



IMPACT Weekly

May 5, 2021

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

Hello everyone,

May is a beautiful month for both the Northern and Southern hemispheres. Here, in the North, spring is quickly blooming into summer. Often, May represents the start of the warm vacation season and the festive celebrations that can be associated with this month. Vacations, outings, and special occasions are why it is so important to take advantage of the many vaccination clinics happening around the county. No appointment is necessary, and anyone 16 years and older is eligible.



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

- **Mexican Consulate**, 302 Enzo Drive, San Jose
Today, May 5, from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (while supplies last)
- **Milpitas Sports Center**, 1325 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas
May 6 from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. (while supplies last)
- **Sherman Oaks School**, 1800 Fruitdale Ave., San Jose
May 7 from 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. (while supplies last)
- **Washington Elementary School**, 100 Oak Street, San Jose
May 8, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (while supplies lasts)

As a reminder, the State's COVID-19 guidance for events and gatherings allows a greater number of individuals to participate in these events if they are vaccinated, because vaccination is such an important tool in preventing the spread of COVID-19. For more details please see the State's guidance for [commencement/graduation ceremonies](#), [outdoor seated live events](#) and

[performances](#), [indoor seated live events and performances](#), and [private venues and events](#).

Lastly, this past Monday, May 3rd, the California Department of Public Health released [updated guidance on face masks](#), as well as [guidance for fully vaccinated people](#).

Let's continue to do our part to keep our youth, families, schools and communities safe and healthy. We are stronger together.

Be Well,

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.

County Superintendent of Schools

Community News and Resources



Community Wildfire Webinars

The Santa Clara County Fire Department's 2021 Community Wildfire Webinars are available! Fire Safety For Young Children program, Ready, Set, Go Preparedness, Understanding Homeowners Insurance Webinar - Check out all they have to offer at sccfd.eventbrite.com.



CAN DEBATE SAVE DEMOCRACY?

Join the **Silicon Valley Urban Debate League**
In a lively discussion with a panel of experts
as they explore debate's role in saving our
democracy during these divided times.



The Honorable
Julia Alloggiamento
Judge of the
Superior Court,
Santa Clara County



Dr. Robert Llan
Economist,
Attorney,
and Author of
Resolved



LaToya Green
Professor and Director
of Debate at Cal State
Fullerton

MAY 26, 2021 4-5PM PDT

**Click here to learn more
and RSVP by May 24.**



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URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

Silicon Valley Urban Debate League
Sobrato Center for Nonprofits
502 Valley Way
Milpitas, CA 95035
www.svudl.org

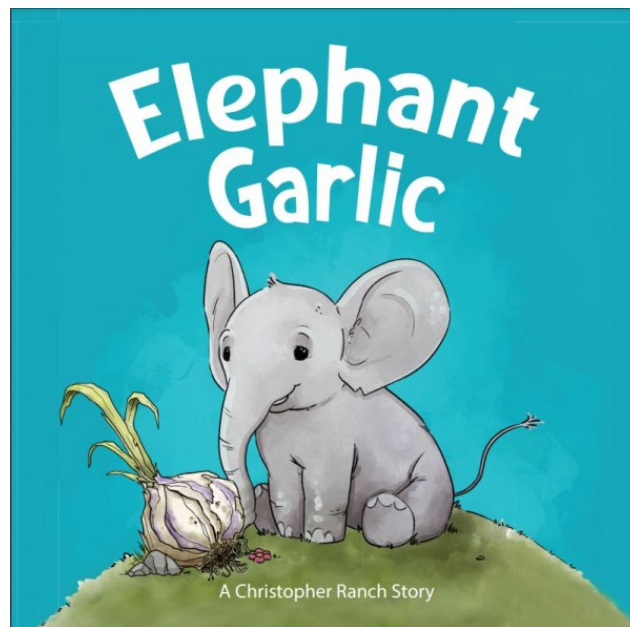
[Can debate save democracy?](#)

Join Julia Alloggiamento, Judge of the Superior Court, Santa Clara County, as she moderates a lively discussion on whether debate can save democracy. Hosted by the Silicon Valley Urban Debate League (dedicated to providing training and opportunities to underserved communities on debate and leadership), registration is **free**. RSVP before May 24 at <https://www.svudl.org>.



