Hello everyone,

Summer is here at last! The sun will reach its highest & northernmost points in the sky on June 20th, marking the summer solstice for all to enjoy; we get to enjoy the longest period of sunlight hours & shortest night of the calendar year.

The warm weather and longer sun-filled days provide countless opportunities to experience the simple joys of summer. Take the time, as a family, or with friends, to enjoy all the warmth has to offer.

- Celebrate the light by making a sundial out of rocks and a stick; learn how to use the sun and shadows to tell time.
- Use the power of the sun to make solar snacks, like sun s’mores or sun tea.
- Go on a summer solstice nature walk. It’s a wonderful opportunity for nature journaling, and use your five senses to describe nature.
- Create a summer bucket list of your must-do activities, like learning activities, backyard fun, and so much more.

Please remember that everyone aged 12 and older is now eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Many youth were waiting for summer to begin their vaccinations. Vaccine supply is sufficient throughout Santa Clara County at pharmacies, clinics, and vaccination sites.

Be well,

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools
HEAT ADVISORY: The US National Weather Service San Francisco Bay Area/Monterey California has issued a heat advisory beginning at 11 a.m., Wednesday, June 16. The hottest days of the week will be Thursday and Friday. Be sure to check in on those most vulnerable to heat and drink plenty of water. For hot weather safety tips from County of Santa Clara OEM, visit https://emergencymanagement.sccgov.org/residents/hot-weather-safety.
Check in on One Another

It’s important to check in on our older adult neighbors by calling them and making sure they are drinking enough water and have access to air conditioning or a fan. If someone is unable to leave their home, you can deliver care packages for them! For cooling center locations and more information on preparing for extreme heat, visit https://bit.ly/hotweathersafetytips.

Community News and Resources

STEAM Club

*June 22 at 3:00 p.m.*

Can you walk through a piece of paper? What is a Mobius stripe? Learn how to do four amazing activities with paper and scissors!
STEAM Club-Amazing Paper Tricks
Live on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/SCCLD/
Join in the Summer Fun!
Reading Colors Your World
June 1 - July 31, 2021

Santa Clara County Library District's (SCCLD) Summer Reading Program Reading Colors Your World encourages readers of all ages to expand their world through kindness, growth and community. Be creative, try new things, explore art, and find beauty in diversity. Join SCCLD for an exciting array of online programs for children, teens, and adults. Read a book and color your world this summer! All are invited to join June 1st through July 31st. It's free and fun for all ages! https://sccl.beanstack.org/reader365

*Tuesday, June 29, 2021 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

This course is taught in partnership with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. Participants will learn about important crime prevention and home fire safety tips, including how to protect yourself against fraud and identity theft, what to do if you are a victim of a scam, personal safety and home security protection tips, and how to identify suspicious activity and how to report it. Participants will also learn important home fire
safety tips and how to practice important safety habits to prevent fires in the home. Learn the importance of creating a home escape plan, how to call 9-1-1 in an emergency and discover important community resources to help you and your family stay safe. 
https://tinyurl.com/SCCCrimePrev

District News and Resources

Districts and Charter Schools: Please visit the SCCOE Teacher of the Year website for more information about this year's recognition opportunities. https://www.sccoe.org/trc/Pages/trc.aspx

Join the USDOE on June 22 for the launch of their Education Equity Summit Series, featuring discussions with Dr. Miguel A. Cardona and educators on how we can reimagine school systems as they continue to make progress in reopening. 
This week on California Academy of Sciences' NightSchool - the unique wildlife and ecosystems of Australia. Tune in for stories about platypuses, flying-foxes, koalas, and wombats, and how these populations are faring while facing climate change, wildfires, and urban development. Also: Find out how wombats produce cube-shaped poop. Streaming live on Facebook Thursday, June 17 at 7 p.m. PT.
https://www.facebook.com/calacademy/

*Tuesday, June 29 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.*

Back to Play After a Year of Pandemic: Why is play so important for kids, and how can they play safely as we emerge from a pandemic? The Tech Interactive has partnered with Stanford Children’s Health to give a special panel presentation called “Back to Play After a Year of Pandemic” for parents and others who are interested in our kids’ wellbeing!
The Tech President and CEO Katrina Stevens will moderate a panel of Stanford pediatricians, talking about play and children’s mental health, navigating public play spaces safely, helping kids readjust to interacting in crowds and more.

This Facebook livestream event is free to attend. If you are or become a member at The Tech Interactive, you can register for this free event at thetech.org/members to get special access to the Zoom webinar to ask questions of the panelists.

Announcements

News Release:

- Bay Area County Superintendents Announce Support of School Campus Reopening for Fall 2021

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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