



IMPACT Weekly

December 4, 2024

EQUITY | DIVERSITY | INCLUSION | PARTNERSHIP

International Day of Persons with Disabilities is observed annually on December 3. The theme for 2024 is: Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future. This day recognizes the contributions, rights, and achievements of persons with disabilities worldwide. It also reminds us of the importance of fostering inclusive communities where everyone can thrive.

To learn more about International Day of Persons with Disabilities, visit <https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities>.

There are also many local resources including:

- [Parents Helping Parents \(PHP\)](#) helps families navigate special education, healthcare, and support services
- [Silicon Valley Independent Living Center](#) advocates for disability rights and provides support for independent living.
- [San Andreas Regional Center](#) offers comprehensive services to individuals with developmental disabilities.
- [Abilities United](#) promotes inclusion through education, therapy, and recreational programs.

The [Santa Clara County Office of Education](#) and partners also offer valuable resources for educators and school districts including:

- [Inclusion Collaborative](#): The Inclusion Collaborative is a hub for training, coaching, and resources on inclusive education.
- [Special Education Department](#): The Special Education Department provides a variety of services for children and students with severe or low-incidence disabilities through instructional programs divided into Early Education (birth to age 3), preschool, elementary, secondary, and post-senior.
- [SELPA \(Special Education Local Plan Area\)](#): The Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) coordinates with school districts and the SCCOE to provide a continuum of programs and services for individuals with disabilities, from birth through 22 years of age.

On International Day of Persons with Disabilities, we celebrate the resilience and talents of individuals with disabilities and reaffirm our commitment to creating equitable opportunities for all. Together, we can foster a stronger and more inclusive community.

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Office of Education



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Visit the [SCCOE Job Opportunities Page](#) for the latest information about job postings.

To ensure you don't miss out on any SCCOE job openings, sign up for our Jobs

Bulletin: <https://sccoe.to/SCCOEJobsBulletin>

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- [Teacher - Early Learning Center](#)

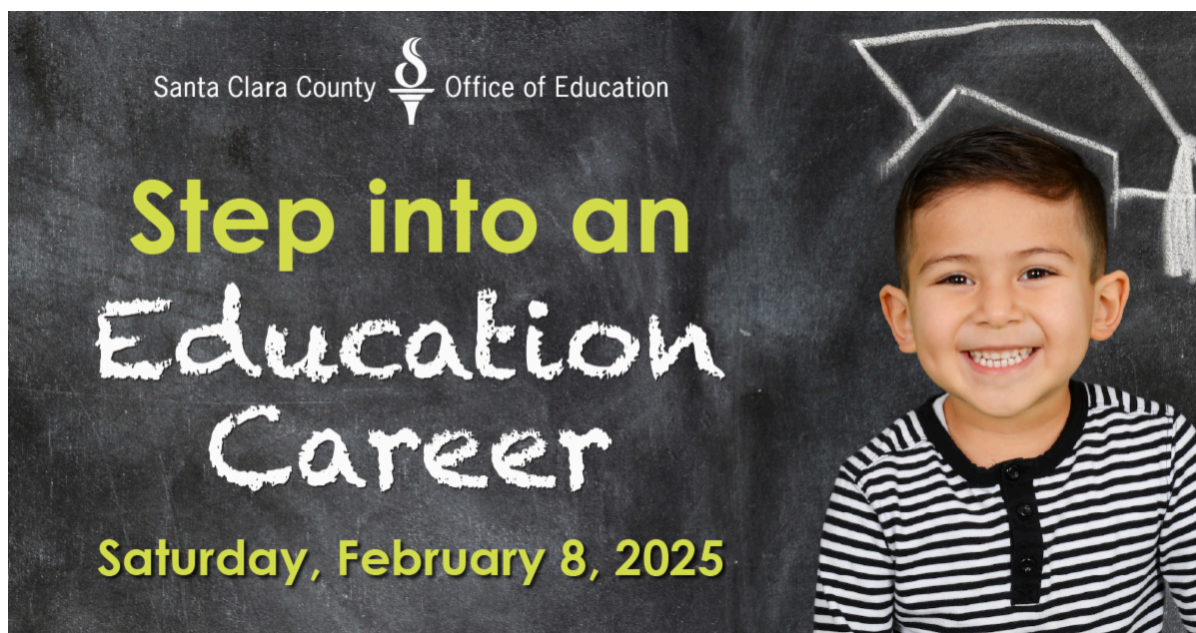
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- [Education Interpreter I/II](#)

