Hello everyone,

Cookouts, parades, and fireworks are many of the festivities that mark the upcoming celebration of our nation’s 246th birthday. During this time, we should also reflect on the journey of our country.

Those before us have fought for the freedoms we have today, and there are many who continue to do so. Independence Day reminds us of our democracy, the opportunities it provides, and the courageous people who continue to preserve and protect our liberties on local and global levels. This Independence Day, I encourage you to embrace the evolution of our young nation and serve as ambassadors for the values for which this day is dedicated – freedom, democracy, and equality for all.

I am reminded by the former 65th United States Secretary of State, Colin Powell, “Never lose faith in America. Its faults are yours to fix, not to curse.”

Let’s continue to unite in our nation’s values and continue to care for our neighbors.

Have a fun and safe Fourth of July celebration.

We are #StrongerTogether.

Be well,

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools
Fire agencies throughout Santa Clara County have partnered to remind residents that fireworks are illegal, dangerous and can result in fires and injuries that are easily preventable. Fines will be issued to anyone using, possessing, storing, or selling illegal fireworks. Santa Clara County’s ‘social host’ Fireworks Ordinance holds property owners responsible for the illegal use of fireworks on their property.
High school students are encouraged to apply to Valley Water's Youth Commission. Students interested in water-related issues affecting their community can be the voice of a generation and speak up on how public policies affect young people. Applications are due Thursday, June 30 at 5 p.m.

You can find more information on the Youth Commission, including the application, at www.valleywater.org/youthcommission.

The Sharks Foundation's Young Professionals Board is a dedicated group of college students/recent college graduates that support the Sharks Foundation's efforts to enhance the lives of youth and families in the community through engagement in Foundation activities and events. They are accepting applications for the 2022-2023 board until Sunday, July 31 at 5 p.m.

Families searching for programs can visit enrol santaclara.org to find local child care and preschool programs, or to find school enrollment resources to learn how to enroll in preschool, TK and kindergarten in Santa Clara County schools.

Read more about transitional kindergarten here.
CAFA MENTOR PROGRAM

FLY envisions a country where all kids grow up valued and supported

ABOUT FLY...
Fresh Lifelines for Youth is an award-winning non-profit organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of violence, crime, and incarceration of teens. We work with youth ages 13-19 in the juvenile justice system and those at risk of entering the system.

ABOUT THE CAFA MENTOR PROGRAM...
For nearly two decades, FLY has trained and matched adult volunteer mentors with at-promise youth. The mentors meet weekly with the youth to support them in developing new attitudes, behaviors, and ambitions.

VOLUNTEER BENEFITS...
• Build your resume while making a sustainable, long term difference in the community
• Gain experience in youth development, social work, and legal studies
• Make an impact on a youth’s life

For more information & how to apply!
For all questions please reach out to Mallory (mallory@flyprogram.org) or (510) 932-1612

"They motivated me to do what I told myself I couldn’t do."

"My mentor helped me get into a better school and be more confident in myself."

CAFA Youth
2020

Become a mentor
What if you could check out another person's life story just as you would check out a book?

The Human Library aims to ignite dialogue and understanding between people by creating a safe space to have conversations that challenge society's stereotypes and prejudices. Every person has a story to tell. Unjudge someone.

Meet the Books:
• Transgender
• Autistic
• Woman in Tech
• Infertility

Register here: https://mountainview.libcal.com/event/9209691
Check out this series of free workshops for San Jose youth exploring San Jose lowrider history, technology and art making. They will be creating sound reactive art pieces with a lowrider twist. If you know any youth between the ages of 12-17, you can sign them up now at 408art.com. Please email questions to lowriderartist@gmail.com
San Jose Swim

*Fee associated with program.

