

Artspiration Newsletter

September 2023: Special Events Edition

HOPE IN A NEW ERA Young Artist Showcase 2023 - People's Choice Award Winners



Words from the Arts Coordinator

Welcome to the September issue of the Artspiration Newsletter. The school year is in full swing with lots of exciting opportunities to explore the arts both in school and in our communities.

This issue is packed with information: the latest in the arts field, what's happening in Artspiration, with our arts partners, and in our county office.



Save the Date(s):

- The **ArtsEdConnect Grant** opened on September 7th! Check out the information on the next rounds of grants.
- Applications for mariachi and ballet folklórico groups to perform at the **Second Annual 2024 ¡Viva el mariachi! Showcase** are open! The Showcase will take place on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at the School of Arts and Culture in their outdoor venue, the Mexican Heritage Plaza.
- **2024 Young Artist Showcase:** Submissions open on October 9!

As always, this newsletter has news from our arts partners and programming by my colleagues at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. Please let them know that you heard about their events through this newsletter.

Happy reading, and don't forget to invite your friends and colleagues to subscribe to the newsletter on our website: www.artspiration.sccoe.org or by clicking the subscribe link at the bottom of this newsletter.

Artspiration News

Region 5 Proposition 28 Convening

We hope you can join us at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education on Saturday, October 7, from 11:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m. to:

- Enjoy a lovely brunch by Vrinda Quintero, owner of Areperia831;
- Listen to a performance from El Sistema Santa Cruz;
- Hear a Proposition 28 discussion by Abe Flores, Deputy Director of Policy and Programs, CreateCA.

Please complete the form by clicking on the button below.
Thank you, and we are looking forward to seeing you soon!

Sofia Fojas, County and Regional Arts lead, Santa Clara County Office of Education

Audrey Sirota, County Arts Lead, Santa Cruz County Office of Education

Tony Balbas, Arts Lead, San Benito County Office of Education

Maria Parker, Arts lead, Monterey County Office of Education



Region V Proposition 28 Convening (1).pdf

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[Click here to register - limited seating!](#)

2024 ¡Viva el mariachi! Showcase: Save the Date

The 2024 ¡Viva el mariachi! Showcase at the Mexican Heritage Plaza will take place on Thursday, April 4, 2024, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Plaza.

Teachers, please click the button below to apply for a spot for your school mariachi and ballet folklórico groups in the performance lineup.

For last year's event, see the full-length video here:
<https://youtu.be/u6ehh4-xCjQ>.



Apply to have your group perform

[Click here to apply.](#)

Artspiration Leadership Council 2023-2024

Join a community of thinkers to inform a community-based plan for engagement in arts education and leverage shared leadership in the arts to support the sustainability of arts education in our county.



There are three meeting dates, from 4-5 p.m.:

- September 12, 2023 (Next week!)
- January 9, 2024
- April 9, 2024

The first meeting will be devoted to funding, particularly Proposition 28. How can we set up schools and districts to have positive outcomes for our students?

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Register To Attend the Council

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ArtsEdConnect Grant for Teachers 2023-2024

ArtsEdConnect Grant Application Information

Student Art Samples

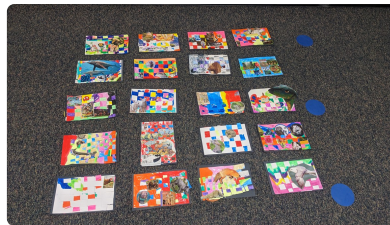


[Register for the Q&A!](#)

[Apply for a grant here!](#)



Arts Materials and Supplies



2-D Art



Arts Experiences



ArtsEdConnect Grant Applications Opens on September 7!

ArtsEdConnect Grant Save-the-Date! September 7, 2023

The ArtsEdConnect partnership of the Santa Clara County Office of Education and SVCcreates is pleased to announce that through the generosity of the County of Santa Clara and the

Warmenhoven Family Foundation, arts education grants will be awarded again this school year. The ArtsEdConnect program awards grants to teachers in public and charter schools in Santa Clara County, subject to district approval, to support and encourage arts education in our schools. The grants are available to take students on arts field trips, bring artists into the classrooms, fund student performances, and create various art projects that foster creativity, innovation exploration, self-expression, and social and emotional learning.

This year, we have three options:

- (1) Arts Experiences Grant – up to \$2,500 per teacher,
- (2) Arts Materials and Supplies Grant – up to \$500 per teacher, and
- (3) Arts Experiences & Materials Grant – up to \$3,000 per teacher.

Applications will be accepted beginning **SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**.

