visit: <https://sccoe.to/UnlockingStudentSuccess>

*There is a cost associated with this session**



Joy in Mathematics Community of Practice

Join math educators on December 6 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. virtually for a community of practice gathering. At this community of practice, math educators will have opportunities to learn new teaching strategies, resources, and games.

To learn more or register, visit: <https://sccoe.to/joyinmathcop>

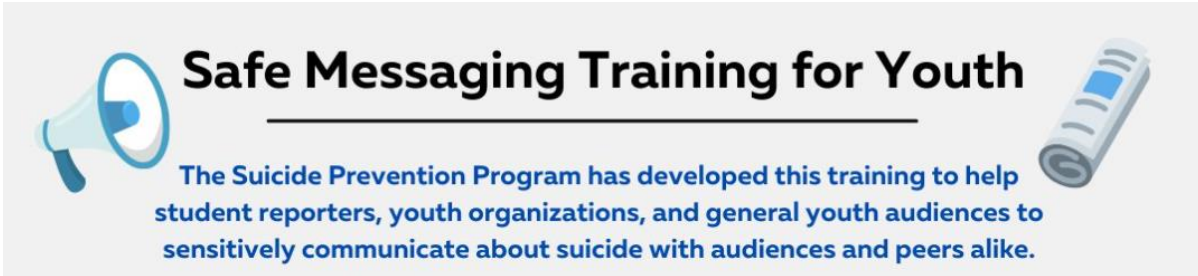
Health and Wellness



Order Free COVID-19 At-Home Tests

Keep you and your family safe this cold and flu season by having COVID-19 tests available for your household for free. Every household in the U.S. is eligible to order up to 4 free home tests. If you already ordered in the past, you can get more.

To learn more or to order, visit: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

A graphic with a light gray background. On the left is a blue megaphone icon. In the center, the text reads "Safe Messaging Training for Youth" in bold black font, underlined. Below this, in blue font, it says "The Suicide Prevention Program has developed this training to help student reporters, youth organizations, and general youth audiences to sensitively communicate about suicide with audiences and peers alike." On the right is a blue and white rolled-up scroll icon.

Safe Messaging Training for Youth

The Suicide Prevention Program has developed this training to help student reporters, youth organizations, and general youth audiences to sensitively communicate about suicide with audiences and peers alike.

Safe Messaging Training for Youth

The County of Behavioral Health Services Department will host trainings for youth, specifically youth communicating about suicide. This training will provide information about safe messaging practices and how to engage with guidelines in place for sensitive reporting or discussion.

To inquire about the 30-minute to one-hour session, reach out to john.donoghue@hhs.sccgov.org

A dark blue rectangular graphic. In the top left corner is the County of Santa Clara Office of Emergency Management logo, which is circular and contains a landscape scene with the text "COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA" and "OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT" and the year "1850". To the right of the logo, the text "SIGNUP FOR ALERTSCC" is written in large, bold, white capital letters. In the center is a purple circle containing a black smartphone with a red warning triangle on its screen and a yellow bell icon below it. At the bottom, the website "www.AlertSCC.org" is written in white.

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Alert SCC

Sign up for the County of Santa Clara's Office of Emergency Management Alert SCC system. This is a system that will send alerts to your phone, landline, or email should an emergency take place. The list of emergencies includes: fires, earthquakes, severe weather, crimes, and instructions on what to do during a disaster.

To learn more, visit: www.alertscc.org

About the Santa Clara County Office of Education

Working collaboratively with school and community partners, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is a regional service agency committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success. The SCCOE is a premier service organization driven by the core principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and partnership. For more information about the Santa Clara County Office of Education, please visit www.sccoe.org and follow us @SCCOE on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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