



# Artspiration Newsletter

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## Artspiration News



### Summer 2026 Edition

Happy Summer! The picture says it all! We hope you had a successful end of the school year. Look for more details on 26-27 offerings in the arts in this space! Have a wonderfully restorative summer break. We'll see you in the next school year.

### The 2027 Young Artist Showcase

**Theme - Teamwork: It Takes a Village!**

Teamwork is work done by a group acting together so that each member does a part that contributes to the efficiency of the whole. Teamwork is important at work, in school, in sports, in performing arts ensembles, in theatre, dance, and in any collective activity (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/teamwork>).

- Application: October 12, 2026-March 29, 2027
- May 4, 2026 | Online Student Art Gallery TBD
- May 20, 2027 | Young Artists Virtual Showcase Celebration: 4:00 p.m.

### SAVE-THE-DATES: Artful Teaching in the PK-12 Classroom

Join Dr. Fojas and her colleagues in a community of practice to explore strategies to blend arts instruction with another content area in a co-equal treatment of both content areas:

- September 22, 2026: Designing Arts Integration in A Post-Proposition 28 Ecosystem
- October 22, 2026: The Arts and Science
- November 19, 2026: The Arts and Mathematics
- February 25, 2027: The Arts and Outdoor Learning & Environmental Literacy
- March 25, 2027: The Arts and History/Social Science



Join us for the **Artspiration Leadership Council!** This is a space to learn about the arts initiative of the Santa Clara County Office of Education and help to guide it through its work plan and priorities. Stay in touch with the latest trends in arts education in California and the latest around Arts and Music in Schools or Proposition 28.

All are welcome: administrators, arts leads, educators, community members.

Meetings are virtual.

Dates: 4:00-5:15 pm

- October 26, 2026
- February 23, 2027
- April 27, 2027

Registration: Check back in 26-27!



## Save-the-Date: Viva el Mariachi Showcase

Friday, March 13, 2027 at 6:00 pm  
The Mexican Heritage Plaza Theater

Join us for our annual celebration of Mexican dance and music! More information to follow!



## SCCOE and Partner Corners



1290 Ridder Park Drive  
San Jose, CA 95131  
www.sccoe.org



### Learn, Build, Innovate: A STEAM EXTRAVAGANZA

**Fuel Your Curiosity. Ignite Your Classroom.**  
Step into a high-energy day designed for educators with hands-on STEAM experiences, classroom-ready ideas, and connections that last beyond the event!

- Explore interactive STEAM stations
- Attend STEM Flash Sessions
- Book 1:1 office hour with SCCOE content coordinators
- Get hands-on and creative in the makerspace

#### The Perks:

- Enjoy complimentary lunch!
- Receive a free STEM kit with ready-to-use classroom resources
- **First 50 registrants** receive a free copy of *"The Promises and Perils of AI"* by Ken Shelton & Dee Lanier
- Optional field trip to RAFT - receive up to \$100 store credit & free membership.

**Date:** Saturday, October 10, 2026  
**Time:** 10:00 – 3:00 P.M.

**Location:**  
1290 Ridder Park Drive  
San Jose, CA 95131

**Audience:**  
Classroom Teachers, ToSA's, Site Administrators

**Grade Level(s):** TK – 12

**Cost:** \$30

**Registration:**  
<https://sccoe.to/LearnBuildInnovate>



Come curious. Leave Inspired.  
Ready to lead.

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HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER

## MARIACHI WORKSHOPS WITH SOL DE MEXICO

Grow as a musician alongside renowned mariachi masters and inspiring mentors



TRUMPET



VIHUELA/GUITAR



VIOLIN

July 7th-10th 2026

9:00am-1:00pm

1835 Cunningham Avenue  
San Jose CA 95122

Scan this QR to  
register or visit  
our website



[mariachifoundation.org](http://mariachifoundation.org)

# Technical Assistance



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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