For more information about the grants and eligibility and to apply, please visit:

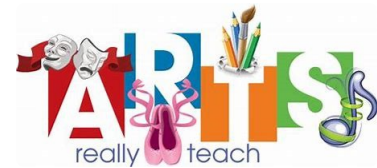
www.sccoe.org/arts/artsedconnect

2023 Marion Cilker for Arts in Education Conference

Friday, November 3, 2023, at San Jose State from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. ****FREE****

Our keynote for the in-person conference will be [Tshaka Campbell](#),

the 2023 Poet Laureate for Santa Clara County. We will also be hosting arts-integrated lesson workshops with excellent presenters. Please go to the [2023 Cilker Conference](#) page for updated information. This will be the final Marion Cilker Conference. It has been an incredible 15 years with funds supported by an endowment from Marion Cilker. Thanks to our partner, the Lurie College of Education, for their partnership over the last 15 years in presenting this important educational event. Special appreciation to Marion Cilker, an educator who truly believed in the power of the arts in education.



2024 Young Artist Showcase

Theme: The Arts *are* culture!

Save the Date: Applications will open on **October 9, 2023** (Note: New Date!).

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Arts Technical Assistance/Professional Learning

As the Arts Coordinator, I support schools and districts by offering technical assistance and conducting professional learning sessions on the strategic arts plans, California Arts Standards, the Arts Framework, Universal Design for Learning, arts integration, arts equity, funding, arts education infrastructure, ELO-P, and arts after-



school, and other arts-related topics. Feel free to contact me if you require any training related to those topics or training specifically for arts teachers in your schools. Feel free to contact me at sfojas@sccoe.org.

ARTS EDUCATION COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Monthly on the 3rd Thursday 4:00-5:15 PM
Location TBD

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2023-2024 CISC Region 5 Arts Education Community of Practice

The Arts Education Community of Practice will be held on the 3rd Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, and April. **Please take a look at the flyer below to register.** We will be offering many of the sessions **in person**. For some of the sessions, we will have a hybrid component.

Arts Education CoP 2023-24.pdf

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Arts Education Community of Practice

Santa Clara County Office of Education News

2024 CISC Leadership Symposium: Call for Student Arts' Entries

The California County Superintendents' Arts Initiative is seeking arts education products to share at the upcoming 2024 CISC Leadership Symposium. The 2024 symposium will be held in Monterey, CA,

February 21-23, 2024. The symposium theme is **Students Rising: Safe, Engaged, Supported**. It has always been a space for educators throughout California to connect, collaborate, and learn. We strongly believe that student arts serve as an inspiration and connection for the educational leaders who will be attending the symposium!



Please share this "Call for Entries" to submit student arts products with arts educators and teachers in your county, district, and schools. Please see information on the submission requirements and criteria on the attached flyer.

All entries will be submitted via this Google Form: <https://sccoe.to/CISC2024StudentArts>. The submission due date is December 1, 2023. For more information, visit <https://www.ciscsymposium.org/>. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Sofia Fojas, Arts Coordinator, Santa Clara County Office of Education at SFojas@sccoe.org or 408-453-6535.

[Submit Artwork Here](#)

[Visit the 2024 CISC Leadership Symposium Website](#)

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Media Literacy Curriculum

We are thrilled to share Santa Clara County Office of Education's grant-funded Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking Curriculum. The vision of our curriculum is to empower students to become discerning and proactive consumers and creators of media. By nurturing their media literacy skills, we aspire to cultivate a generation that is well-informed, compassionate, and actively contributes to a more just and equitable society.

This free curriculum includes a student-paced online course and a teacher-facilitated blended learning unit, both of which have been piloted by hundreds of high school students across three Bay Area counties. Course topics include media bias, media manipulation, evaluating sources, and media as a tool for positive change. In addition, the online course has been adapted for adult community members (English and Spanish).

The curriculum can be accessed at sccoe.to/medialit. Please share these resources freely throughout your/district.

[Media Literacy Curriculum Here](#)

Media Literacy Flyer_FINALp.pdf

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Tacos and Teachers!



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, 4 TO 5:30 PM
SCCOE SOUTH COUNTY ANNEX
9300 WREN AVE, GILROY, CA 95020

Connect with friends and fellow educators on Friday, September 22nd, 4:00-5:30 PM. Have some fun participating in hands-on activities while enjoying some tacos! Hosted by the Santa Clara County Office of Education at the South County Annex: 9300 Wren Avenue, Gilroy, CA 95020.

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Teachers and Tacos!

[Click here to register.](#)

Asian American and Pacific Islander Educators' Network

2023-24 Meetings

September 7, 2023 | November 6, 2023 | February 8, 2024 | May 6, 2024

4:30 to 6 p.m.

