



## IMPACT Weekly

December 7, 2022

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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

As people gather during the winter season, please celebrate in ways that limit the spread of respiratory viruses such as respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), influenza, and COVID-19. Before gathering with loved ones, take action now to protect yourself, those around you, and the Santa Clara County healthcare system.

Follow these tips to stay healthy during the winter season:

- Get your family up-to-date on their vaccinations. The Santa Clara County Office of Education is hosting a [COVID-19 vaccination and flu shot clinic](#) on Monday, December 12 from 2-6 p.m. at our Ridder Park location. For more information about the clinic, visit [www.mhealthsystem.com/SCCOERidder](http://www.mhealthsystem.com/SCCOERidder).
- Anyone experiencing symptoms or feeling unwell, should stay home, test and rest. Free COVID-19 test kits will be given out at the clinic held on Monday, December 12.
- Wear a mask indoors when around others. Wearing a mask can protect infants and young children from RSV, which has no vaccine.
- Continue good hygiene practices such as handwashing and using hand sanitizer.
- Covering coughs and sneezes in elbows, arms or tissues can help prevent the spread of winter viruses. Wash your hands after using tissues.

For more information about protecting yourself from winter viruses, visit the [California Department of Public Health](#).



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

The best gift this winter season is keeping your family and the greater Santa Clara County community healthy.

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



*Empowering Homebuyers*

The Santa Clara County Office of Education is proud to host a homeownership webinar with Housing Trust Silicon Valley about the Empower Homebuyers SCC program! Join us to learn about this down payment assistance loan program and how the County of help you own your first home.

Administered by Housing Trust, Empower is a down payment assistance loan to help first-time homebuyers with up to 17% of the purchase price of a single-family home, condo, or townhome in Santa Clara County. The maximum loan amount is \$187,000 on a home which is \$1,100,000. With only a 3% down payment required from the homebuyers, a 20% down payment on the home is possible. As a 30-year deferred loan, no monthly loan payments are required.

This program is made for those with low to moderate incomes in the Bay Area. For example, with a household of four people, if your combined income is \$202,200 or less, you may be eligible. If you want to buy a home just for yourself and make \$141,550 or less, you may also qualify. All are welcome.

To learn more visit [HousingTrustSV.org/Empower](https://HousingTrustSV.org/Empower)

WHEN: Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/EmpowerFeb8>

Questions? Email: [EmpowerHomebuyersSCC@housingtrustsv.org](mailto:EmpowerHomebuyersSCC@housingtrustsv.org)

Call: (408) 703-3837 Ext. 301.



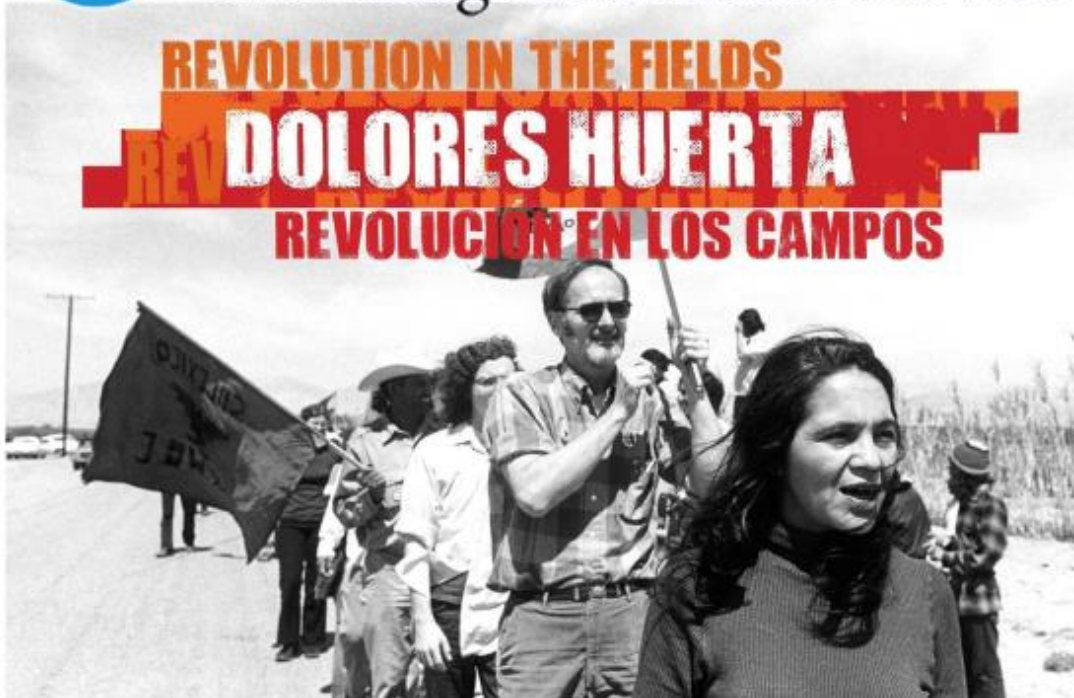
*Winter Reading Challenge*

Throughout December and January, explore booklists and activities all based around the frostiest time of year. Check out the Santa Clara Library District's booklists for [adults](#), [teens](#), and [children](#), and find a winter read that appeals to you!

