



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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

This Friday commemorates the 47th anniversary of the nation's first special education law, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), signed by President Ford on December 2, 1975. This law was critical and necessary to make education and resources equitable for all children.

The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) proudly continues to work to equitably serve all children through various programs and resources. The SCCOE's Special Education Department serves students from birth to age 22 with disabilities, providing the early education, pre-school, elementary, secondary, and post-senior programs. The [Inclusion Collaborative of the SCCOE](#) builds a culture that promotes equity, inclusion and belonging through inclusive practices. Families, teachers and community members working with children who have disabilities and other needs can contact the Inclusion Support Warmline for free supports. To contact the Inclusion Support Warmline, call (408) 453-6651 or send an email to Inclusionwarmline@sccoe.org

As a nation, we have come a long way since the signing of IDEA. I encourage you to think about what more can be done to support students with disabilities, and how we can create welcoming and inclusive learning environments.

Here are a few book recommendations that help children understand that each of us are unique:

- *Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille*
- *I Talk Like a River*
- *Wonder*



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- *Out of My Mind*

Together, we can work to create and sustain equitable access to inclusive learning and community environments for all.

We are **#StrongerTogether**.

Be well,

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

SCCOE News



SCCOE Newsroom

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

Community News and Resources

December 2022
PARK VOLUNTEER EVENTS
HELP KEEP OUR PARKS CLEAN!





SAT 12/3	SAT 12/10
<p>Starbird Park (8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) 1118 Starbird Cir.</p> <p>Fernish Park (8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) Fernish Dr. & Guluzzo Dr.</p>	<p>Alum Rock Trail Crew (8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) 15350 Penitencia Creek Rd.</p> <p>Plata Arroyo Park (8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) N. King Rd. & McKee Rd.</p>
SAT 12/17	TUE 12/20
<p>Danna Rock Park (8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) Thornhaven Wy. & Houndshaven Wy.</p> <p>Japanese Friendship Garden Monthly Cleanup with Nikkei Matsuri (8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) 1300 Senter Rd.</p> <p>Overfelt Gardens (8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) Educational Park Dr. & Schulte Dr.</p>	<p>Willow Glen Community Center (8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) 2175 Lincoln Ave.</p> <p>Berryessa Community Center (8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) 3050 Berryessa Rd.</p>






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Building Community Through Fun

Park Volunteers Needed

Volunteering is a great way to help keep your community beautiful, and there are multiple park volunteer events happening in December to choose from!

Volunteer events serve as a great opportunity to earn community service hours, build community or simply volunteer with others who enjoy our local outdoors. No experience is necessary, and all tools will be provided.

To learn more and to register, please visit sanjoseca.gov/prns-volunteer

Join Our Team



Visit SCCOE.org/jobopps to view available positions



The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is an organization of diverse talents working together to serve, inspire and promote student and public school success. Our employees make a difference! To view open positions, visit <https://www.sccoe.org/jobopps/Pages/home.aspx>



tree rebate program

APPLY NOW

LEARN MORE & APPLY HERE:
<https://bit.ly/TreeRebateSJ>

EMAIL QUESTIONS TO:
kyle.laveroni@sanjoseca.gov

DETAILS:

- Tree must be purchased on or after August 1, 2022
- Tree must be planted in the park strip in front of residential property
- Maximum rebate is \$100

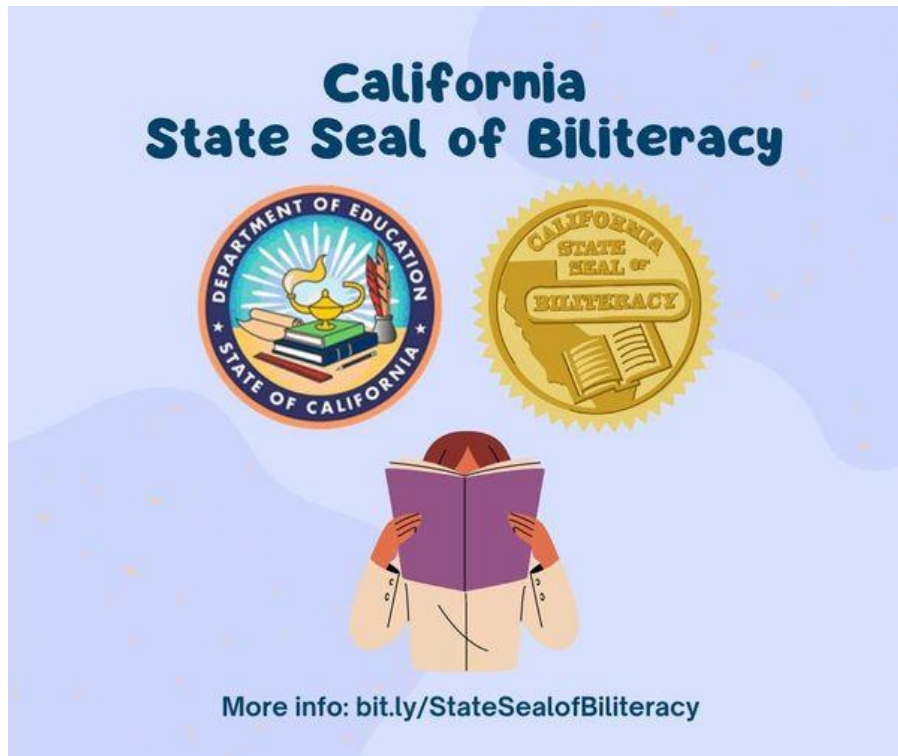
THIS PROGRAM HAS A LIMITED BUDGET. APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS, UNTIL FUNDS ARE DEPLETED.

