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Message from Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools

Hello everyone,

September 19-25 is Climate Action Week, a time when climate leaders from public, private and non-profit sectors gather to discuss and advocate for the health of our planet.

This is also a time for adults to follow the work of young climate activists. Youth engaged in climate activism continue to amplify awareness about sustainable practices and climate justice, while leading impactful education and policy initiatives. Locally, the [Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action](#) group continue to make strides in climate advocacy and engagement.

The Santa Clara County Office of Education created a guide to support educators in honor of this week of awareness and action. The [Climate Action Week Educator Guide](#) includes background, lessons and resources about incorporating climate education in classrooms and school sites during and beyond Climate Action Week.

Here are a few activities for families to consider for Climate Action Week:

- [Clean up your neighborhoods, parks, and local area](#)
- Assess what sustainable swaps can be made at home
- [Watch family-friendly nature documentaries](#)

The more we understand our connection to the environment, the more we can influence how those



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connections impact our health and our planet. Collectively, our individual actions add up to make a big difference.

Together, we can be the solution to a healthy and sustainable environment.

We are **#StrongerTogether**.

Be well,

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

SCCOE News

Visit the [SCCOE Newsroom](#) for the latest news and updates.

Community News and Resources



Volunteer on Community Climate Action Day

Participate in the California Climate Action Corps Community Climate Action Day, a volunteer service event and celebration hosted in collaboration with California Climate Action Corps, HandsOn Bay Area, City of San José and Mayor Sam Liccardo, Veggielution, and other San José community organizations.

In appreciation of your service, four lucky winners could win Disneyland tickets in a drawing that all volunteers can enter at check-in.

*No purchases are necessary to participate. Volunteers must serve on Saturday, Sept. 24 to enter.

Visit <http://CACCommunityActionDay.com>



STATE OF EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA:
State Superintendent Tony Thurmond
Hosts Virtual Parent Town Hall

Wednesday September 28, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.


- Share your thoughts with State Superintendent Tony Thurmond!
- Learn more about Universal Meals, Learning Loss Recovery, Student Mental Health Supports, Literacy and more.
- Watch for details on how to join this Virtual Event

 Parentfeedback@cde.ca.gov

Parent Feedback

Join State Superintendent Tony Thurmond on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 6 p.m. for a virtual Back-to-School Parent Town Hall conversation. Voice your concerns, needs, and ideas about CA schools and ways to improve your school experience. Learn what the CDE is doing to support schools—health and safety, literacy, enrollment, and more.

Email parentfeedback@cde.ca.gov to tell us what is on your mind and watch for more details on how to register for this event.



September 19-30, 2022

HIGH SCHOOL VOTER EDUCATION WEEKS

VOTE

We encourage your school to participate in High School Voter Education Weeks to aid our young and future voters on the pathway of civic engagement, awareness, and voting!

High School Voter Education Weeks

It is now easier than ever to get sixteen- and seventeen-year-old students civically engaged through pre-registration. Once students pre-register to vote, they will automatically become eligible to vote when they turn eighteen years old. Pre-registration has been successful in California, with more than 900,000 pre-registrations since the program launched in September 2016.

To pre-register to vote, visit registertovote.ca.gov



FAFSA/CA Dream Act Workshops

The Santa Clara County Office of Education, in collaboration with community nonprofit organizations and post-secondary institutions, believe that College Day is every day. Our College Day - All In! For FAFSA/CA Dream Act, features workshops around college and finances for students. Register yourself or your class to learn more about college finances on Thursday, September 29 from 6-7:30 p.m. Register at <https://na.eventscloud.com/707661>

For more information, connect with Joell Hanson at (408) 453-4329 or JoHanson@scoec.org



Outdoor Film Festival

Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) presents its first-ever [Representation Matters Film Festival](#) at Martial Cottle Park in San Jose – Friday, September 23. Watch award-winning environmental and adventure short films focused on representation in the outdoors.



My Community. My Voice. Our Change.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

MHSA Community Conversation

School administration and school-aged youth and TAY are asked to participate and provide feedback about mental health and substance use services in Santa Clara County. Feedback from these meetings will inform future priorities, programs, and policies. Below are the dates and times for the meetings:

[School Administration: Friday, September 23, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM](#)

[Youth: Monday, September 26, 4:00-5:30 PM](#)



Parent Engagement Program

The Parent Engagement Program invites District Teams to participate in building sustainable and empowering parent and family engagement programs for effective family partnerships which impact student success. For details and registration, visit <https://scoec.to/PEPFamilyEngagementCoP>



Free coloring pages from Crayola



Arts Grants for Santa Clara County Teachers

Application Open: September 9 – October 9, 2022

Arts Grants

We are pleased to announce our next grant cycle to support teachers in bringing arts experiences to their classrooms.

This year we have two (2) options: a \$500 grant that can be used for arts materials and supplies or, funds (amount specific to project/experience) for an art project, performances, workshops, field trips or art experiences. The materials and supplies grant is intended for a single classroom.

For the larger grant award, teachers may opt to apply together for a joint art experience for multiple classrooms. Please include all participating teachers in the grant application. So get your creative juices flowing for an art project or activity that will engage and inspire your students!

The grant applications will open Friday, September 9 and will close on Sunday, October 9. Grant funds must be expended by May 12, 2023 with the final report due by May 31, 2023. Our team will review the applications and will contact awardees by Wednesday, November 2.



Community Schools Fundamentals Transformational Learning Community

Learn about community schools

The Santa Clara County Office of Education and the [National Center for Community Schools](#) are hosting the Community Schools Fundamentals Transformational Learning Community (TLC). For more details, visit <https://na.eventscloud.com/715662>

Health & Wellness



Virtual calming room

The Santa Clara County Office of Education is dedicated to supporting the mental health of K-12 students, staff, and the community. This [virtual Calming Room](#) is a resource for

students, families, and staff to find tools and strategies for managing emotions and feelings.



Seasonal fruits and veggies

This guide can help you explore different fruits and vegetables throughout the year. [Seasonal produce](#) in your area will vary by growing conditions and weather. Remember, fresh, frozen, canned, and dried: fruits and vegetables are a delicious way to make every bite count!



Mental Health Urgent Care

The County of Santa Clara Behavioral Health Services Department offers Mental Health Urgent Care! They have a walk-in outpatient clinic where adolescents and adults can get screening, assessment, crisis intervention, referral, and short-term treatment. Call 1-408-885-7855 for support and resources.

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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