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- [Substitute Teacher - Special Education](#)

Community News and Resources



Step into an Education Career Event

Join us for the Santa Clara County Office of Education's (SCCOE) Step into an Education Career event and prepare for an education career! In this event, you will have the opportunity to:

- Discover what is needed to become a teacher, counselor, school nurse and more
- Learn how to navigate the credentialing process
- Talk with representatives from local universities and teaching programs
- Learn about compensation, benefits, financial aid, and retirement

The event is Saturday, February 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the SCCOE, 1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose.

To learn more and register, visit: www.sccoe.org/educationcareer



Greater Good in Education

Throughout the coming weeks, the SCCOE will share resources to uplift gratitude by practicing appreciation and thankfulness.

The Greater Good in Education is a free resource hub for educators from UC Berkeley's Greater Good Science Center. Cultivate a practice of gratitude for members of your school community with their Gratitude for the Wider School Community resource.

To view this resource, visit: <https://ggie.berkeley.edu/practice/gratitude-for-the-wider-school-community/>

SCCOE Events and Resources



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE 2024-25



AI Community of Practice

Join our AI Community of Practice for the 2024-25 school year, with online sessions designed specifically for educators looking to harness the transformative potential of AI in education. Learn to ethically and effectively integrate AI tools to enhance student support, gain access to valuable resources, and engage in continuous learning to stay abreast of rapid technological advancements.

Check out the available session dates below:

