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Santa Clara County  Office of Education



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***The Arts Are Essential!***

***Words from the Arts Coordinator***



Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you were able to get the rest and relaxation you needed to begin the year with a renewed sense of purpose. It will be critical to work together this year and be asupport for one another as we navigate the dynamic landscape of our school system. Please stay connected to the California Department of Public Health Guidelines found on our main SCCOE [COVID-19 page](#). Our new [Artspiration](#) website will also have updated guidance for the arts in schools in the *Announcements* section on the landing page. As we look to a new school year, I wanted to share some updates.

### ***Young Artist Showcase***

You will also find updated information about the [2022 Young Artist Showcase](#). This year's theme will be Contact Zones: Places Where We Meet. It is an opportunity to show experiences or places and/or events in which differences meet and interact. Contact zones can be any place where humans are! They include places such as schools or neighborhoods. They include nature with or without animals. They include playgrounds, stores, and places that are community based which may be free or cost money to enter. Contact zones can also be where people share a

common language, a culture, or an interest. They are places where you feel like you belong; places where you feel like you don't belong; places where you want to belong. What are these places like? Your challenge in this theme is to express what did, does, and/or could happen in places where we meet. We will be partnering with San Jose State's Creative Arts classes for an in-person event. In March. We will also have a virtual celebration in May. Details will be shared soon!

### **Save the Date: 2021 Marion Cilker Conference**

The [Marion Cilker Conference for Arts in Education 2021](#) will take place online again this year on November 5-6 from 8:00-1:00. Like last year, we will have an engaging group of presenters who will show the ways the arts can be a vehicle for understanding across content areas, a source of healing, and a connection to self and community. Registration will open on October 1, 2021.

### ***Communities of Practice, Integrated Learning, School and District Support***

Look at the flyers for the arts learning we will be delivering this year! We will be continuing to build connections to schools, higher education, arts organizations, and arts advocates in the field in support of a sustainable arts education for our educators and our students. We will also stay current on the requirements for the delivery of arts educations in schools as we navigate this dynamic educational ecosystem.

We have a new administrative assistant! Please welcome Sharon Gonzales to the Artspiration and CTE teams! Sharon has been a part of SCCOE, most recently in her work with the Special Education Department. She is a wonderful support for our work.

We are here to assist you. I can be reached at [sfojas@sccoe.org](mailto:sfojas@sccoe.org). Sharon Gonzales can be reached at [sgonzales@sccoe.org](mailto:sgonzales@sccoe.org). Stay in touch and reach out at any time!

Best wishes for a successful year.



Sofia Fojas  
Arts Coordinator

**2021-2022 School Year**

**ARTSPIRATION COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE  
3:30 - 5:00 P.M.**

## **Artspiration CoP: Community Building**

Come and join us this Fall 2021 for our first Community of Practice series of the school year!

This 4-part series will center our efforts towards building community in our classrooms.

**How can we support each other, as educators during the ongoing challenges of the pandemic? How can we utilize art-integrated practices to prioritize the well-being of our students, their families and each other?"**

All are welcome: teachers, administrators, teaching artists, arts organizations, and arts allies serving the young people in Santa Clara County.

### **Dates for this Community of Practice: Wednesdays @ 3:30-5pm**

September 22, 2021

October 20, 2021

November 17, 2021

December 8, 2021

Please note space is limited. This series (Sept-Dec 2021) will be closing once we reach 25 participants. Priority will be given to those attending all 4 sessions for this series.

We highly recommend registering as soon as possible to secure your spot.

For any questions, please contact Aimee Espiritu at [aespiritu@pe.sccoe.org](mailto:aespiritu@pe.sccoe.org) and Kati Silva at [ksilva@pe.sccoe.org](mailto:ksilva@pe.sccoe.org).



Aimee Espiritu, Arts Equity Specialist



Katherine Silva, Spanish Bilingual Arts Integration Specialist

[Artspiration Community Of Practice Flyer](#)

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**INTEGRATING THE ARTS**

# INTO YOUR STEM CURRICULUM 3:00 - 4:00 P.M

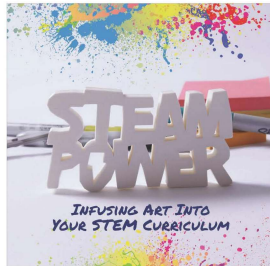


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## Integrating the Arts into Your STEM Curriculum

This is a lesson study through the book of the same title by Tim Needles. It is a dive into a practical guide for educators looking for creative ways to blend arts and STEM learning.



