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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

Today, communities throughout the world are celebrating and honoring educators on World Teachers' Day. In 1994, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) proclaimed October 5 as World Teachers’ Day. It’s a time to remember teachers who support and inspire students and showcase the needs and interests of teachers throughout the world.

Without teachers, the future is unimaginable. Considering educators mold future generations, taking time to give them a special thank you is one way to show appreciation. The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is proud to celebrate teachers throughout Santa Clara County each year at our annual Teacher Recognition Celebration. The Teacher Recognition Celebration honors the county’s finest teachers, each selected by their respective school districts.

Everyone can help celebrate the profession by generating awareness of the importance of teachers and respecting and honoring their contributions.

If you or someone you know is looking to make a significant impact in a child’s life, consider a profession in education, whether it’s as certificated, classified, or substitute employee.

Together, we can continue to inspire and empower future educators. Happy World Teachers’ Day!

We are #StrongerTogether.
Be well,

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

**SCCOE News**

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

**Community News and Resources**

There are many resources available for first-time parents in Santa Clara County. [FIRST 5 of Santa Clara County](#) lists of some of the agencies and organizations offering supportive services in our community.
Celebrate Diwali with the South Asian cultural Association of Sunnyvale on Saturday, October 15 at the Sunnyvale Community Center. The festival of lights will include arts and crafts, cultural performers, and more. For details, visit https://www.sacas.org/

Volunteers needed
Celebrate Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) with a full day of live entertainment, cultural demonstrations, and an eclectic mix of artmaking experiences. Gather your family and friends for this annual festive event that has been a highlight of San Jose Museum of Art family programming for over twenty years. Join us as we collaborate with local artists, partners, and organizations for this truly intracultural and multigenerational event! Museum admission is free all day.

Contact contact@healthandwellnessrotary.org or (617) 955-0781
Please join the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) and the California School Based Health Alliance (CSHA) as they host a Professional Learning Community to support the implementation and refinement of School Based Health & Wellness Centers. The first meeting is Wednesday, October 12. To register for the series, please visit [https://na.eventscloud.com/717422](https://na.eventscloud.com/717422).
Show your students how scientists and engineers can impact our world by requesting **three free posters of scientists** who have made a major impact on society. Get your free posters at [https://www.amplify.com/inspirescientists](https://www.amplify.com/inspirescientists)

__Arts Grants__

**Arts Grants for Santa Clara County Teachers**

*Application Open: September 9 – October 9, 2022*

We are pleased to announce our next grant cycle to support teachers in bringing arts experiences to their classrooms.
This year we have two (2) options: a $500 grant that can be used for arts materials and supplies or, funds (amount specific to project/experience) for an art project, performances, workshops, field trips or art experiences. The materials and supplies grant is intended for a single classroom.

For the larger grant award, teachers may opt to apply together for a joint art experience for multiple classrooms. Please include all participating teachers in the grant application. So get your creative juices flowing for an art project or activity that will engage and inspire your students!

The grant applications will open Friday, September 9 and will close on Sunday, October 9. Grant funds must be expended by May 12, 2023 with the final report due by May 31, 2023. Our team will review the applications and will contact awardees by Wednesday, November 2.

Health & Wellness

Do you need help paying for new eyeglasses? New Eyes is a non-profit with a 90-year history of providing free prescription eyeglasses to individuals experiencing financial hardships. Learn more about eligibility requirements and how to apply at www.new-eyes.org.
Babies under 6 months of age can’t get a flu shot, but their families can. Help protect the youngest among us. Visit MyTurn.ca.gov to schedule your flu shot (as well as your COVID-19 booster) today.
Visit the SCCOE's **virtual calming room** for resources to manage emotions and feelings. From relaxing coloring sheets to mindfulness tools, there is something for everyone.

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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](http://www.sccoe.org).

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