San Jose Taiko

"Arigato" is an arrangement from San Jose Taiko honoring the vax and testing team through a beautiful, socially distanced and COVID safe performance. In this world health crisis, we celebrate the people and places that have been providing care for our communities. Special thank you to the School of Arts and Culture staff, crew, and volunteers for inspiring compassion by being a one-stop-shop and bringing our cultures together and for providing our families with COVID-19 testing and vaccines. Our community has adapted to life with COVID, San Jose Taiko, taiko.org, has, too. Keep it up. "Arigato" = "Thank You"



Elephant Garlic by Ken Christopher

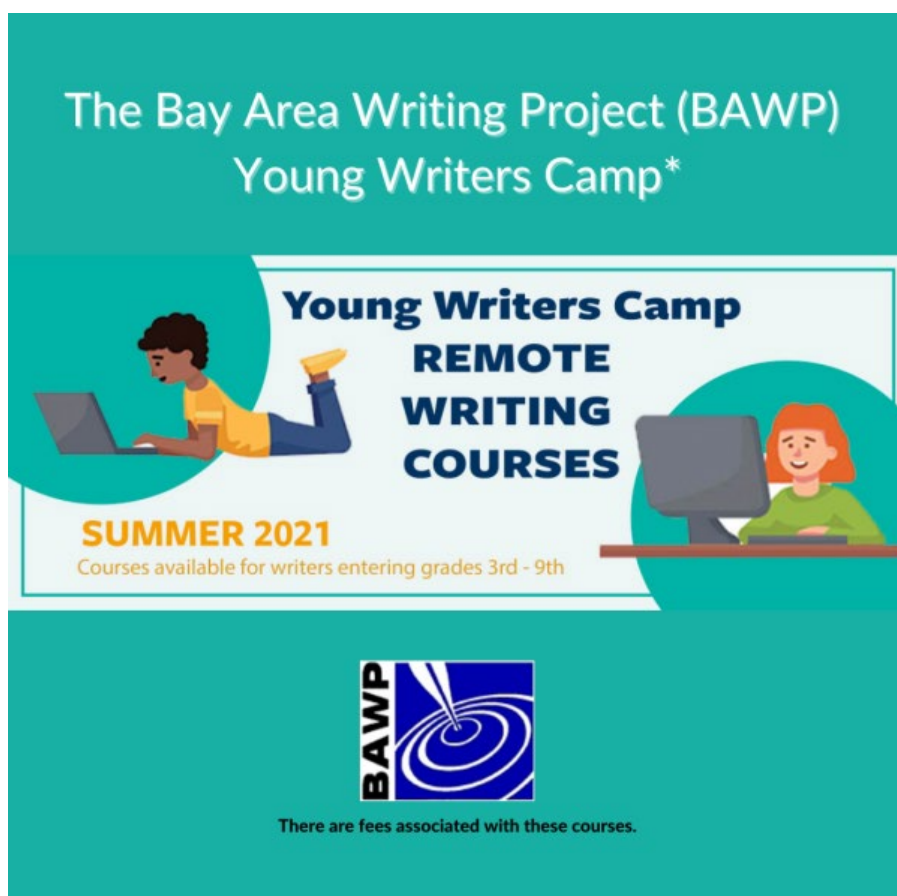
The ability to empathize and engage with diverse stories outside of our own experiences can bring a greater sense of human connection and empathy, and often leads to stronger relationships and shared understanding. Studies have shown that reading as little as 6 minutes per day can improve your quality of sleep, reduce stress, and lower heart rate and blood pressure. Ready to try?

Elephant Garlic takes place in the "magical Kingdom of Gilroy." After learning about King Lion's upcoming feast, Mr. Elephant discovers his favorite food - garlic.

Ken Christopher, author of *Elephant Garlic*, scribed the special story for the children of Gilroy and the surrounding communities. The book aims to teach students the importance of believing in themselves at times when life may be difficult. Given the last year, magical Kingdom of Gilroy is bound to boost morale and engagement throughout the community.

Readings have been scheduling with local schools in the Gilroy area, and distributing to those children at no cost. *Elephant Garlic* is not for sale. A dedicated web page and purchase ability will be forthcoming, as well as Spanish and Vietnamese annotations. In the meantime, the links below are available for all Santa Clara County communities to enjoy *Elephant Garlic*.

- [CLICK HERE to access *Elephant Garlic* - in pdf](#)
- [CLICK HERE to watch *Elephant Garlic*, the narrated video.](#)



BAWP Young Writers Camp

New Tech Access Locations and Tech Device Lending Service at San José Public Library: The San José Public Library (SJPL) is resuming services at some of its branch libraries to provide in-



San Jose Public Library

person access to computer and limited free printing by appointment for library cardholders. This service is currently available to the public Monday through Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m. at select library locations. More information can be found on the [library's web site](#). In addition, as part of the [SJ Access](#) initiative, [HP Chromebooks](#) are now available for checkout at all library locations, as well as [iPads](#).