(in person at the Santa Clara County Office of Education)

AAPI Educators Network Objectives:

- Provide professional networking opportunities for AAPI educators
- Learn about trending topics related to AAPI students and educators
- Discuss issues and challenges related to AAPI students and educators
- Encourage AAPI educators to aim for leadership roles



Register for 2023-2024 AAPIEN Meetings

[Click to register.](#)

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AAPIEN Flyer 2023-24

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2023 LGBTQ+ History Month Showcase



This year, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) would like you and your colleagues to join us in person to honor districts and charter schools in Santa Clara County for their remarkable efforts in promoting LGBTQ+ inclusivity. We will be hosting a showcase for the first time to celebrate October as

LGBTQ+ History Month. The SCCOE aims to recognize Local Educational Agencies' (LEAs) exemplary work in developing policies, implementing practices, and achieving positive outcomes in the following areas:

- Non-discrimination policies that explicitly include sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Curriculum that includes LGBTQ+ history, issues, and perspectives.
- Staff training on LGBTQ+ issues, including how to create safe and inclusive environments for LGBTQ+ students.
- Student support services, such as LGBTQ+ student clubs, gender-neutral restrooms, and counseling services for LGBTQ+ students.
- Inclusive language and communication practices that recognize and respect diverse gender identities and expressions.
- Safe and supportive school climates that promote respect, understanding, and acceptance of LGBTQ+ students.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, October 5th, 2023

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: In Person - Santa Clara County Office of Education South County Annex - 9300 Wren Ave, Gilroy, CA 95020

Cost: Free

Audience: Educators, administrators, and staff from Santa Clara County districts and charter schools.

[Nominate a Program Here](#)

[Register to Attend Here](#)

Artspiration Partner Corner



Stanford Live 2023-24 Season Matinees and Teacher Workshops

Music as Communication

K-12 Professional Development Workshop for Teachers | Led by Austin Willacy and Greg Fletcher of the House Jacks

This workshop will focus on the power of listening and how it connects us. Members of the House Jacks will work with a local high school chorus on both traditional and contemporary techniques, covering a brief history of a cappella styles up through contemporary a cappella, vocal arranging, and beatboxing and creating instrumental sounds with the voice. Most of all, we'll focus on music as communication through deep listening and personal expression.



Music as Communication

Wed, Sep 13 * 4:00pm

live.stanford.edu

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Directing Change: Mini-Grant Opportunity



This program is open to any educators working with students ages 12-25. The program is open to any classroom, but we are especially interested in having art, film, media, and other arts-related groups participate.

The Directing Change Program is thrilled to announce a new Mini-Grant Opportunity! The Directing Change Program engages students to learn about suicide prevention, mental health, and other critical health and social justice topics by creating short films and art projects that are used to support awareness, education, and advocacy efforts across the state, in their communities, and on their campuses.

Eligible Organizations: Middle schools, high schools, colleges, community organizations, and youth clubs. Participating youth should be in grades 6-12 or ages 12-25. Public, private, and charter schools and districts are all eligible to apply.

Mini-Grant Funding: \$1,500 (higher funding may be available for rural communities)

Interested? Complete these steps by *Friday, September 15, 2023*:

- Step 1: Complete this application form with your contact information:
<https://directingchange.org/2024-mini-grant-application/>
- Step 2: Submit W-9 form as part of your application.

Questions? Email devin@directingchange.org.

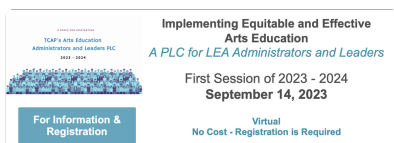
Directing Change 2023 Flyer[2].pdf

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[Click here to apply.](#)

The California Arts Project 2023-2024 Events



TCAP's Arts Education Administrators and Leaders PLC

Join leaders from across the state in TCAP's Professional Learning Community for LEA administrators and leaders as we implement the goals of equitable and effective arts education for all students.

Audience: LEA Administrators, Arts Ed Coordinators, TOSAs

Dates: September 14, October 19, and December 7, 2023; January 18, March 14 and April 25, 2024

Time: 9:00 – 10:30 AM (PT)

Cost: Free



Regional Arts Education Network Communities

TCAP's statewide and regional arts education network communities network sessions provide opportunities for teachers and administrators to stay informed of arts education news and to engage in dialogue with others.

Audience: Administrators, Educators

Dates: September 28 and November 16, 2023; January 25, March 14, and May 23, 2024

Time: 3:30 – 5:00 PM (PT)

Cost: Free



Courageous Creativity Conference

Dates: June 18 – 20, 2024

Location: Disney's Grand Californian Hotel® and Spa in Anaheim

Who Should Attend?

TK-16 Administrators, Arts Department Chairs and TOSAs, TK-12 Arts Coordinators, TK-12 Arts Educators, Post-Secondary Arts or Education Faculty, Counselors, School Board Members. TCAP encourages school and district teams to attend!

TCAP Website

Click here to go to the website.

In the News

The Power of Arts Education: A Conversation with Letty Kraus

EdSource

<https://edsources.org/2023/the-power-of-arts-education-a-conversation-with-letty-kraus/696396>



About us

Artspiration is the countywide initiative to support arts education for all students in Santa Clara County Schools.

Vision: Partnering with public schools, arts organizations, and the greater community to foster equitable and transformative education through the Arts.

Mission: Artspiration is committed to shared leadership in advocating, empowering, and supporting sustainable arts education to develop the creative capacity of each student and educator in Santa Clara County public schools.

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