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SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

## IMPACT Weekly

October 12, 2022

EQUITY | DIVERSITY | INCLUSION | PARTNERSHIP

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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

Every person has the right to live as their authentic self and to feel safe in every environment. National Coming Out Day, October 11, and National Bullying Prevention Day, October 12, are great reminders that practicing kindness, creating inclusive spaces, and being an advocate can make all the difference for youth.

Coming out is a courageous act that can be stressful for the person acknowledging their identity. It is important to listen actively, openly, and lovingly when a person is coming out. Being an ally also means being an advocate by standing up and speaking against words and actions that can hurt others.

It is essential that youth have trusted allies in their lives that can support and guide them through their journey of self-discovery without judgment. Here are some tips for creating inclusive and safe spaces for youth:

- Respect their pronouns by using preferred pronouns.
- Model and advocate for inclusive language.
- Create welcoming spaces for everyone.
- Be an upstander against bullying.
- See something, say something.
- Keep the lines of communication open.

Celebrate the youth in the community who are making brave efforts to be who they are every day. Together, we can model kindness and celebrate what makes each of us unique.



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

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.

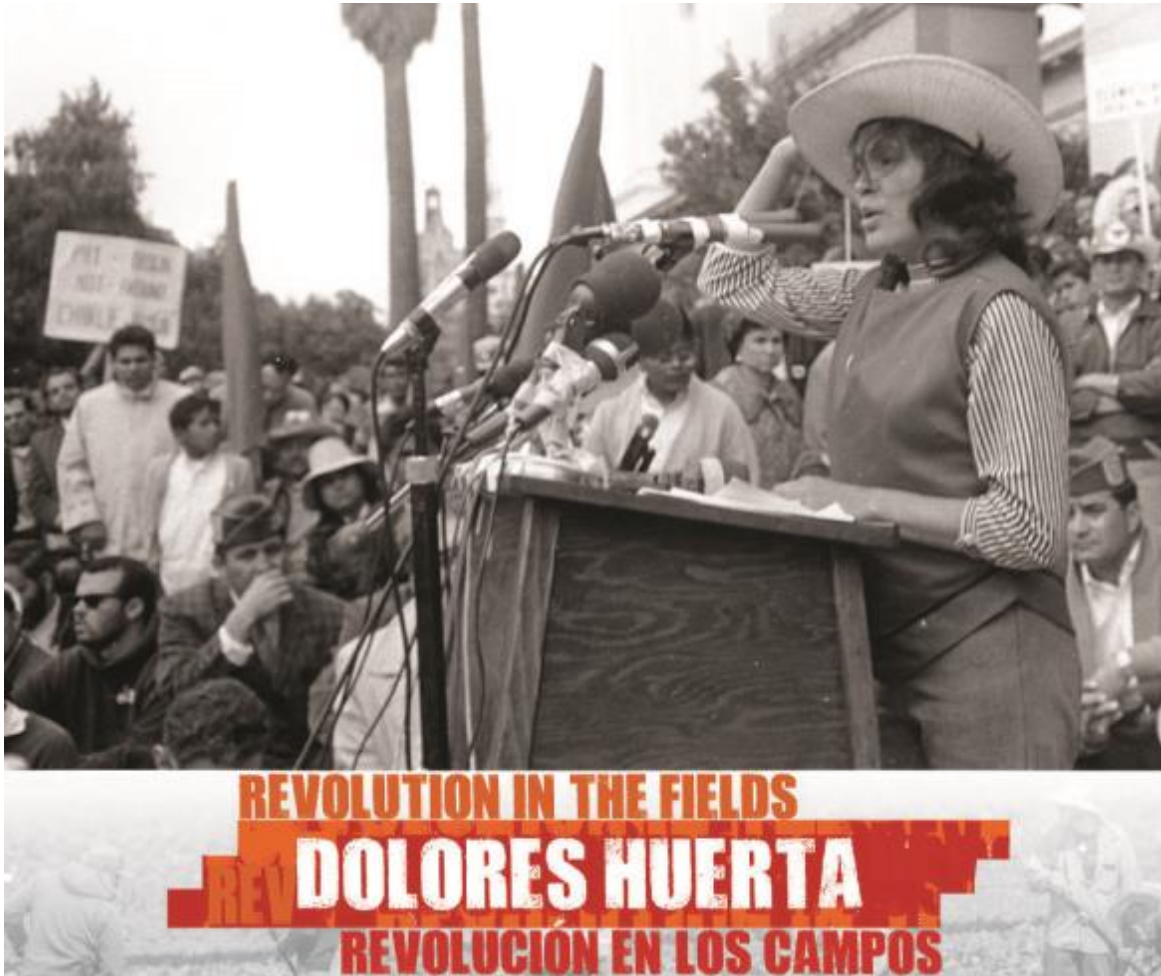
## Community News and Resources



*On-demand tutoring*

Californians can now access [free online tutoring available 24/7](#) through a new initiative offering homework help in every K-12 subject and skill-building resources for adult learners.

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*Traveling Dolores Huerta Exhibit*

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) is honored to present the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service's new bilingual exhibition, ***Dolores Huerta: Revolution in the Fields/Revolución en los Campos***. The exhibition will be on display at Gilroy Library from Saturday, November 5, 2022 to Monday, January 23, 2023.