LGBTQ+ Peer Advisory Committee

The Q Corner just turned one years old!! As they continue to grow, they are launching the LGBTQ+ Peer Advisory Committee this summer and you're invited. They hope to hear from interested volunteers to serve as a community champion to share ideas and guidance on Q Corner services and priorities - "nothing for us without us"!! Sign up here tinyurl.com/QCTeam.



SOGIE Astronaut

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[The Q Corner](#) unveiled the SOGIE Astronaut this week. Created by local, San Jose artist Benny Arana O'Hara, the SOGIE Astronaut is a much more expansive way to think about gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, pronouns, etc. Why an astronaut? Because the possibilities are endless.



National River Cleanup Day

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Santa Clara County Parks are hosting sites for [National River Cleanup Day!](#) National River Cleanup is a national day of action to protect our rivers, watersheds, and wildlife from trash and debris. Since its inception in 1991, American Rivers have engaged more than 1.3 million volunteers who have participated in thousands of cleanups across the country, covering more than 261,000 miles of waterways and removing more than 32.5 million pounds of litter and debris.

Check the details below to see where and when they will be held, just be sure to pre-register. Due to COVID-19, walk-ups cannot be accommodated. We will be practicing social distancing and gloves and face coverings will be worn by all staff and participants at all times.

No special skills are required for this event. Please bring a filled water bottle and sunscreen. Standard adult sized work gloves and pick up sticks are provided but you are welcome to bring your own.

All ages are welcome. If under 14 years old, please contact the Volunteer Office. Visit the [Registration Site to sign up.](#)

PADRES ORGULLOSOS GRUPO DE APOYO EN LÍNEA PARA PADRES Y GUARDIANES DE LA JUVENTUD LGBTQ+ PRÓXIMAS FECHAS DE REUNIÓN PARA GRUPOS EN ESPAÑOL EN LÍNEA: Martes 4/27/21 - 6pm-7pm Martes 6/29/21 - 6pm-7pm PARA REGISTRARSE: BIT.LY/3TYRXNS Para obtener más información y asistencia: Póngase en contacto con Erika Cisneros ecisneros@fcservices.org 408-430-9488	PROUD PARENTS ONLINE SUPPORT FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS OF LGBTQ+ YOUTH NEXT MEETING DATES FOR ONLINE PARENT GROUPS IN ENGLISH Tuesday 5/25/21 - 6pm-7pm Tuesday 7/27/21 - 6pm-7pm REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE: BIT.LY/39NJBYJ FOR MORE INFORMATION & SUPPORT: Please contact Joseph Galvan jgalvan@fcservices.org 408-209-2021
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THE LGBTQ YOUTH SPACE

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA Behavioral Health Services

[Padres de Orgullo](#)

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THE LGBTQ YOUTH SPACE

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA Behavioral Health Services

[Proud Parents Workshop - English](#)



Bill Wilson Center

The time to build dreams is 1 week away!
May 10-20, 2021



Sheltering in Place Without a Home

As Essential Services Providing Services for Residents Youth & Families

Presenting Sponsor for the 2021 Building Dreams fundraising campaign:
"Sheltering in Place Without a Home"

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Bronze Dreamer Sponsors:
Michaela Brody and Paul Benke, Excite Credit Union, Hopkins & Carley, Meriwest Credit Union, San Francisco 49ers, Symed Corporation

[Bill Wilson Center](#)

The Bill Wilson Center (BWC) invites all communities to join the Center next week in support of homeless youth and young families in Santa Clara County. BWC has assisted thousands of vulnerable youth and young families with short-term and long-term housing, education, mental health services, employment opportunities, and various forms of financial assistance.

District News and Resources

Food Allergy Awareness



Food Allergy Awareness Training

Free Online Training: Keeping Students Safe and Included

FARE provides access to training and resources that help make the world a safer and more inclusive place for those managing food allergies. *Keeping Students Safe and Included* is a training designed to help school staff and administrators become better prepared to manage students with food allergies and respond to food allergy emergencies.

To learn more, visit:

<https://www.foodallergy.org/keeping-students-safe-and-included>.



American Water Works Association

[American Water Works Association](https://www.awwa.org)

invites schools/districts to host a local children's artwork contest to showcase how drinking water effects our daily lives to celebrate Drinking Water Week. Enter the winning artwork from your local contest for a chance to be featured in AWWA's 2021 Drinking Water Week material. Submit entries to Dave Gaylinn in the AWWA Communications Department by July 1, 2021.

