



# Artspiration Newsletter

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## Artspiration News

Happy February! This month, we celebrate Black History Month. Additionally, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the recognition of Black history in the United States. The initiative began with Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard-trained historian, and minister Jesse E. Moorland. They founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and sponsored a National Negro History Week in 1926. The recognition took hold in towns and cities across the United States. By the 1960s, the celebration expanded from a week to a month. In 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month.



African Americans have had a tremendous impact on so many aspects of American life, and particularly on arts and culture in the United States. You see this impact clearly when you visit the [National Museum of African American History and Culture](#). Other resources to explore include [Black History 2025](#) and [Black History Month](#).



## Arts Education Resource Fair

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A distinguished panel of educators will be presenting about the impact of Proposition 28/Arts and Music in Schools. There will be hands-on activities, and ArtsEdConnect grantees to learn about their experiences with the arts in their classrooms.

The event is **FREE** of charge. The first 25 people to register will receive \$75, which includes a \$25 RAFT membership and \$50 in shopping credit.

We look forward to seeing you!

**Date:** Saturday, March 7, 2026  
**Time:** 8:30AM – 1:00PM  
**Location:**  
RAFT Bay Area  
1355 Ridder Park Drive  
**Audience:**  
Educators & Administrators  
**Grade Level(s):** TK – 12  
**Cost:** Free  
**Registration:**  
<https://sccoe.to/ArtsEducationResourceFair>



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[Register Here](#)

## Proposition 28/AMS Virtual Office Hours

Do you need a thought partner?  
Or more arts resources or  
information?

Sign up for 1:1 support during the  
month of February to get  
assistance with your Prop 28  
questions.

**WE'RE HERE TO HELP!**



**SIGN UP NOW AT:**  
<https://sccoe.to/Prop28Support>

## Proposition 28/AMS Office Hours

Calling all site and district  
administrators! If you have questions  
about Proposition 28/Arts and Music in  
Schools, please reach out! I am holding  
Prop 28 Office Hours in the month of  
February.

Click on the button below to register for  
a 30-minute session as we approach the third and final year of the 2023-24 allocation

[Register for 1:1 Here](#)



## Artspiration Leadership Council 2025-26

This week, a team of arts leaders, arts educators, and school and county administrators met for the third session of a strategic planning process. We reviewed three options for a vision and mission statement to guide Artspiration over the next two years. The next meeting will be held virtually on February 17 to refine the focus for the work of Artspiration for 2026-2028. Deep gratitude to those who are coming along on this journey!

Register by clicking on the button below.

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- February 17, 2026; 4-5 online
- April 21, 2026, 4-5 online

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# 2026 *¡Viva el mariachi!* Showcase

## Save the Date!

The Santa Clara County Office of Education is excited to present the 2026 *¡Viva el Mariachi!* Showcase.

- Friday, March 20, 2026
- Mexican Heritage Plaza Theater,
- 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

Youth mariachi and ballet folklorico groups have been accepted to perform at the Showcase, including those from the Campbell Union School District, the San Jose Unified School District, the Milpitas Unified School District, the Sunnyvale School District, the East Side Union High School District, the Alisal Union School District, and the Pajaro Valley Unified School District.



\*\*Registration opens for tickets on February 20 at 9:00 am.

Get Tickets Here Starting February 20

Share the Flyer!

## The Young Artist Showcase

**Theme - My Superpower:  
The Power to Imagine. The Passion to Create.**

Everyone has a superpower—something that makes them unique, resilient, and extraordinary. It might be the rhythm in your music, the emotion in your performance, the movement in your dance, the vision in your art, or the message in your media. “My Superpower” invites artists across all disciplines to explore and express the inner forces that define them. Whether it’s the courage to speak out, the power of imagination, or the strength to overcome, this theme celebrates the diverse ways we channel our creativity into something powerful.

This is your moment to shine and turn your superpower into your art.

**2025-26 YOUNG ARTISTS SHOWCASE SELECTION PROCESS:**

- October 15, 2025 – April 1, 2026 | Electronic submissions of PK-12th-grade student artwork and media
- Week of April 13, 2026 | People's Choice Awards Adjudication
- May 4, 2026 | Online Student Art Gallery at [www.sccoe.org/arts/yas](http://www.sccoe.org/arts/yas)
- May 14, 2026 | Young Artists Virtual Showcase Celebration for all grades: 4:00 p.m.

**\*\*For a 1:1 consultation, please click on the link at the bottom of the page.**

[Go To the Young Artist Showcase Page](#)

## Technical Assistance and Office Hours



As your County Arts Coordinator, I am available for consultation on all aspects of arts education and can provide professional learning for educators, arts organizations, and community organizations. If you would like to connect, send me an email. In my response email, use the hyperlink 'Book time with Sofia Fojas' to set up a meeting, found in my signature.

[Questions? Schedule a 1:1 with Dr. Fojas](#)

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