Hello everyone,

The 19th Annual Silicon Valley Reads program returns in 2022 with the theme of **Power of Kindness, Resilience & Hope**. This theme will allow us to engage in conversation about the transformative power of kindness, highlight our remarkable capacity for resilience, and build hopefulness for our future. During February and March of 2022, Silicon Valley Reads will offer free virtual and in-person public programs for all ages, including author talks, panel discussions, educational events, demonstrations, performances, activities for students, story times, and an art exhibit.

The featured nonfiction books have been selected to highlight the 2022 theme:

- **See No Stranger** by Valarie Kaur
- **Enough about Me** by Richard Lui
- **A Dream Called Home** by Reyna Grande

The Children’s Books selected include

- **The Big Umbrella** by Amy June Bates  
  (Pre-K - K)
- **The Girl in the Gold Dress** by Christine Paik  
  (1st - 3rd grade)
- **SHINE!** by Chris and J.J. Grabenstein  
  (4th - 8th grade)
- **Darius the Great is Not Okay** by Adib Khorram  
  (High School)

The complete schedule of events will be published on the [SiliconValleyReads.org](http://SiliconValleyReads.org) website in early January.

Building upon resilience and hope, children ages 5 to 11 years old are now eligible for coronavirus vaccines. All
families can begin planning for the vaccine. The Biden administration plans to distribute the doses and reports that it has procured enough vaccines for all 28 million 5 to 11 year-olds in the U.S. The vaccine for 5 to 11 year-olds will be distributed in smaller dosing and with smaller needles to make it easier for pediatricians and pharmacists to administer to children. Vaccines are available at clinics, pharmacies, healthcare organizations and at some school sites. COVID-19 Vaccine Information will be updated regularly at https://covid19.sccgov.org/covid-19-vaccine-information.

Be well,

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

Community News and Resources

Congratulations to all the Teachers of the Year and Special Award Winners recognized at the Santa Clara County Teacher Recognition Celebration on Thursday, October 28th. https://www.sccoe.org/trc
COVID-19 Rent Relief is available to Santa Clara County Residents

The COVID-19 Rent Relief Program is rental assistance for tenants who have past due rent from April 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021. Up to 3 months of future rent can be applied for and granted. 100% of rent and utilities will be covered.

Who Can Apply?

- Landlords who have income-eligible renters experiencing a financial hardship due to COVID-19 past due rent.
- Renters who have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19, have past due rent or utilities, and have a household income that is not more than 80% of the area median income.
How Can You Apply?

For assistance in applying, eligible tenants/landlords may call Catholic Charities at (408) 273-7478 to set up an appointment.

Attend a pop-up clinic for assistance every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday or apply directly online at HousingIsKey.com.

Review the available flyers for more information, eligibility criteria, and contact information. (Flyer is in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese).

Additional information can also be found on Catholic Charities' website at www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/emergency-rent-relief.

Fantasy of Lights - TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Walk-thru Weekend - December 4th and 5th
Drive-thru Nights - December 7th - 30th

Enjoy a magical evening from the warmth of your car or bundle up and stroll through on foot to see 1.5 miles of animated light displays up close and personal at Vasona Lake County Park in Los Gatos. NOTE: This event sells out quickly for all walk-thru and drive-thru nights - buy your tickets early.

Tickets: https://www.eventbrite.com/.../santa-clara-county-parks...
Event Information: https://www.sccgov.org/sites/parks/fol/Pages/AnnualFoL.aspx
San Jose Roots: Celebrating our Heritage

Celebrate our local history at San Pedro Square Market. See free outdoor entertainment from local performers: History San José’s Portraits of the Past, Julo, Los Arribeños, and Los Lupeños de San José. Meet your local councilmembers and Mayor Sam Licardo. Explore local history with History San José’s community partners. Visit the Gonzalez/Peralta Adobe & Fallon House.