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APPLY

10th ANNUAL LEIGH WEIMERS EMERGING ARTISTS AWARDS
Are you an emerging artist? Want to win a $5,000 unrestricted grant?
Learn more at weimersawards.com/apply
Artists in a variety of disciplines throughout Santa Clara County are encouraged to apply for the Leigh Weimers Emerging Artists Awards, which will present an unrestricted grant to select artists who have shown originality and dedication in their creative pursuits, but who have not enjoyed the recognition and rewards of being more widely known. Applications are due by Thursday, June 30.

Learn more and apply at [http://www.weimersawards.com/apply/](http://www.weimersawards.com/apply/)

### District News and Resources

**SCCLD Kits for Teens**

This summer, the Santa Clara County Library District Teen Services Librarians will be giving out weekly Grab & Go Craft bags to local teens. Each bag will feature a different craft with instructions and supplies included. All bags will be handed out on a first come, first served basis and for patrons ages 13-18.

Check out this blog to see what crafts you’ll be creating: [https://bit.ly/3wJnwqA](https://bit.ly/3wJnwqA)
Conference Registration is Open  * A fee is associated with this event.
The Santa Clara County Office of Education and the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office will be hosting the 2022-2023 Santa Clara County Attendance Collaborative to discuss best practices, hear from colleagues about best practices in their districts, hear policy updates, discuss CARE court, and more. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, August 2 at 10 a.m. Please register at https://na.eventscloud.com/693275 For more information, send an email to youthwellness@sccoe.org.

In partnership, the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the HEARD Alliance invite you to join a five-part professional learning network series beginning Thursday, July 28 from 3:30-5 p.m. This series will teach participants about strengthening adult social-emotional learning competencies and capabilities using researched-based practices.

For details about the series, please contact Corrine Frese by sending an email to cfrese@sccoe.org. You can also register by visiting https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=693561
Click HERE to Register for an information session in June.

Benefits include paid work, free college courses, cohort learning, and more!

Apprentices must be able to work and take college courses in English, with support.

Santa Clara County QUALITY MATTERS Apprenticeship Program

Are you interested in a fulfilling career in early learning and care?

The Santa Clara County QUALITY MATTERS Apprenticeship program is launching this fall! This is an exciting two-year earn and learn opportunity with paid work experience PLUS free college coursework in child development. For more information, click HERE.

Questions?

Contact FIRST 5 Program Officer Leah Asuncion at: leah.asuncion@first5kids.org (669) 288-8979

Quality Matters Apprenticeship Program

Health & Wellness
Get them vaccinated
Children ages 6 months to 4 years now eligible for COVID vaccination!

Check with your child’s regular doctor.

- Regular visits to the doctor help keep your child healthy and identify any health issues early on.

- Your child’s doctor can vaccinate them for COVID and make sure they are up to date on other vaccinations.

- If your child does not have a regular doctor, call (866) 967-4677 for assistance enrolling in health coverage programs.

To make an appointment for vaccination, call (408) 970-2000 or visit sccFreeVax.org.
Locations available:

- Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, Expo Hall
  2542 Monterey Hwy, Gate D
  San Jose, CA 95111

- South County Vaccination Site
  80 Highland Ave
  San Martin, CA 95046

- North County Vaccination Site
  435 San Antonio Rd
  Mountain View, CA 94040

Staff are onsite to support language needs and disability access. Call 711 for Hearing and Speech Relay Service.
The Healthier Kids Foundation will be offering free eye exam and dental screenings for children 6 months to 18 years old in partnership with the San Jose Public Library System.

Undetected vision problems can lead to difficulty with learning to read and social development. Healthier Kids Foundation (HKF) uses a digital photo optic camera to conduct vision screenings. If a child needs further follow-up, then HKF will contact the child’s parent/guardian.

No insurance is required. For more information, please call (408) 564-5114.
On Saturday, July 16, 9-8-8- will be the new dialing code to connect people to the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

Anyone can call, text, or chat 988 to be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.

Announcements

News Release:

- Statement From County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, Regarding the Unanimous County Board of Supervisors Approval of Fentanyl Resources

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.

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