- December 10, 2024
- January 21, 2025
- March 4, 2025
- April 22, 2025

For more information and to register, please visit: <https://sccoe.to/AICOP>

Professional Learning Portal

Trainings • Special Events • Networks • Resources

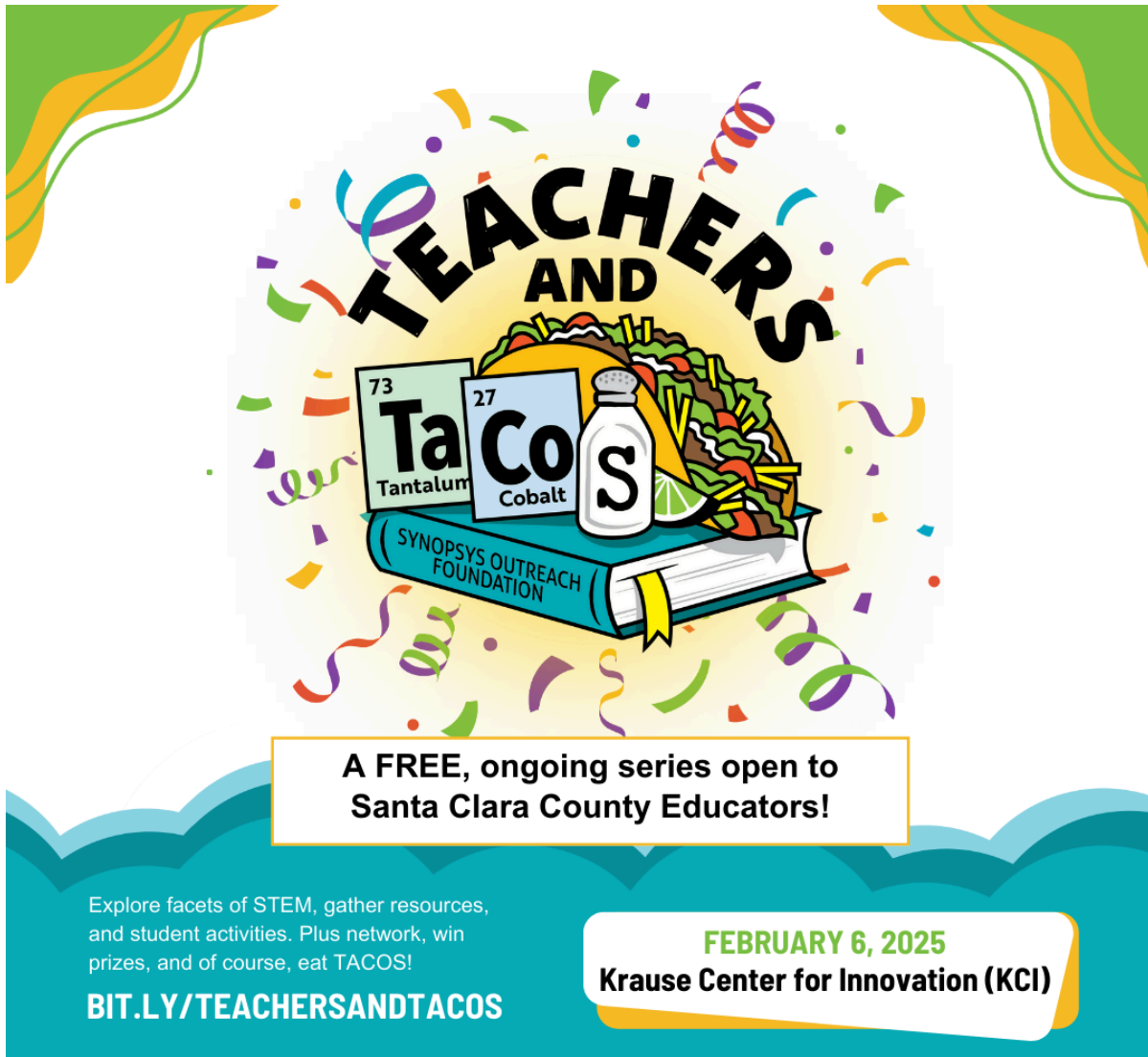


Professional Learning Portal

The SCCOE's Professional Learning Portal provides a comprehensive list from various departments of all professional learning offerings and events including trainings, networks, technical assistance, special events, and conferences for teachers, administrators, coaches, support staff, parents/guardians, students, and partners.

