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SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

## IMPACT Weekly

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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

Happy Lunar New Year! Lunar New Year, the beginning of a [lunar calendar](#), is celebrated by many communities. Lunar New Year is an opportunity to join together and celebrate diverse customs and traditions. I wish you all happiness and prosperity during the year of the rabbit and/or cat.

Silicon Valley Reads begins this week with an author panel, book signing, and art exhibit. [Silicon Valley Reads](#) is a community engagement program that features books and an annual theme to bring the community together by providing more than [100 free, public events](#) each year in February and March. Events for all ages include author talks, book clubs, music events, community activities, crafts, movies, and creative events or activities based on the theme each year.

It's not too late to join the Great Kindness Challenge. For recommendations on spreading kindness, visit 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**.

Be well,

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SCCOE News



*SCCOE Newsroom*

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

## Community News and Resources



*Childcare and preschool programs*

Our county has many free and low-cost childcare and preschool programs for qualifying families.

Watch this video to learn more about program options: <https://youtu.be/jxUISljkNfY>

Find more videos about early learning in the Santa Clara County Office of Education's Early Learning Playlist. Videos are available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.



*Kids exploring outside*

With sunnier weather, local hikes are a good way for families to get outside for mental and physical health. Visit the Santa Clara County Parks website to plan your next hike: <https://parks.sccgov.org/plan-your-visit/activities/hiking>

The Great Kindness Challenge logo features a white dove perched on a globe. A red ribbon with icons of hearts, hands, and peace symbols loops around the globe. The text 'Kids for Peace presents' is at the top, and 'The Great Kindness Challenge' is in large red and blue letters. The dates 'January 23 - 27, 2023' and the hashtags '#GrowKindness' and '#GreatKindnessChallenge' are at the bottom. The entire logo is set within a white circle with a yellow border, surrounded by a colorful, abstract pattern.

*Great Kindness Challenge*

Join us in celebrating Great Kindness Week from January 23-27. Sign up for free and get all the tools you need from <https://thegreatkindnesschallenge.com/>



## District News and Resources



The [Teacher Recruitment Fair](#) is an opportunity for individuals seeking teaching positions to meet with those who hire teachers and other certificated candidates, including psychologists, counselors, school nurses, speech-language pathologists, and audiologists. Representatives from school districts will be available for a day of focused interaction with candidates.



*Monthly Grant Opportunities*



*Young Artist Showcase*

The Santa Clara County Office of Education has announced 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 Tuesday, May 9, 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>

## Health & Wellness



*Food support*

CalFresh plays a critical role in reducing hunger and poverty and improving health by providing nutrition assistance to millions of low-income households through an array of vital services. CalFresh has the power to reduce hunger, support health, expand opportunities, and even respond to disasters. CalFresh provides monthly benefits to help households purchase the food they need if eligible.

For more information, visit <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/calfresh>



*Health Insurance*

Open enrollment for health insurance through Covered California ends on Tuesday, January, 31. Apply at <https://www.coveredca.com>



# Free flu shot appointments are available now

[sccphd.org/flu](https://sccphd.org/flu)

Santa Clara County  
**PUBLIC  
HEALTH**

*Free flu shot*

Looking for free flu shots for people ages 3 and older? Visit our Better Health Pharmacy on Saturdays from 9 am-12 pm and 1- 4 pm. Immigration status does not matter. You do not need health insurance. For more free flu clinics, visit [sccphd.org/flu](https://sccphd.org/flu)

### **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](http://www.sccoe.org) and follow us @SCCOE on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.*

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