In addition, Ms. Huerta will participate in a special [Hispanic Heritage Month panel discussion](#) on Saturday, November 12 at 2:00 p.m. at Wheeler Center in Gilroy (next to Gilroy Library). She will be joined by educator and author Francisco Jiménez and filmmaker and actor Luis Valdez to discuss such topics as hardship and resiliency. There will be entertainment before and after the free panel discussion, including Aztec dancers at 1:00 p.m. and Mariachi music at 3:30 p.m.

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Accepting the John Steinbeck Award

# JACQUELINE WOODSON

In Conversation with Michele Elam (Stanford University)



Center for  
Literary Arts

SJSU | COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES  
AND THE ARTS

**october**  
**18th @ 7:00 PM**

SJSU Student Union Theater

also livestreamed on  
[www.clasanjose.org](http://www.clasanjose.org)

*Winner of the John Steinbeck Award*



*Vote early*

The Early Voting Period is underway in Santa Clara County for the November 8, 2022 General Election.

Early voting is available at the Registrar of Voters office for registered voters who wish to drop off their ballot or vote in person during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Registrar of Voters is located at 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, in San Jose.

Ballots are scheduled to be mailed out to vote-by-mail voters beginning this week.

If you are not yet registered to vote, or you have moved, changed your name, or need to re-register for some other reason, the last day to register to vote for the November election is Monday, October 24. You can register to vote online and find more information about the registration process [here](#).

## District News and Resources

**STEPS TO  
SUCCESS**  
Enroll. Attend. Learn.

**Enroll Today!**

Preschool, transitional kindergarten  
and kindergarten in  
Santa Clara County



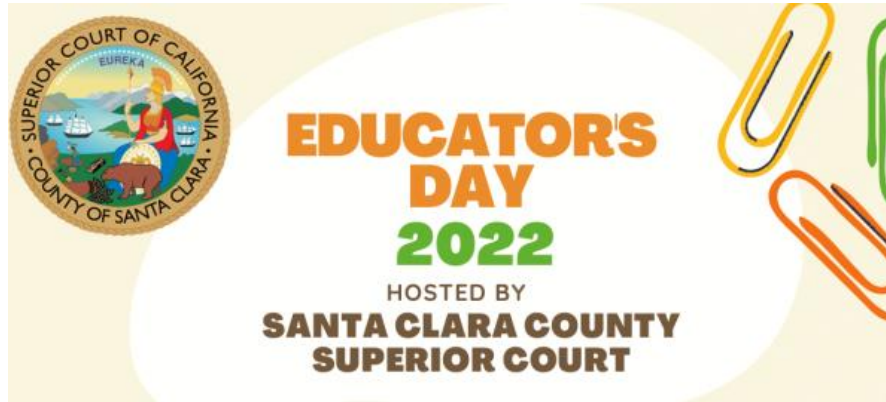
*Early Education Resource Webinar*

The Santa Clara County Office of Education is hosting [resource webinars](#) to support schools and community organizations as they support families with accessing childcare, preschool, transitional kindergarten and kindergarten programs. Participants will gain access to centralized flyers, toolkits, websites and resources that help families better understand the diversity of early learning programs within Santa Clara County.

Webinars take place every other month from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Register here for one of the following dates:

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022  
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022  
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023  
Wednesday, April 12, 2023  
Wednesday, June 14, 2023

For additional information, or if you have questions, please contact Veronica Garza at [vgarza@sccoe.org](mailto:vgarza@sccoe.org)



*Educators Day*

Are you a high school or middle school educator? Limited spots remain for this year's Superior Court Educators Day. Register while space is still available. The line-up includes experts to discuss areas related to mental health, domestic violence and coercive control issues that relate to your students, wellness centers in the schools and resources for you and your school. Register at <https://bit.ly/3LtnxWp>

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# COLLEGE DAY 2022



## OCTOBER 24, 2022

*College Day Workshop*

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 2022 *College Day, Level Up! Explore The Possibilities*, features many workshops around college career for K-12 students. We encourage you to register, yourself or your class to learn more about College and Career. Register at <https://na.eventscloud.com/713617>



## Dia De Los Muertos Altares: Connections To Community & Classroom

*Dia de los muertos*

Join us for a workshop facilitated by Centro Aztlan Chicomoztoc and learn about the history, meaning, and symbolism related to the altares/altars that are a central part of El Dia De Los Muertos/Day of the Dead celebration. Please register at <https://sccoe.to/DiaDeLosMuertosAltares>

Cost: \$60

Date: Thursday, October 20

Time: 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Location:

Sunol Community Day School

258 Sunol Street

San Jose, CA 95126

*\*A fee is associated with this event.*

### Health & Wellness





*Strategies for a healthy fall*

As the days get shorter and cooler and the seasons change, use these [strategies from the CDC](#) to help prevent chronic diseases and maintain a healthy lifestyle.



*Youth Meals*

Youth (ages 18 and under) are eligible for FREE PREPARED MEALS. Santa Clara County schools continue to provide important nutritious meals for San José's youth. Visit [bit.ly/svstrong-youth](http://bit.ly/svstrong-youth) each week for an updated list.

**Who should get  
the updated  
COVID-19 boosters?**

**Anyone 12+ who  
has completed their  
primary series.**

**Find a booster at [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov)**

*COVID-19 Boosters*

Staying up-to-date on your COVID-19 vaccine series is important for all Californians - especially those who are immunocompromised, have underlying medical conditions, or in a high-risk exposure setting. Visit [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) to find a site to receive your booster.

### **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](https://www.sccoe.org).*

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