



## IMPACT Weekly

February 26, 2025

EQUITY | DIVERSITY | INCLUSION | PARTNERSHIP

March is National Reading Month, a time to celebrate the joy and importance of reading at every age. Reading strengthens literacy skills, builds knowledge, and fosters imagination and empathy. Whether diving into a novel, exploring nonfiction, or sharing a bedtime story with a child, reading opens doors to lifelong learning.

Families and caregivers can encourage a love of reading by setting aside time each day to read together, visiting the library, or letting children choose books that interest them. Even a few minutes of shared reading can make a lasting impact! Research shows that 15-20 minutes of daily reading can noticeably impact vocabulary and overall knowledge.

The Santa Clara County Library District offers a wealth of resources, including digital and physical books, audiobooks, and reading programs for all ages. Explore their offerings here: [Santa Clara County Library District](#).

For additional inspiration, try:

- Creating a cozy reading nook at home
- Starting a family book club
- Acting out favorite stories together
- Joining local library reading challenges

Let's celebrate reading as a foundation for success and a source of joy. Pick up a book, read with a loved one, and embrace the power of stories!

## Community News and Resources

Save the date!

Santa Clara County Office of Education

# ¡Viva el mariachi! Showcase



April 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Registration opens March 1, 2025

*¡Viva el mariachi! Showcase*

Mark your calendars for our 3rd annual ¡Viva el mariachi! Showcase. Join us in celebrating local youth performances including mariachi and ballet folklórico groups and Mariachi Los Gavilanes de Monaco Middle School in Las Vegas, NV.

Registration opens March 1, 2025.

For more information, visit: <https://sccoe.to/vivaelmariachi>



*Transition Resource Fair*

SCCOE's Special Education Department's WorkAbility I program invites families to the Transition Resource Fair. Explore programs, resources, and support for students with disabilities transitioning through education and beyond.

Find various agencies and vendors providing resources on:

- Independent Living Skills Coaching
- Vocational Skills Training

- Individualized Planning
- And more

This event is on March 13, 2025, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Hester School, 1460 The Alameda, San Jose, CA.

To register, visit: <https://forms.gle/RcqFnWaLy7zZ5rQZ9>

For questions, email: [rlouie@sccoe.org](mailto:rlouie@sccoe.org)



*Silicon Valley Reads*

Celebrate Read Across America with three opportunities to connect with award-winning authors and explore the magic of storytelling, technology, and nature.

These events are part of this year's Silicon Valley Reads initiative, themed "Empowering Humanity: Technology for a Better World."

**Meet David Biedrzycki, author of "Artificial Intelligence"**

February 28, 2025, from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.

To register, visit: <https://sccoe.to/ESAuthorVisitAI>

**Meet Lindsay Lackey, author of "Farther Than the Moon!"**

March 6, 2025, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

To register, visit: <https://sccoe.to/MSAuthorVisit>

**Meet Peter Brown, author of "The Wild Robot"**

March 7, 2025, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

To register, visit: <https://sccoe.to/ESAuthorVisitWildRobot>

**SCCOE Events and Resources**



*AI Community of Practice for the 2024-25*

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.

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

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*Reading Difficulties Risk Screener Selection Process, Preparation, and Implementation*

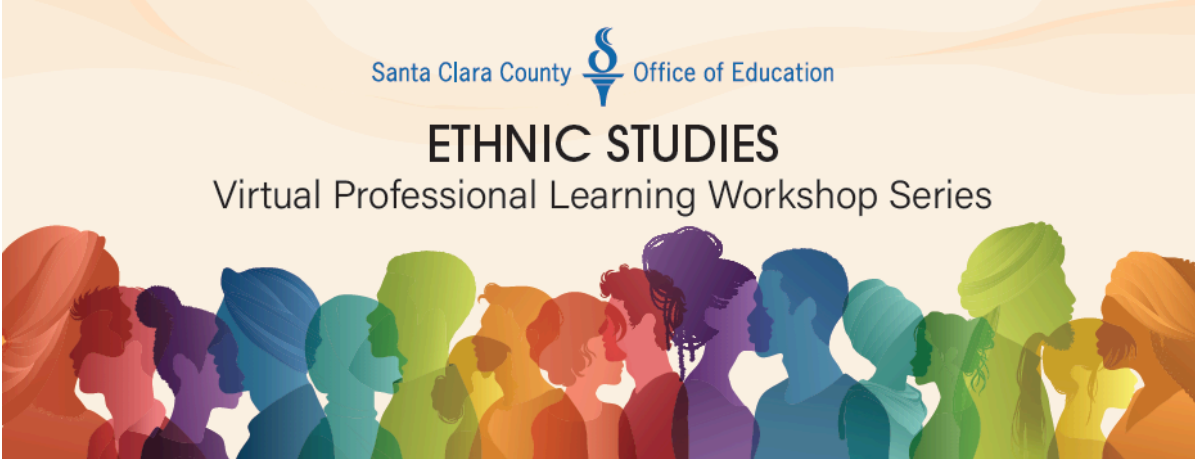



The SCCOE is hosting the Reading Difficulties Risk Screener: Selection Process, Preparation, and Implementation series. This 3-part webinar supports Local Education Agencies (LEAs) understand the requirements and recommendations of the new legislation and more.