All submitted entries to AWWA must include a completed [release form](#).

<https://www.awwa.org/Events-Education/Drinking-Water-Week>

JOIN US FOR:

LGBTQ+ Peer Group Facilitation Training

What you will learn:

- Key facilitation skills
- Creating a safe space
- Engaging group members
- Impact of Group Roles
- Managing discomfort

for LGBTQ+ Peer Support Group Facilitators in Santa Clara County

"We'll get to discuss all your unanswered questions and more!"
Trainer: Nicole Dubus, LCSW

Session 1: Skill Building
Fri., May 21st 1-4pm
- OR -
Sat., May 22nd 10-1pm

Session 2: Deepening Skills
Fri., June 11th 1-4pm
- OR -
Sat., June 12th 10a-1pm

REGISTER HERE:
<https://tinyurl.com/GroupsTraining>

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LGBTQ+ Peer Group Facilitation Training

To Be Honest

ART CONTEST

DEADLINE 06.11.21

3D ARTISTS:
FIRST PLACE: \$300 ART SUPPLY GIFT CARD
SECOND PLACE: \$200 ART SUPPLY GIFT CARD
THIRD PLACE: \$100 ART SUPPLY GIFT CARD

4D ARTISTS:
FIRST PLACE: \$300 NEW MEDIA ART GIFT CARD
SECOND PLACE: \$200 NEW MEDIA ART GIFT CARD
THIRD PLACE: \$100 NEW MEDIA ART GIFT CARD

SHORT FILM MAKERS:
FIRST PLACE: \$300 NEW MEDIA ART GIFT CARD
SECOND PLACE: \$200 NEW MEDIA ART GIFT CARD
THIRD PLACE: \$100 NEW MEDIA ART GIFT CARD

To Be Honest is a mental health awareness campaign supported by Donist & Inventory Funds, Republic Urban Properties, and Kaiser Permanente Northern California Community Benefit Programs, and created by: *Memento for Health*.

Artwork submitted must use the following prompt for inspiration:
THIS IS WHAT SELF-CARE LOOKS LIKE

For a complete list of rules and how to enter, please visit:
WWW.TOBEHONEST.TODAY/ART-CONTEST

[To Be Honest Today](http://www.tobehonest.today/art-contest) Art Contest

[To be Honest Today](http://www.tobehonest.today) is accepting art submissions from individuals aged 14-25 living in Santa Clara County until June 11. The theme for this contest, "*This is what self-care looks like*", reflects the need to take care of oneself during this difficult time while we continue to be distanced and isolated from one another as well as the importance of self-care on a regular basis and how it can benefit one's mental health.

Visit www.tobehonest.today/art-contest for all of the rules and guidelines for submission.

A banner for Educator Preparation Programs. It features a man on the left and a woman on the right. The text reads: "Santa Clara County Office of Education", "EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS", "A Credentialing Program for Educators". Two boxes in the center say: "Earn your Special Education Teaching Credential Enrolling Now for Summer & Fall" and "Earn your School Administration Credential Enrolling Now for Fall". A purple box says: "SPED Grant Available Save up to \$20,000 Ask us how". The website "eppscholar.sccoe.org" is prominently displayed.

Santa Clara County Office of Education

EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

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Earn your Special Education Teaching Credential
Enrolling Now for Summer & Fall