Then, explore activities related to various services the library has to offer. Sign up on [Beanstack](#) to get started.



# Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service



*Traveling Dolores Huerta Exhibit*

Now through Monday, January 23, 2023, *Dolores Huerta Revolution in the Fields/Revolución en los Campos* is on display at the Gilroy Library.

The free exhibit shares the compelling story of activist and leader Dolores Huerta and the farm worker movement of the 1960s and 70s. It includes text in both English and Spanish and features reproduced historic and personal photographs that detail Huerta's life from her early influences through the United Farm Workers' grape boycotts and landmark agreements with grape-growing conglomerates.

This exhibition is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the National Portrait Gallery. It received federal support from the Latino Initiatives Pool, administered by the Smithsonian Latino Center.

The library is open Sunday from 1 - 5 p.m., Monday thru Wednesday 1 - 9 p.m., and Thursday thru Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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*Silicon Valley Reads Kickoff*

[Registration](#) is now open for Silicon Valley Reads kickoff event. Mercury News columnist Sal Pizarro will moderate the conversation with all three featured authors: [Tommy Orange](#), [Amanda Skenandore](#) and [Kai Harris](#). Don't miss out on the opportunity to have your books signed by the authors after the event.

The event will be on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Visual and Performing Arts Center at De Anza College. It will be simultaneously live-streamed by the Commonwealth Club of Silicon Valley. Please register for this free event.

## District News and Resources



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>

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*We are hiring*

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*Employment*



*Apply to the Civic Learning Award*

The application period for the [2022–23 Civic Learning Award for California public schools closes on March 31, 2023](#). A committee comprised of representatives from the California Department of Education (CDE), the Judicial Branch, and other business and education leaders will review the applications. Recipients will be announced in the spring of 2023.

The Civic Learning Award program has three levels: Awards of Excellence, Distinction, and Merit. Winners will be selected by a panel of experts based on the depth and breadth of their civic learning classes, clubs, and programs. Schools receiving the highest honor, the Award of Excellence, traditionally receive a visit by the Chief Justice.

In response to the challenges brought by COVID-19, the 2021 and 2022 awards were adapted to honor single programs, classes, or clubs. Public health directives prevented onsite visits to celebrate the awardees. For 2023, the Civic Learning Awards will return to honoring schools committed to integrating civics campus-wide, promoting positive citizenry inside the classroom and out, and promoting the State Seal of Civic Engagement. Additionally, the Champion of Civics will continue to honor individuals for their dedication to the expanding civics statewide.

## Health & Wellness



# OVERNIGHT WARMING LOCATIONS

November 15, 2022–April 30, 2023  
Open Nightly • 8:00pm – 7:00am

*Overnight Warming Locations*



Bus Tokens



Kennels for pets



Warm drinks &  
prepackaged meals



Case management

During inclement weather, warming centers, and expanded shelter services are available and a list of warming centers and shelters will appear below. Please call 2-1-1 for information on expanded shelters and additional services in Santa Clara County.

Due to the rain and cold temperatures, especially in South Santa Clara County areas, the County Office of Supportive Housing is securing additional after-hours shelter beds for

people experiencing homelessness. Call 408-278-6420 for help or to direct someone in need of assistance.

Anyone in need of overnight shelter should call (408) 539-2105 or email [outreach@homefirstsc.org](mailto:outreach@homefirstsc.org).

For more information or a referral, call (408) 539-2105 or email [owlreferrals@homefirstsc.org](mailto:owlreferrals@homefirstsc.org). Individuals who do not have referrals may also call the county's shelter hotline at (408) 385-2400 for assistance finding shelters.

## We know what works to keep us safe and healthy



*Stay home if you feel sick*



*Wear a mask in crowded indoor places*



*Get your flu shot and Omicron booster*



*Wash your hands*



*Test for COVID before and after you are around lots of people indoors*



*Bring in fresh air, run fans*

Santa Clara County  
**PUBLIC HEALTH**

*Prevent the spread of winter viruses*

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

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