To view this resource, visit <https://sccoe.to/ProfessionalLearningPortal>

District Resources

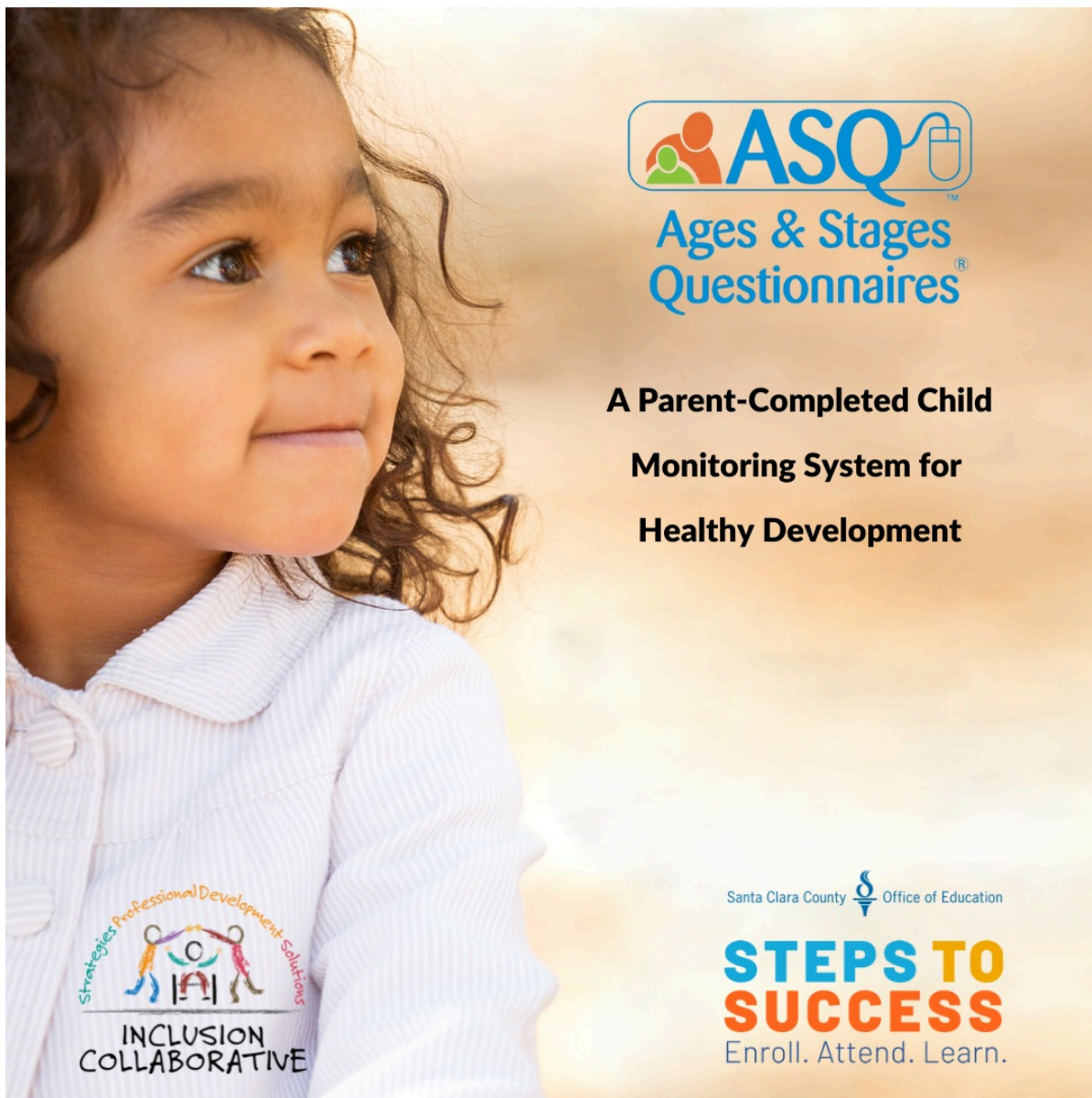
A colorful graphic for the 'Teachers and Tacos' event. At the top, the words 'TEACHERS AND' are written in large, bold, black letters. Below them is a large, detailed illustration of a taco. On the taco, there are two periodic table elements: Tantalum (Ta, atomic number 73) and Cobalt (Co, atomic number 27). Next to the taco is a salt shaker with the letter 'S' on it. The taco is sitting on a blue book that says 'SYNOPSIS OUTREACH FOUNDATION'. The entire graphic is surrounded by colorful confetti and streamers. Below the graphic, there is a white box with black text that reads: 'A FREE, ongoing series open to Santa Clara County Educators!'. At the bottom of the graphic, there is a white box with green text that reads: 'FEBRUARY 6, 2025 Krause Center for Innovation (KCI)'. To the left of this box, there is a white box with black text that reads: 'Explore facets of STEM, gather resources, and student activities. Plus network, win prizes, and of course, eat TACOS!'. Below this box, there is a white box with black text that reads: 'BIT.LY/TEACHERSANDTACOS'.

Teachers and Tacos

Calling all teachers in Santa Clara County! Get together for outdoor activities, networking opportunities, and most importantly, free tacos and supplies throughout the school year.

The next event will be on February 6, 2025, at the Krause Center for Innovation (KCI).

For details, visit bit.ly/teachersandtacos



Inclusion Collaborative: Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQs)

Early educators and healthcare professionals use Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQs) to offer parents insight into their child's developmental needs. It's a list of questions based on your own observations of your child. ASQs are one way parents can help lay the foundations for their child's school readiness.

The SCCOE's Inclusion Collaborative is one of many places where you can get an ASQ for your child: www.inclusioncollaborative.org

Health and Wellness



COVID Test Expiration Dates

Just like those Thanksgiving leftovers, don't let good tests go to waste! Check the FDA website for extended expiration dates before throwing them out.

To learn more, visit: www.fda.gov/covidtestdates?utm_source=FDAFacebook



Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities

If you have a disability, you may experience additional barriers during an emergency. That is why it is so important for you to prepare for emergencies.

Access CDC resources to plan for how to maintain and protect your health before, during, and after an emergency: <https://bit.ly/3Z03R5t>

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 committed to serving, inspiring, and promoting student and public school success. The SCCOE is a premier service organization driven by the core principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and partnership. For more information about the Santa Clara County Office of Education, please visit www.sccoe.org and follow us @SCCOE on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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