Diwali: Festival of Lights at the Children’s Discovery Museum of San Jose

- November 4, 2021 Virtual celebration on Facebook and YouTube
- November 6, 2021 Program at the Museum
The South FIRST FRIDAYS Art Walk invites you to a unique evening of great exhibitions in galleries, museums and art supporting businesses. ArtwalkSJ hours are 5–9pm, free admission, all ages welcome, rain or shine.

November 5, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

One (1) Million Pound Cleanup Event
November 6, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Be part of our milestone event - One (1) Million Pounds of Trash Collected by South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition! Be part of history - limited to the first 80 to sign up!
The 2022 Young Artist Showcase Competition is open to Santa Clara County public school students, pre-K-12th grade. Student winners will have their artwork accepted into the permanent exhibit of student artwork located within the SCCOE office as well as showcased at the San Jose, in-person Arts at the Emancipatory Education Conference on March 13, 2022, celebrating Arts Education Month in California and on May 19, 2022, in a virtual celebration of youth expression at the Santa Clara County Office of Education on Zoom.

This year’s artwork theme of “Contact Zones: Places Where We Meet” encourages students to show experiences of places and/or events in which differences meet and interact. Contact zones can be any place where humans are! They include places such as schools or neighborhoods.

The submission deadline is February 25, 2022. Eligibility, Key Dates, and Submission requirements can be found on the Artspiration website - https://www.sccoe.org/arts/yas.
Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and Sustainability
Fri., Nov. 19, 11am ET
Join us to hear about six elements for sustaining SEL implementation across a district.

Join CASEL as they reflect on lessons learned over the past decade and share six elements for sustaining SEL implementation across a district.

Recommended for district and state leaders on their own SEL journeys. Participants will learn from CASEL’s district consultants, who’ve worked closely with school system leaders nationwide. They’ll discuss each element and share promising strategies from partner districts.

Register: https://bit.ly/3mGbhWE
Four (4) hours of free professional development for educators! Join Doug Fisher and his colleagues as they dive into practices that will transform how you teach. Register at [https://lnkd.in/gpJqzMRs](https://lnkd.in/gpJqzMRs).

ASCD Article: *Ready...Set...Success: A Formula for Leading Schools with Love*
It's important to acknowledge when you're stressed and take time to rest and repair. Use these tips from the US Department of Education, to reduce stress and give yourself time for self-care.

Learning For Justice Article:  
Reimagining Digital Literacy Education to Save Ourselves
Article: Overwhelmed by all the options for SEL programming for your school? Get guidance from CASEL experts on how to choose the best program for your needs: https://edut.to/3B09QHy.

Health & Wellness

Am I eligible for a COVID-19 booster shot?

Who?
If you received a Pfizer or Moderna series:
- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

If you received a J&J vaccine:
- Age 18+

When?
- At least 6 months after Pfizer or Moderna
- At least 2 months after J&J

Where?
- Contact your provider or visit sccFreeVax.org
Week of October 24 - October 30, 2021

Vaccines are free, easy, and safe. You do not need health insurance and all immigration statuses are eligible. Staff are onsite to support language needs and disability access.

Drop-in/no appointment needed at all of the following vaccine sites:

**San Jose**
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, Expo Hall
Sat, Sun, Mon 8:30am-3:45pm
Tues, Wed 1pm-8pm
Thurs, Fri 9am-6pm
2542 Monterey Hwy, Gate D
San Jose, CA 95111

Valley Speciality Center
Mon-Fri 9:30am-5pm
751 S. Bascom Ave, Building Q
San Jose, CA 95128

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Tues-Fri 9am-6pm
467 North White Rd, San Jose, CA 95127

**Story Rd HUB**
Sun 10/24 9am-4pm
Fri 10/29 9am-7:30pm
Sat 10/30 9am-4pm
1775 Story Rd, San Jose, CA 95122

North East Medical Services
Mon, Wed, Fri 2:30pm-4pm
1970 Lundy Ave, San Jose, CA 95131

Sun Pharmacy
Mon-Fri 9am-4pm
Sat 9am-1pm
2559 South King Rd, San Jose, CA 95122

Advance SJ Pharmacy
Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm
2331 Montpelier Dr, Ste A-10,
San Jose, CA 95116

