



Artspiration Newsletter

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Artspiration News

Happy November! We have just entered the fall holiday season. I hope your Halloween was spooktacular! November is also [Native American Heritage Month](#). Click on the resources provided by, among others, the National Archives, the Smithsonian Institute, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Scroll down to participate in the Artspiration strategic planning, the *¡Viva el mariachi!* Showcase and the Young Artist Showcase.



Artspiration Leadership Council 2025-26

We are engaging in a strategic planning process this fall and invite you to participate in shaping the direction of Artspiration for the next two years!

Register by clicking on the button below. The fall sessions will be dedicated to a two-year work plan, with subsequent sessions focused on implementing Proposition 28 - Arts and Music in Schools, and supporting sustainable and transformative arts education in our schools.

Artspiration Two-Year Work Plan

- November 6, 2025, 4-6 online ~ *Join us!*

Artspiration Leadership Council

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

The Young Artist Showcase

Note: Applications for submissions are open!

**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.

- Musicians might compose or perform pieces that reflect personal triumph or emotional depth.
- Dancers can embody strength, transformation, or identity through movement.
- Theatre artists can tell stories of hidden powers, resilience, or self-discovery.
- Visual artists can illustrate symbolic or literal interpretations of power and uniqueness.
- Media artists can craft digital narratives, animations, or films that bring their superpowers to life.

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

Key Dates

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
- May 14, 2026 | Young Artists Virtual Showcase Celebration for all grades: 4:00 p.m.

****For a 1:1 consultation for your project, please click on the button below.**

Questions? Schedule a 1:1 Consultation

Go To the Young Artist Showcase Page

2026 Viva el Mariachi Showcase

March 20, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

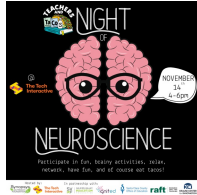
The Santa Clara County Office of Education is excited to present the 2026 ¡Viva el Mariachi! Showcase on Friday, March 20, 2026, at the Mexican Heritage Plaza Theater, beginning at 6:00 PM. If you are leading a youth mariachi or ballet folklórico group and want to apply to

perform, please click the button.

Apply to Perform at the Showcase

Questions? Schedule a 1:1 with Dr. Fojas

SCCOE Corner



TEACHERS AND TACOS ~ TECH INTERACTIVE

Come tickle your brain with us at the next Teachers & Tacos on Friday, November 14th @ The Tech Interactive. We will be exploring neuroscience & mental health through the lens of STEM with fun activities... and tacos!

Register Here!

AI for Education

AI Community of Practice ~ Online on November: 3:30 PM

Topic: Building Student AI Literacy

Speaker: Maria Laws from AI for Education

Building Student AI Literacy is a workshop that equips educators with the knowledge and tools to prepare students for an AI-driven future. It helps teachers foster essential skills for students to navigate, critically evaluate, and ethically engage with AI technologies.

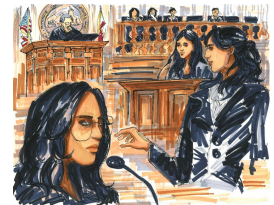
Registration

The SCCOE Mock Trial Tournament

Calling All Student Artists!

The SCCOE County Mock Trial Tournament isn't just for those in the courtroom! Student artists are invited to showcase their talents by competing as **courtroom artists** throughout the tournament.

Winners will earn an opportunity to represent Santa Clara County as individuals at the State Finals in the Bay Area in March 2026.



For more information, visit sccoe.to/MockTrial or email mocktrial@sccoe.org.

Partner Corner

**2025–26 Expanding Access to Arts Education
Community of Practice**

The passage of the Arts and Music in Schools Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act (Prop 28) has brought increased attention to the need for the strategic use of this and other funding streams to ensure equitable access to a sequential, standards-based arts education for all students at all grade levels.



Community of Practice participants will build their capacity for leadership in arts education by:

- Exploring opportunities for expanding access to all students, including emerging multilingual learners, students with disabilities, and students in under-resourced communities.
- Deepening understanding of various models for funding arts education.
- Sharing ideas and promising practices around arts and arts integration.
- Hearing from a variety of arts education leaders and engaging in conversations around problems of practice.

Audience: Participation is open to all county and district arts education leaders, PK-12 arts teachers, teaching artists, and community arts organizations. No cost, but advanced registration is required.

Dates: October 17 and December 5, 2025; February 6, March 6, and April 3, 2026

Time: 10:00-11:30 AM

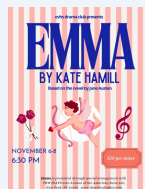
Register Here!

K-12 Corner

New! Share your school events in the newsletter! Please provide a brief 75-word description of the event, an accompanying image, ticket information, contact details (including website), and location to be included in this newsletter, space permitting.



The Independence High School Drama Club is presenting *Much Ado About Nothing*. Here is a link to the [drama website](#).



Emma, a feminist adaptation of Jane Austen's novel, is being performed by actors from the drama club at Evergreen Valley High School. [Tickets can be reserved at this link.](#)

Arts Education Research



Video: Making the Connection Between Literacy and Music Training ~ November 1, 2023

Recent media coverage focuses on the science of reading, but what about the sound of reading? Learn how music training can translate into an academic boost (Education Writers Association, 11/1/2023).

Watch the video here



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.

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