



In this issue, you'll find communities of practices, professional learning, network events, the mariachi showcase application link, and information for activities in the community. Have a wonderful month



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 dates: 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.

To find the application link and more information, visit the [Young Artist Showcase page](#) at the Artspiration website.

SCCOE Community of Practice/Network

2026-2027 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 aka Proposition 28.

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

Meetings are virtual.

Time: 4:00-5:15 pm

Dates:

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

Artful Teaching in the PK-12 Classroom

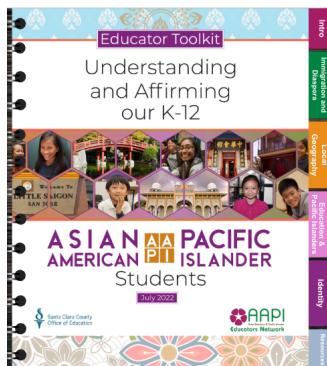
Join Dr. Fojas and her colleagues in a community of practice to explore strategies to blend arts instruction with another content area in a co-equal treatment of both content areas.

Session Dates:

- **October 22, 2026:** Designing Arts Integration in A Post-Proposition 28 Ecosystem Part 1
- **November 19, 2026:** The Arts and Mathematics
- **January 21, 2027:** The Arts and Science
- **February 25, 2027:** The Arts and Outdoor Learning & Environmental Literacy
- **March 25, 2027:** The Arts and History/Social Science
- **April 29, 2026:** The Arts and Mathematics Part 2

Register for the Artspiration Leadership Council

Register for Artful Teaching in the PK-12 Classroom



Asian American and Pacific Islander Educators' Network 2026-27

Please join us in supporting an inclusive, affirming, and equitable school environment for our county's Asian American and Pacific Islander students, families, staff, and educators.

- View the [flyer for the AAPIEN Network](#).
- For more information about the Network, [visit the AAPIEN Network webpage](#).

SCCOE Partner Corners



**Son Jarocho
Workshops and
Concert @
Stanford Live**

TheatreWorks
SILICON VALLEY

Please join Stanford Live presentations of son jarocho music. On October 24 they are presenting Los Vega Son Jarocho, a wonderful group from Veracruz with a long family lineage in son jarocho. That afternoon, they're leading a free Introduction to Son Jarocho workshop at EPACENTER in East Palo Alto.

Workshop: October 24, 2026 ~1:30-3:00
Concert:



TheatreWorks is offering two programs to K-12 school districts for classroom teachers and their students. Along with [4 student matinees](#), the Young Playwrights Project, and Concepts-At-Play programs reintroduced last year, TheatreWorks is also rolling out their [Fall Workshop series](#) for teens and older adults onsite at our rehearsal space but are also designed to be brought into K-12 classrooms.

Please contact Jake Arky, Director of Education at jarky@theatreworks.org for more details on pricing, booking and all other details.



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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