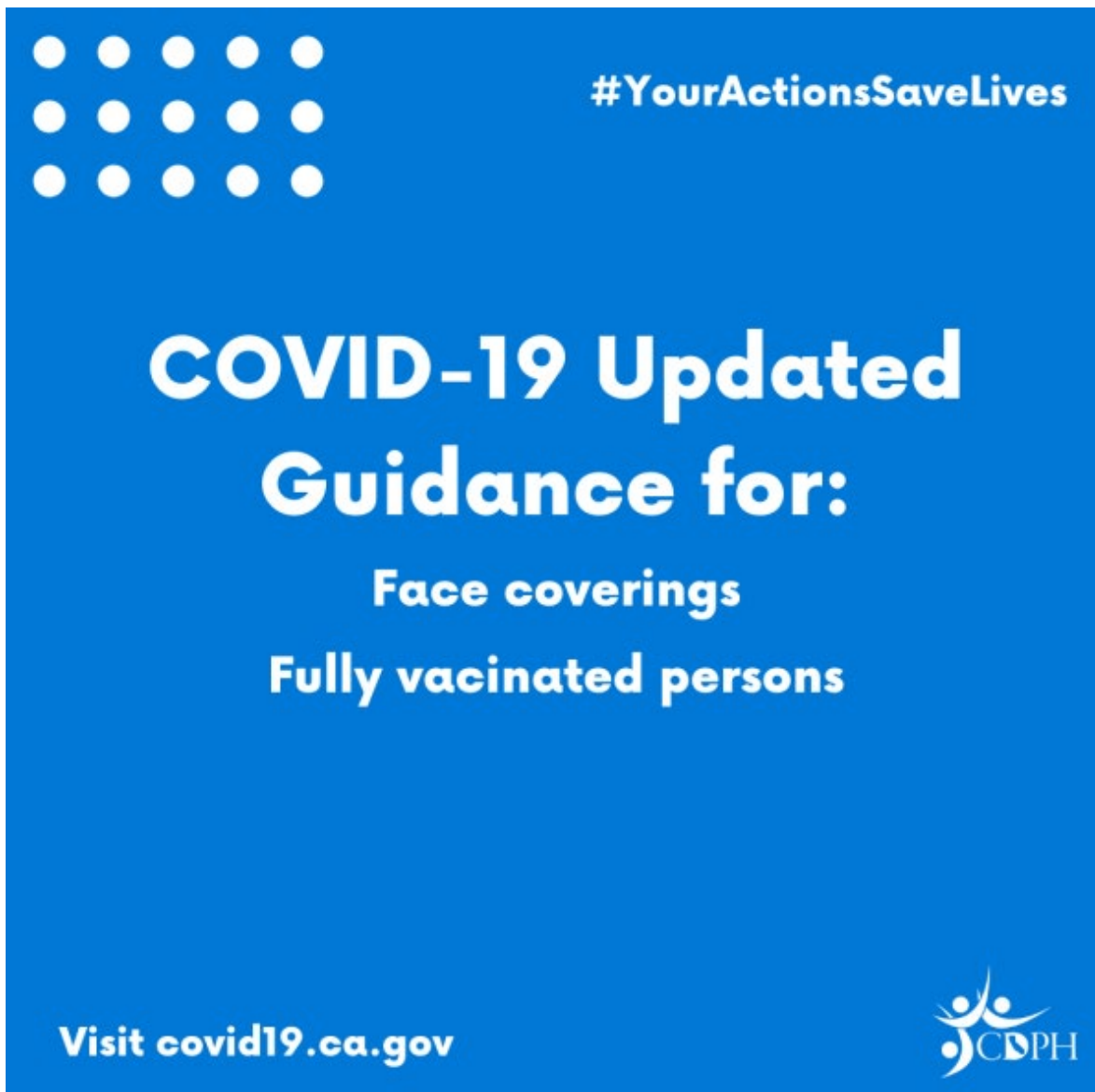
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Apply today at
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Educator Preparation Program

Health and Wellness

A blue banner for COVID-19 updated guidance. It features a grid of 15 white dots in the top left. The text reads: "#YourActionsSaveLives", "COVID-19 Updated Guidance for:", "Face coverings", "Fully vaccinated persons". The website "Visit covid19.ca.gov" is at the bottom left, and the "CDPH" logo is at the bottom right.

#YourActionsSaveLives

**COVID-19 Updated
Guidance for:**

Face coverings

Fully vaccinated persons

Visit **covid19.ca.gov**

CDPH

[Updated Guidance from CDPH](#)

Find our mobile testing bus!



Eastridge Mall

2200 Eastridge Loop
San José, CA 95122

Saturday, May 8

10:00 am – 6:00 pm



Mobile Testing Bus

Find our mobile testing bus!



Valley Water

5750 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

**Wednesday, May 5 and
Thursday, May 6**

10:00 am – 6:00 pm



Mobile Testing Bus



It's your turn!

It's your turn! Anyone 16+ who lives, works, or attends school in Santa Clara County can get vaccinated. We add appointments daily, and lines have been moving smoothly! Make the move to protect yourself and those around you. Visit sccFreeVax.org



Ridder Park COVID-19 testing

COVID-19 testing for education sector employees and their family members.

Tuesdays and Fridays at Ridder Park
7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
or
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m

Great news! Education sector employees no longer need to make appointments for LHI/OptumServe tests at Ridder Park, as long as people bring their individual LHI/OptumServe patient ID numbers. Drop in, with your patient ID, for an observed self-administered nasal swab test. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/SCCOECOVIDTesting>

Announcements

- News Release - [Santa Clara County Office of Education Celebrates the National Bilingual, Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month](#)

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.

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