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UPDATES

For more information on items found in this section, please contact Debi Bodenheimer, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services. dbodenheimer@santacruzcoe.org. 831.466.5890

Ethnic Studies “Meet Up”: Collaboration meeting for teachers

Suggested Audience: All Educators who teach (or will be teaching) Ethnic Studies



Hosted by the Santa Cruz COE and UCSC (The History & Civics Project), we will be starting an Ethnic Studies “Meet Up” series beginning in January. All teachers who currently teach Ethnic Studies, or who may teach Ethnic Studies in the future, are invited to join us as we come together to share resources and collaborate about best practices for Ethnic Studies instruction. Save the date for our first meeting in January: **1/25/23 at 4:00 PM on Zoom.**

Racial Equity and Justice Website

Suggested Audience: Educators, Community members, Students



Please visit our [Racial Equity and Justice Website](#). We continue to add new resources for educators, families and students. We would also love feedback on how we can improve the website and make it more helpful. Please give us your feedback or suggest resources [here](#).

[GIVE FEEDBACK HERE](#)

COLLEGE AND CAREER

For more information on items found in this section, please contact Cristine Chopra, Executive Director, Santa Cruz County College & Career Collaborative. cchopra@santacruzcoe.org. 831.466.5814

Important Announcement from the State of California Re: Savings Program for College or Career: The California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS)

Suggested Audience: Counselors



CalKIDS gives children in California a jump start on saving for college or career training.

To be eligible for CalKIDS, participants must be born in California on or after July 1, 2022 or an eligible low-income public school

student in grades 1-12 in California. All participants receive a seed deposit in a CalKIDS account to help pay for future education after high school.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Santa Cruz County CTE Scholarships Available

Suggested Audience: Counselors

Your Future Is Our Business (YFIOB) is offering 2 types of Scholarships this year **AND** an opportunity for students to showcase their CTE work through our CTE Show Case Competition! Check them out below.

Career Exploration Scholarship	CTE Scholarship	CTE Show Case Competition
Small Flyer	Small Flyer	Small Flyer
Large Flyer	Large Flyer	Large Flyer

Financial Aid for College: High School Toolkit



Suggested Audience: Counselors and Administrators

Extensive research shows that high schools can make a significant difference in helping college hopefuls who are low-income, immigrants, and first-generation college students complete the FAFSA and other state financial aid applications.

In this toolkit from Ed Trust, you'll find 10 evidence-based best practices your school can use to support all eligible seniors and their families to complete their FAFSA.

[LEARN MORE](#)

New Financial Aid Application Status Report

Suggested Audience: Counselors and Administrators

CSAC sent out a [special alert](#) announcing the availability of a new Financial Aid Application Status Report developed to assist schools with tracking their students through the financial aid application process, including GPA submission, financial aid completion and Cal Grant awarding. The Financial Aid Application Status Report is available in WebGrants and offered in .txt and .csv formats for ease of use. To receive special alerts from CSAC, [sign up to be added to their listserv](#).

California Colleges Guidance Initiative (CCGI)

Suggested Audience: Counselors and Administrators



CaliforniaColleges.edu

The State of California's Official College and Career Planning Platform

CaliforniaColleges.edu is a one-stop shop for the resources students need to discover their goals for life after high school, make plans to achieve them, and launch their futures. It is the State of California's official college and career planning platform for 6th-12th grade students, as well as the foundation of the state's new Cradle-to-Career System tools. This means that CaliforniaColleges.edu is free to all school districts in California. Learn more about this initiative with these resources:

- [Background on CaliforniaColleges.edu, the State of California's Official College and Career Planning Platform](#)
- [Preparing Your School District for Partnership with the California College Guidance Initiative](#)
- [CaliforniaColleges.edu's Learning Videos](#)

ELA

For more information on items found in this section, please contact Sofia Sorensen, Multilingual Coordinator. ssorensen@santacruzcoe.org. 831.466.5807

Leveraging the Power of Text Sets for Culturally Relevant Instruction

Suggested Audience: teachers



This new collection of text sets from Achieve the Core intentionally elevates culturally relevant content and pedagogy to support multiple perspectives, connect with students, build critical consciousness, and humanize literacy instruction.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Getting Reading Right Web page

Suggested Audience: teachers, reading specialists, instructional leaders and coaches,



Explore the Getting Reading Right web page. The Los Angeles County Office of Education has posted a collection of videos so that educators can deepen their understanding of how students learn to read and what to do to deliver the best first reading instruction. Video topics include: Getting Reading Right: Introduction, Closed Syllables, Phonological awareness, Open Syllables, Alphabetic Principle, Teaching Irregular Words, Effective

Word Learning for Literacy Development, Making Words Stick, . They also offer a community of practice, bootcamp, podcasts, and links to research for further study.

[LEARN MORE](#)

CDE Literacy Newsletter

Suggested Audience: reading specialists, instructional leaders



Subscribe to the monthly CDE Literacy newsletter for the latest information on policy, grants and professional learning resources in support of CA's Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant which supports state efforts to align state and local literacy initiatives.

