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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

Everyone has the power to brighten someone's day. Positive gestures can make a significant impact on other people.

I encourage the greater community to observe and participate in acts of kindness on World Kindness Day, November 13. Hosted by the World Kindness Movement, this year is the 25th anniversary of "Say Yes to Kindness". The World Kindness Movement provides participants the opportunity to read and share kindness stories on their website, <u>https://www.theworldkindnessmovement.org/</u>

Small acts of kindness are possible in less visible ways as well. Here are some ideas for how to practice compassion on Monday and beyond:

- Open the door for someone
- Leave a note of gratitude on someone's desk
- Compliment another person
- Offer to help someone

Small acts are achievable and impactful for everyone involved. As poet, Maya Angelou said, "Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

We are #StrongerTogether.

Be well,

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



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# SCCOE News



Visit the SCCOE Newsroom for the latest news and updates.

• SCCOE YouTube Channel

## Join the SCCOE Team



Visit the **SCCOE Job Opportunities Page** for the latest information and job postings.

#### Substitute:

Substitute
Environment
Education Specialist WALDEN WEST
SCIENCE CAMP

Classified:

Maintenance
Person I/II

Certificated:

 Coordinator -Educator Preparation Programs (EPP)

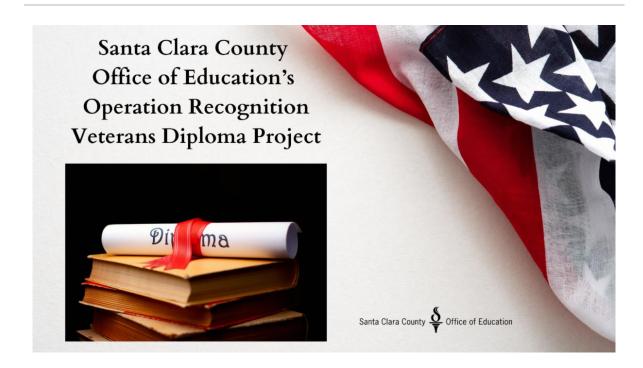
## **Community News and Resources**



# **Building Climate Resiliency Together**

SCCOE Environmental Literacy Summit

Save the date for April 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the 2024 Environmental Literacy Summit. See you there!



SCCOE Operation Recognition Veterans Diploma Project

Santa Clara County Office of Education's Operation Recognition Program is open to current residents of Santa Clara County whose high school education was interrupted by military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War. Degrees can also be applied for if the recognition is being honored to someone who has passed.

To apply, visit: https://sccoe.to/SCCOEOperationRecognitionVeteransDiplomaProject



Teachers and Tacos

Teachers are encouraged to join the Tech Interactive in celebrating your dedication and achievements this year. This free event will have activities, giveaways and tacos!

To learn more, visit: www.bit.ly/3QhqehY

#### School District News and Resources



California Indian Education Task Force (CIETF)

The Santa Clara County Office of Education is welcoming 2 Santa Clara County educators to its California Indian Education Task Force (CIETF) to inform creating, curating and/or recommending high quality curriculum related to the diversity of local tribes, tribal experiences and perspectives, history, culture, and government. These recommendations will be shared with school districts in our county.

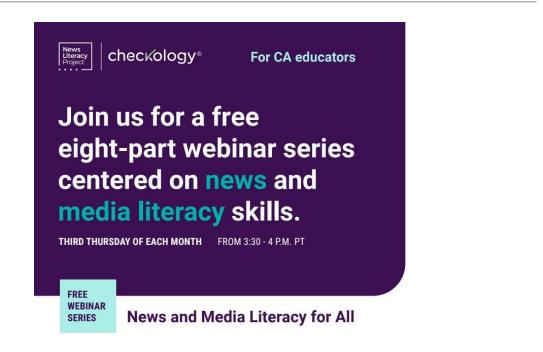
To learn more or apply, visit: https://sccoe.to/AB1703EdApp



Equitable Grading Community of Practice

The SCCOE will host a community of practice for all TK-12 educators, teachers on special assignment (TOSA), instructional coaches and district level administration. This collaboration will focus on equitable grading. The next meeting is on November 14 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

To learn more or register, visit: https://na.eventscloud.com/754725



News and Media Literacy for All

Educators are encouraged to join the SCCOE and other partners for the virtual News and Media Literacy for All series. In this series of webinars, educators will discover resources, guidance and framework around teaching youth about media literacy. This session is, "Is it Legit", and will discuss how to determine if a source is credible. This session is on November 16 from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

To learn more or register, visit: https://bit.ly/45H9qFM



The SCCOE Makerspace is a hands-on learning environment where students and educators can develop critical thinking skills through designing and making with a mix of materials and technologies.

To become a Maker, or more information, visit: <u>http://www.inclusioncollaborative.org/makerspace.aspx</u>

Please fill out the interest form at: https://forms.gle/CZ324WZtmHVGWWA27

## Health and Wellness



Storm Preparation

As winter weather approaches, it is important to prepare for a storm before they happen. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services has information about what to do after storms.

To view this resource, visit: https://news.caloes.ca.gov/what-to-do-after-a-severe-storm/



Office of the California Surgeon General Safe Spaces Training

The Office of the California Surgeon General has a Safe Spaces Training available for educators and other school staff. This training was created to educate about trauma and stress in children and how to respond.

To learn more or complete the training, visit: https://osg.ca.gov/safespaces/



Second Harvest of Silicon Valley

Free, healthy groceries are available for qualifying families through Second Harvest of Silicon Valley.

To learn more visit: www.shfb.org/getfood or call 1-800-984-3663

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