**Medical Offices of Dan Hopner, MD,**
**Rom Romero, PA**
Mon-Fri 10am-2pm
2060 Aborn Rd, Ste 100,
San Jose, CA 95121

San Jose (continued)
Los Alamos Pharmacy
Mon-Fri 9:15am-5:30pm
1150 N. Jackson Ave, Ste 3,
San Jose, CA 95116

Horace Cureton Elementary School
Sun 10/24 12pm-5pm
3720 East Hills Dr, San Jose 95127

**Escuela Popular Binacional Health Fair**
Mon 10/25 10am-6pm
149 N White Rd, San Jose, CA 95127

Bascom Community Center
Mon 10/25 10am-7pm
1000 S Bascom Ave, San Jose, CA 95128

Bay Area Community Health
Tues 10/26 2pm-4pm
1066 South White Rd, San Jose, CA 95127

Oak Grove High School (Pending)
Tues 10/26 4pm-7pm
285 Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose, CA 95123

Mt. Pleasant High School
Wed 10/27 2pm-7:30pm
1750 South White Rd, San Jose, CA 95127

Ace Charter School
Thur 10/28 5pm-7:30pm
1776 Education Park Dr,
San Jose, CA 95133

**Alpha: Cindy Avitia High School**
Thur 10/28 1pm-6pm
1881 Cunningham Ave, San Jose 95122

Pioneer High School
Fri 10/29 3:30pm-7:30pm
1290 Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose 95118

Evergreen Library
Sat 10/30 10:30am-5:30pm
2635 Abo M Rd, San Jose, CA 95121

**San Jose (continued)**
James Lick High School
Sat 10/30 1pm-7pm
57 North White Rd, San Jose 95127

Emma Prusch Park-Multicultural Center
Tues, Wed, Thurs 12pm-7pm
647 S King Rd, San Jose, CA 95116
Grocery gift cards available
(not available for boosters)

Tully Medical Clinic Pharmacy
Mon-Fri 9am-6pm
Sat 10/30 9am-1pm
1693 Flanigan Dr, Suite 104
San Jose, CA 95121

**Gilroy**
Gilroy High School
Fri 10/29 3pm-7:30pm
750 West Tenth St, Gilroy, CA 95020

**Morgan Hill**
DePaul Health Center
Wed-Fri 9am-6pm
Sat-Sun 8am-5pm
Mon 9am-6pm
18550 DePaul Dr, Morgan Hill, CA 95037
(Enter on DePaul Drive, near conference center/old hospital building)

**Mountain View**
Mountain View Community Center
Tues-Fri 11am-6pm
Sat 8:30am-3:45pm
201 S Rengstorff Ave,
Mountain View, CA 94040

**Santa Clara**
Santa Clara University
Thur 10/28 10am-5pm
500 El Camino Real
Santa Clara CA 95053

*Booster shots and third doses are available at all sites to those who meet CDC and FDA eligibility criteria*
COVID-19 Vaccinations for Kids: What to Expect

Your child will need two shots

- The second shot is three weeks after the first shot.
- Your child will get the Pfizer vaccine.
- This is the vaccine that will be available for kids ages 5 to 11.
- It is a smaller dose than the Pfizer vaccine for adults. It is one-third of an adult dose.

sccFreeVax.org

Your child will get a white CDC COVID-19 vaccine record card.

Bring your child’s yellow childhood immunization card, if you have one. We will update the yellow card too.

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

Tuesdays and Fridays at Ridder Park
7:00 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.
or
12:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m

Education sector employees can drop in, with your patient ID, for an observed self-administered nasal swab LHI/ OptumServe test at Ridder Park.

For more information, visit https://sccoe.to/ffx.
Announcements

News Releases:

- Santa Clara County Office of Education Statement Following Approval of the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for 5-to-11-Year-Olds
- Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) Hosts Ribbon-Cutting for New Santa Clara County Office of Education South County Annex
- 51st Annual Recognition Celebration Honors Educators Across Santa Clara County

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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