



SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

The Santa Clara County Office of Education will join districts, schools, and county offices around the world in the Great Kindness Challenge beginning Monday, January 23 through Friday, January 27.

The Great Kindness Challenge is a global campaign that promotes kindness, social-emotional health, and bullying prevention in grades pre-k through 12. From 2021-2022 more than 900 million acts of kindness in 115 countries were captured. I encourage families and individuals to think about what kind act they can do for one another.

Any act of kindness, big or small, can have a positive impact on someone. I am reminded of the quote from the Greek storyteller Aesop, "No small act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted."

It is critical for students and school staff to feel safe and welcomed in learning environments and at places of employment. The acts of kindness students hear and see encourages them to act kindly to those they encounter. I extend my gratitude to school staff throughout the county for all that you do for our students to ensure safe school environments and social-emotional wellness.

For recommendations on spreading kindness and making a positive impact check out the [Great Kindness Challenge Family Checklist](#).

Share your acts of kindness with the SCCOE on social media using the hashtags #WeAreSCCOE and #GreatKindnessChallenge.

We are **#StrongerTogether**.



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

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.



SCCOE News Minute

Welcome to this week's SCCOE News Minute. Catch the top stories in Santa Clara County by watching our [YouTube Playlist](#).

Community News and Resources

CalKIDS
can kickstart
a child's
future.

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College Savings for Kids

CalKIDS is a state program that gives children in California a jump start on saving for college. Newborns and eligible low-income public school students are automatically enrolled and given a CalKIDS college savings account with an initial deposit. Eligible participants are identified by data received from the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Education. There is no need to apply and no requirement that families make any kind of financial commitment. Find more information at <https://calkids.org/the-basics/>



Transitional Kindergarten Webinar

Do you have a child between birth and 5 years old? We invite you to attend our virtual Universal Pre-school Parent Webinar where we will discuss:

- What is Transitional Kindergarten (TK)?
- Steps to enrolling in TK
- Options if your child is not age-eligible for TK

Join us to learn the benefits of early learning and the necessary tools to navigate enrolling your child into Transitional Kindergarten. Find out the answer to these questions and more by joining us virtually on Zoom.

Webinars will be multiple times in two languages:

English:

1/24/23 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

1/24/23 from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

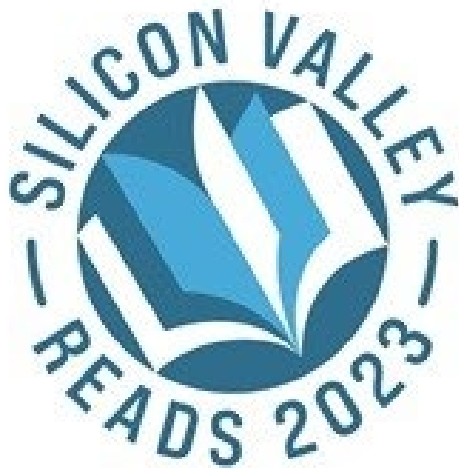
Español:

1/26/23 de 6 p.m. - 7p.m.



Lunar New Year

The San Jose Public Library will host a variety of activities to celebrate the Lunar New Year. To see a list of activities at a library branch near you, visit the SJPL website at <https://sjpl.bibliocommons.com/v2/events?q=lunar%20new%20year>



Silicon Valley Reads

The full [Silicon Valley Reads calendar of events](#) is available online. You can check out the author events, book clubs, panel discussions, film screenings, arts and crafts, special performances, and kids activities happening at local libraries, schools and other organizations.

The Santa Clara County Library District is hosting a number of events and programs. Join our Silicon Valley Reads [reading challenge](#) anytime between January 26-March 31. Read one of this year's selected titles, attend a library program and get entered to win a \$25 gift card.

District News and Resources



Grant Training Series

The SCCOE's Grants, Partnerships, and Operations Department has developed a Grant Training Series providing short training videos on a variety of grant writing topics to support school and community members in writing grants. Please visit the [SCCOE GPO YouTube playlist](#) to see these videos and past videos.

- [Grant Training Series: Is the Grant a Good Fit?](#)
- [Grant Training Series: Reviewing an RFA/ Solicitation](#)
- [Grant Training Series: Executive Summary](#)
- [Grant Training Series: Writing the Narrative](#)
- [Grant Training Series: Project Management for Grant Proposals](#)



Monthly Grant Opportunities



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>



Pursue a teaching career

The graphic features a dark blue background with white stars. At the top left, the text 'OEM OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT' is displayed in white, with 'OEM' in a larger, bold font. To the right is a circular logo with a green landscape. Below this, the title 'COLD WEATHER SAFETY TIPS' is written in large, white, bold letters. Underneath the title is the website address 'www.PrepareSCC.org/ColdWeather' in a smaller, orange font. On the left side, there is a bulleted list of safety tips. On the right side, there is an illustration of three people in winter clothing walking in the snow. The person on the left is wearing a yellow jacket and a blue scarf, holding a red mug. The person in the middle is wearing a dark blue coat and a black hat. The person on the right is wearing a yellow jacket and red pants, holding a red mug.

OEM OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

COLD WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

www.PrepareSCC.org/ColdWeather

- Avoid being outside during the coldest part of the day, or for extended periods of time in extreme cold weather
- Dress in layers
- Wear a hat, scarf and gloves/mittens
- Wear waterproof, insulated boots to avoid hypothermia or frostbite
- Get out of wet clothes as soon as possible
- Stay hydrated

Cold Weather Safety



Viral Video Contest

The County of Santa Clara Public Health Department's Sexual Health & Harm Reduction Program is happy to announce the launch of the [2023 Viral Video Contest](#) this month for Santa Clara County high school-age youth. According to the CDC, 1 in 2 sexually active youth will get an STI by age 25 and most will not know it. This is an exciting opportunity for Santa Clara County high school students to address this staggering statistic by creating a short video (30-90 seconds) that addresses stigma around STIs and testing, encourages safer sexual practices, and promotes healthy relationships. Winning students will be

awarded up to \$1,500 for themselves and \$500 for their high school. The submission deadline is March 12, 2023.

Watch and share this [short video about the Viral Video Contest](#). For more information and to see winning videos from previous years, go to GoViralSCC.org.

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 and follow us @SCCOE on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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