**Date:**  
October 14, 2021  
November 18, 2021  
January 13, 2022  
February 10, 2022  
March 10, 2022  
April 7, 2022

**Time:** 3 to 4 p.m.

**Location:**  
Virtual- via Zoom

**Audience:**  
K-12 Educators and Administrators

**Grade Level(s):** K – 12

**Registration:**  
<https://na.eventscloud.com/619265>

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[Integrating the Arts into your STEM Curriculum Flyer](#)

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## ARTSPIRATION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 3:00 - 4:30 P.M.



## Artspiration Leadership Council

Join a community of thinkers to inform a community-based plan for engagement in arts education, leverage shared leadership in the arts, and look for ways to expand and update programmatic elements of Artspiration.

**Dates:**

October 4-5, 2021  
February 7-8, 2022  
May 9-10, 2022

**Time:** 3 to 4:30 p.m.

**Location:**  
Virtual via Zoom

**Audience:**  
TK-12 Educators, Administrators

**Grade Level(s):** TK – 12

**Registration:**  
<https://na.eventcloud.com/619366>

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**ARTS EQUITY COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE**  
**3:30 - 5:00 P.M.**



## Arts Equity Community of Practice

Join a cohort of peers to deepen your practice and pedagogy of culturally responsive teaching and learning through the arts. Explore concepts and methods for increasing literacy learning outcomes and social emotional skills.

**Dates:**

November 15, 2021  
January 24, 2022  
March 21, 2022  
May 23, 2022

**Time: 3:30 to 5 p.m.**

**Location:**

Virtual via Zoom

**Audience:**

TK-12 Educators, Administrators

**Grade Level(s):** TK – 12

**Registration:**

<https://na.eventscloud.com/619367>

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**2021-2022 ARTS GUIDANCE STATEMENT**



## Statement

The Santa Clara County Office of Education programs are abiding by the guidance set forth by the CDPH K-12 School Guidance, which is aligned to the CDC K-12 School Guidance. For more information on the guidance, visit the CDPH website. All arts-related questions regarding district-specific plans, processes, and protocols should be directed to the district designee over the program.

For more information about Artspiration, please visit:  
<https://www.sccoe.org/arts>

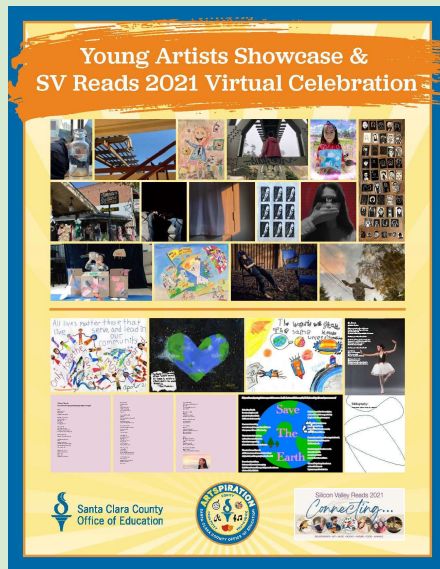
## LOOKING BACK 2020-2021

### November 2020 Marion Cilker Conference



[Cilker Conference Archive](#)

### Young Artist Showcase and SV Reads 2021 Virtual Celebration



We had a successful celebration of the student artwork that was submitted by our youth artists in Santa Clara County. To view the gallery of student work, go to <https://www.sccoe.org/arts/yas/Pages/2021.aspx>. To see student statements of their work, go to this [link](#).

### **May 2021 Artspiration Community of Practice**



We had an amazing discussion on Decolonizing Black Art and Culture, thoughtfully curated by Tyson Amir.

### **Artspiration Leadership Council**



We completed a successful year of brainstorming and networking with our amazing group of arts educators and arts leaders with our closing meeting for



this year on May 11. It truly takes a village to continue to build equitable arts  
in our county. We are grateful for your support and your incredible energy!

*Have a great school year!*

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