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

Dear Santa Clara County Community,

While every day is a good day to read with your family, the month of November celebrates and encourages family literacy. National Family Literacy Month is an opportunity for families to read and learn together.

The love of reading can start at an early age. Reading aloud to and with children is a great way to support their development and academic success.

Here are some tips to promote literacy at home:

- Set aside designated reading time
- Keep books visible in the home
- Make regular visits to a local library
- Read the book version of a child’s favorite movie

If you need a starting point to engage your family in literacy, I encourage you to participate in the Santa Clara County Library District’s November Reading Challenge: Family Stories. This month’s reading challenge features a booklist and activities for all ages centered around histories and stories passed down through generations.

To prepare for the upcoming 20th anniversary of Silicon Valley Reads, families can get a headstart on reading the adult and youth companion books. This year’s theme is “Journey to New Beginnings.” Each book shares the journey of a character, whether that be a physical journey to a new place and/or a journey to self-discovery. You can view the selected books at siliconvalleyreads.org

Together, we can empower families and youth through literacy.
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

STRIVE for Change:
Drawing on Our Strengths Art Challenge

Deadline extended to 11/30! NICHD’s STRIVE for Change: Drawing on Our Strengths Art Challenge is accepting submissions from young artists aged 16-25 that focus on one or more communities that experience health disparities. Are you up for the challenge? For details, visit STRIVE for Change

FAMILY STORIES

There’s still time to join our November reading challenge.

Sign up through Beanstack, log your reading and check out some of the featured activities.

The theme is Family Stories. Find our recommended reads for children, teens and adults.
Family holiday event

Come to the streets of Downtown Campbell for the annual Carol of Lights celebration on Saturday, December 3 at 3 p.m. The Carol of Lights is a free, non-commercial and family-oriented event for the community to help kick off the holiday season. It's a fun evening for everyone, but especially for the kids. For more information, visit https://www.downtowncampbell.com/event/2022/12/carol-lights-celebration-campbell

District News and Resources

Young Artist Showcase

The Santa Clara County Office of Education announces 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 May 9, 2023, 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://forms.gle/sshC8NcvKCo8xZMx6
For more information, visit https://www.sccoe.org/arts/ajas/Pages/2023.aspx

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PREVENTING BURNOUT: HOW TO PRIORITIZE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Tuesday, December 6 at 1 p.m.

The pandemic exacerbated work-related stress for educators, administrators, and support staff. As a result, school employees are vulnerable to burnout and attrition now more than ever. This event will highlight the need for local educational agency leaders to prioritize the well-being of their public school employees and provide best practices and strategies to help reduce the extent and impact of stress.

Tony Thurmond
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dr. Diana Rames
California Surgeon General

Emily Hernandez
Director, Employee Assistance Program, Los Angeles County Office of Education

Katarina Ray Schantz
Director, Wellness and Engagement, Los Angeles County Office of Education

Amy Blackshaw
Project Director, California School-Based Health Alliance

Tara Gard
Chief Talent Officer, Oakland Unified School District

Watch the live-stream on Facebook.com/CAEducation

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The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is an organization of diverse talents working together to serve, inspire and promote student and public school success. Our
employees make a difference! To view open positions, visit https://www.sccoe.org/jobopps/Pages/home.aspx

Health & Wellness

Dressing for winter

As temperatures cool, here are tips to dress safely and warmly for winter. For more safety tips, visit https://emergencymanagement.sccgov.org/residents/cold-weather-safety

Parents and caregivers: Bringing your little one to a holiday gathering? You, your friends, & your family can help protect your child from getting very sick with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and other respiratory illnesses:
- Stay home when you are sick
- Stay up to date on flu, COVID-19, and other vaccines
- Wash your hands often
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Keep your hands off your face
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Clean and disinfect surfaces

RSV in infants and young children
For school-aged children...

$500

Every eligible public school student in grades 1-12 will have a CalKIDS account created in their name, with a **deposit of $500**.