- Communication and Implementation: March 11, 2025, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

To learn more or register, visit: <https://sccoe.to/RDRS>

## District Resources



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### ETHNIC STUDIES

#### Virtual Professional Learning Workshop Series

This Ethnic Studies Professional Learning Workshop Series empowers educators and leaders to implement equity-centered, culturally sustaining pedagogy. Using the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum and California History-Social Science Framework, this virtual series provides tools to create inclusive K-12 programs, fostering collaboration, best practices, and capacity building for administrators, teachers, and school leaders.

#### Workshop Dates:

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 3-4:00 p.m. | Thursday, March 6, 2025 3-4:30 p.m.  
Thursday, April 3, 2025 3-4:30 p.m. | Thursday, May 8, 2025 3-4:30 p.m.

**Workshop Cost:** \$40 per person

*Ethnic Studies Virtual Professional Learning Workshop series*

Join us for our Ethnic Studies Virtual Professional Learning Workshop series. Using the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum and California History-Social Science Framework, this virtual series provides tools to create inclusive K-12 programs, fostering collaboration, best practices, and capacity building for classroom teachers, site administrators, and district leaders. Designed to support schools and districts at any stage of implementation, the series offers expert guest panels and valuable resources that even seasoned programs will find transformative.

- Session Two: Exploring the Foundational Disciplines and Major Themes of Ethnic Studies on March 6, 2025, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
- Session Three: Implementation on April 3, 2025, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
- Session Four: Connections Resources and Collaboration on May 8, 2025, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

To register, visit: <https://sccoe.to/EthnicStudies2025>

*\*There is a fee associated with this workshop.*

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## LET'S TALK ABOUT RECLASSIFICATION!

*Let's Talk About Reclassification!*

Join us for “Let’s Talk About Reclassification!”, our free, virtual sessions unpacking the reclassification process for multilingual learners. Take a deep dive into the reclassification process including best practices, exploring strategies and tools to ensure equitable access and effective team collaboration.

This event is virtual on March 3, 2025.

- Administrators Session: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Teacher Session: 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

To learn more or to register, visit: [sccoe.to/reclassification](https://sccoe.to/reclassification)

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Education Preparation Programs  
Mental & Behavioral Health & Apprenticeships

## MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING NETWORK

### AGENDA

- Updates for School-Based Mental Health Billing



Tuesday, March 11, 2025  
9:00 am - 10:00 am PST  
On Zoom

Learn More & Get the Zoom Link:  
[sccoe.to/MHW-PLN](https://sccoe.to/MHW-PLN)



*Mental Health & Wellness Professional Learning Network*

The SCCOE Educator Preparation Programs Department's Mental & Behavioral Health and Apprenticeship Branch invites administrators and mental health & wellness professionals from Santa Clara County districts to join the Mental Health & Wellness Professional Learning Network (MHW-PLN) on March 11, 2025, to learn, network, and share the best practice with colleagues.

Learn more and get the Zoom link by visiting: <https://sccoe.to/MHW-PLN>

## Health and Wellness

Santa Clara County  
**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Start a new October routine!

# **Brush, Book, Bed**

Each night:

1. Help your children to brush and floss their teeth.
2. Read a favorite book (or two).
3. Get to bed at a regular time each night.

**sccphd.org/OralHealth**

*Brush, Book, Bed*

Set healthy routines with your children, starting with brushing, flossing, and reading to them every night. The County's Oral Health Program promotes the American Academy of Pediatrics' bedtime routine called, "Brush, Book, Bed."

Children do better with routines, and this routine helps keep their mouths healthy! Read a book about visiting the dentist to help relieve potential anxiety about appointments. Talk about ways to keep their teeth clean with healthy foods and less sugar.

Visit <https://www.healthychildren.org/English/healthy-living/oral-health/Pages/Brush-Book-Bed.aspx>





SCCPHD Childhood Vaccines

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department wants to remind caregivers that routine vaccines are another part of growing up.

To learn more about childhood vaccines, visit: <http://bit.ly/3UsXkMj>

### ***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](http://www.sccoe.org) and follow us @SCCOE on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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