Hello everyone,

April 18-24th is National Environmental Education week. This is a great time to further increase our awareness and sensitivity to the environment and its changes as each of us has an important role to play in being an environmental steward. When we increase our knowledge and understanding of the challenges our environment is facing we are better suited to engage in problem solving solutions and establishing habitats that will help improve the health of our planet. Taking an active role in these positive activities is rewarding and meaningful for the community and planet alike.

As you spend more time enjoying nature outdoors at your local parks, county trail systems, or even in your neighborhood, reflect upon your journey as an environmental steward. When families show children their actions have an impact on the environment, they are more likely to participate in the creation of sustainable practices and solutions to fight climate change.

The celebration of Earth Day, April 22, is another great opportunity to engage in healthy and helpful environmental practices; such as safely picking up and properly disposing of litter you see while you are on a hike or walking your neighborhood. The Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department is also hosting opportunities to celebrate Earth Day.

As we learn to live alongside COVID-19, we all need to remain prepared. Please keep face masks and rapid at-
home self-testing kits on hand. You can access at-home testing kits through the United State Postal Service or schedule a test on the County’s website.

We are #StrongerTogether.

Be well,

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

Community News and Resources

The IMPACT Weekly has reached it's 100th issue! We welcome your feedback so that we can work to provide an engaging newsletter for our community. Please take a moment to complete two (2) short questions.

https://sccoe.to/IW100

The third part of Helping Your Child Explore Careers will be Thursday, April 28. This virtual workshop is for parents and guardians of middle and high school students.

For more information, please visit https://na.eventscloud.com/678151.
April is ...

National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Santa Clara County National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Virtual Celebration, "Re-Imagining Instruction for Multilingual Learners: Centering Student Voice," which will be streamed live on Thursday, April 28 from 4-5 p.m. Learn more about how our educators and schools innovated with technology and adapted their approach to support effective instructional practices that continue to increase access and student voice for multilingual students. To register, visit https://sccoe.to/multilingual2022

Youth Art Contest

Youth artists in grades K-2, are encouraged to submit their artwork for the Santa Clara County Parks’ second Earth Day Youth Art Contest. Submit your original art by Saturday, April 30 to receive a participation gift and a chance to win a grand prize.
Did you know there are more than 60 languages spoken by students in Santa Clara County? During National Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month, try to share a new language with those around you.

**District News and Resources**

Looking for classroom activities that celebrate Earth Day? Earthday.org has a hearty resource library filled with environmental education lessons and stewardship activities on Earth Day and throughout the year.
Walk It Like You Talk It Video Challenge

Looking for something to get your creative juices flowing? Here is your chance to participate in our "Walk It Like You Talk It" video challenge and win a prize! We want to hear from you about all things related to walking, rolling, and biking. It is easy and fun!

All you have to do is record a short video of yourself. Or, you can record a video with family and friends. Be sure to talk about one of these five themes:

- Walking (how, who, where, when, why, what);
- Greenhouse gases/Earth Day;
- Micromobility;
- Stay visible;
- Mental health/self

Note: You do not have to submit a video to be entered into the drawing. To enter the drawing, please submit your information on Google Forms.

How to Submit a Video
Submit your video and information on Google Forms. We cannot wait to see all the amazing videos you all come up with!

Official Rules and Liability Waiver
Take a look at the video challenge's official rules. If you plan to submit a video, please complete a liability waiver in English, Español, or Tiếng Việt. Once you have completed a waiver, please email it to Winnie Gee at Winnie.Gee@sanjoseca.gov.
Contact
Please email Winnie Gee at Winnie.Gee@sanjoseca.gov, if you have any questions or comments about the video challenge.

Celebrate Poetry Month with Poet Amanda Gorman as she shares her thoughts, recommendations, and resources to help educators make both performance and written poetry more accessible to all.

Nominate an Educator to win a trip to ISTE June 26-30 in New Orleans!
Who to Nominate:
• Nominate an educator who helps every student find what makes them unique/find their path
• An educator who leads your community & culture
• An educator who inspires you to be a better teacher
• …or anything about an educator that does something great!

As a thank you, if your nominee is selected you will receive a $500 gift card for Teaching and Classroom Supplies! The Winning Nominee wins the trip!

Click more for Contest Information

Grant Opportunities

The SCCOE invites all EdTech/Innovation/STEAM TOSAs, Coaches, and Coordinators to the EdTech Collaborative Community of Practice Network meetings. During meetings,
educational leaders connect and support instructional technology, innovation, and STEAM, while exchanging ideas about how to support teachers with blended learning.

Health & Wellness

**CALM DOWN WITH TAKE 5 BREATHING**

1. Stretch your hand out like a star.
2. Get the pointer finger of your other hand ready to trace your fingers up and down.
3. Slide up each finger slowly ~ slide down the other side.
4. Breathe in through your nose ~ out through your mouth.
5. Put it together and breathe in as you slide up and breathe out as you slide down.

Keep going until you have finished tracing your hand.

*Take 5 Breathing Exercise*
Hit the pavement this Spring in support of children’s health and wellness at the 9th Annual Lam Research Heart & Soles Run! Join us on a two-month journey of fitness & fun in our Spring into Fitness Challenge culminating with our return to running 5K/10K run on Saturday, May 7. Entries include a one-of-a-kind jersey-themed race shirt, race bib, finisher medal, and free entry to our Spring into Fitness Challenge!

All proceeds will be donated to local youth health & wellness programs provided by the YMCA of Silicon Valley, Boys and Girls Club of Silicon Valley, and Santa Clara County Office of Education.

Santa Clara Distracted Driving Quiz: Are you a safe driver? [Take this quiz to find out.]
Announcements

News Release:

- Santa Clara County Board of Education Approves Resolution Honoring the Fight for Democracy in Ukraine

About the Santa Clara County Office of Education
Working collaboratively with school and community partners, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is a regional service agency that provides instructional, business, and technology services to the 31 school districts of Santa Clara County. The County Office of Education directly serves students through special education programs, alternative schools, Head Start and State Preschool programs, migrant education, and Opportunity Youth Academy. The SCCOE also provides academic and fiscal oversight and monitoring to districts in addition to the 22 Santa Clara County Board of Education authorized charter schools. For more information about the Santa Clara County Office of Education, please visit www.sccoe.org.

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