Tree Rebate Program

Help the City of San José replenish its urban tree canopy by planting a street tree and receive a rebate of up to \$100 to cover the cost! Street trees don't just look good but are also linked with numerous health, safety, and financial benefits as well as providing valuable shade.

Learn all of the Tree Rebate Program details and how to apply at <https://bit.ly/TreeRebateSJ>

District News and Resources



State Seal of Biliteracy

The CDE State Seal of Biliteracy webpage has been updated with new information and resources for local educational agencies to utilize including updated FAQs, archived webinars, and downloadable resources to share with multilingual learners in preschool, elementary, and middle school and their families.

For more information, visit <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/er/sealofbiliteracy.asp>.



**YOUNG ARTIST
SHOWCASE
2023**



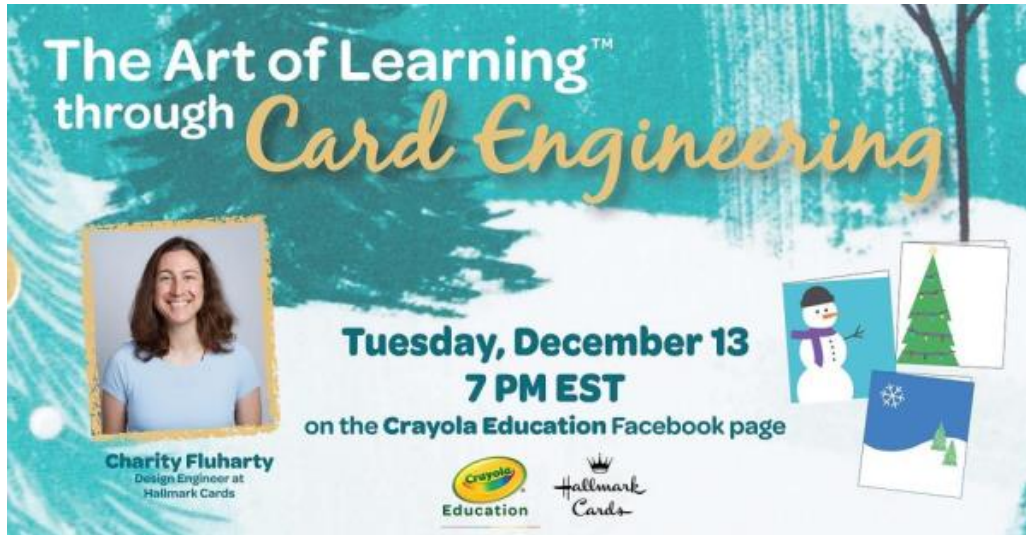
Young Artist Showcase

The Santa Clara County Office of Education announces the 2023 Young Artist Showcase. This showcase is open to public school students, grades Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, in Santa Clara County. Some students will have their artwork accepted into the permanent exhibit of student artwork located within the SCCOE campuses as well as showcased at the virtual Young Artist Showcase Celebration on May 9, 2023, celebrating Arts Education Month in California.

This year's artwork theme, 'Hope in a New Era', encourages youth to reimagine, through the arts and creativity, a new era of creative freedom and expression. This new space in time can involve a new way of thinking, learning, and interacting with new possibilities and

new ways or reinforce meaningful ways to engage with friends, family, work, school, community spaces, and our natural environments.

To submit artwork, visit <https://sccoe.to/YAS2023SubmissionForm>
For more information, visit <https://www.sccoe.org/arts/yas>



The Art of Learning

'Tis the season for greeting cards! Crayola is excited to be joined by Hallmark design engineer, Charity Fluharty, as she discusses her passion and experience for creating cards for every occasion. Then grab some supplies and create your own holiday and everyday kindness pop-up cards for someone special.

For more details, visit the [Crayola Education Facebook page](#).

Health & Wellness



Support Groups Available

Need help with mental health or substance abuse? Join the County of Santa Clara Behavioral Health Services Department Mental Health & Substance Use Support Group at

Zephyr Self-Help Center from 1 – 2 p.m. every Thursday. Learn more at www.sccbhsd.org/zephyr



Holiday Stress

The holidays can be such a stressful time.

Take a few minutes for yourself with this free mindfulness app, Headspace. It's an app for busy, modern lives to learn the essentials of meditation and mindfulness in just minute a day. Find hundreds of guided meditations on a variety of topics, from stress and sleep to focus and performance.

All Headspace accounts are open for free enrollment through SCCLD at the start of the month. The borrowing period ends on the last day of the month at 8 p.m. PST. Make sure to sign up for December on Thursday!

Patrons are welcome to re-enroll on the first day of the new month. All personal progress and completed sessions will be saved to your account. Give it a try today:

<https://scclid.org/about-headspace/>



Stay Healthy this Winter

Winter virus season is here early, and pediatric hospitalizations are on the rise. This winter and the holiday gathering season, help protect yourself and the vulnerable (especially

young children and babies) from many circulating viruses, including the flu, COVID-19, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).

Take these measures to help keep yourself and those you love healthy and out of the hospital.

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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