[LEARN MORE](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

For more information on items found in this section, please contact Amity Sandage, Environmental Literacy Coordinator. asandage@santacruzcoe.org. 1.831.466.5711

World Wildlife Fund Conservation in the Classroom

Suggested Audience: 4th - 8th Grade Teachers



WWF

World Wildlife Fund Conservation in the Classroom virtual sessions are free, 45-minute discussions with WWF geared towards children that include the opportunity to submit questions, participate in polls and quizzes, and interact with experts. Join WWF on December 8 at 1:30 p.m. ET to learn about the connections between forests and climate change from Josefina Braña Varela (suggested grade level: 4th – 8th).

Upcoming Sessions: December 8 - The Connection Between Forests and Climate Change and January 18 - Why Rivers Need to Flow

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

Be a Food Waste Warrior

Suggested Audience: K - 12th Grade Teachers



These K-12 lessons, activities, and resources from the World Wildlife Fund are designed to help teach the planetary impact of what we eat and what we throw away. Lessons and activities are divided by grade band and include free slideshows, student activities, teaching guides, and discussion questions.

Teach it as a 1-2 week unit or use the individual resources.

K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12 grade toolkits include:

- Teaching Guide: How to Get Started
- Slideshow: "What is Food Waste?"
- Food Audit Instructions
- Discussion Questions
- Free Student Activities

[LEARN MORE](#)

Cornell Lab: Think Outside the (Nest) Box

Suggested Audience: 5th - 8th Grade Teachers



The activities in Thinking Outside of the (Nest) Box introduce youth to the life cycle of nesting birds, provide instructions for building and installing nest boxes, and enable youth to participate in citizen science by reporting their observations to the NestWatch program. The curriculum is geared towards students in grades 5-8.

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

2023 Eco-Hero Awards

Suggested Audience: All Educators



The Eco-Hero Awards recognizes youth ages 8 to 16 who have created and implemented projects that focus on solving environmental problems. Winners will be awarded up to \$500 in cash prizes.

The application period will open on December 1, 2022. Applications are due by February 28, 2023.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Our Earth Echo Challenge

Suggested Audience: 5th - 9th Grade Teachers



The OurEcho Challenge is a STEM competition that empowers students to take a closer look at biodiversity in their communities. Students will first identify threats to local ecosystems and then propose solutions to help preserve, protect, or repair those natural resources.

Teams of middle school students (grades 5-9) will develop projects to preserve biodiversity in their own backyards and compete for prizes of up to \$5,000. Entries must be received by March 3, 2023.

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EQUITY

For more information on items found in this section, please contact Melissa Roberts, Senior Director of Equity. mroberts@santacruzcoe.org. 831.466.5845

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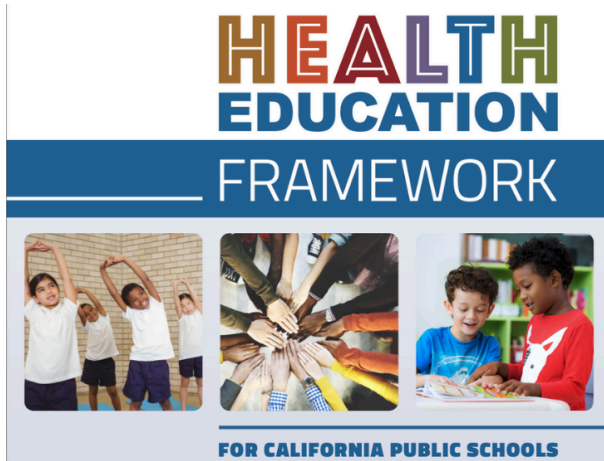
[GIVE FEEDBACK HERE](#)

Health

For more information on items found in this section, please contact Heather Wygant, Science Coordinator.
hwygant@santacruzcoe.org. 831.466.5727

Health Education Community of Practice: Slide Deck and Resources

Suggested Audience: Health Teachers, Administrators



Please review the [slide deck](#) from the Health Education COP run by the Orange County Department of Education. There are so many excellent health resources available in this slide deck. In addition, here are some other great resources from this COP meeting:

- Substance use prevention resources: [Safety First: Real Drug Education](#) for HS; [Project Alert](#) for MS; Stanford's new toolkit: [You and Me, Together Vape Free](#) for MS and HS; Stanford [Cannabis Toolkit](#) for MS and HS
- [Bring Change to Mind's High School Program](#) gives teens a platform to share their voices and raise awareness around mental health
- [Erika's Lighthouse Teen Empowerment Clubs and Awareness into Action Activities](#) help teens empower one another around mental health, depression and suicide awareness
- [Comprehensive Sexual Education Trainings](#) shared by Santa Clara COE in partnership with Cardea/APPN & Santa Cruz, Monterey, & San Mateo COEs
- [The Developmental Relationships Framework](#): five elements—expressed in 20 specific actions—that make relationships powerful in young people's lives
- [Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program](#) coordinates appropriate education, training and collaboration with local and national resources to build sustainable suicide prevention programs
- [CA Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance](#) (CAHPERD) conference is coming up on March 9th – 11th, registration will open soon, but nominations for Teachers and Programs of the Year are open. Click [here](#) to submit your nominations!

Shout out to Mr. Health Teacher, Christopher Pepper, on authoring this great article: [3 Things Schools Can Do to REALLY Improve Student Health](#).

HISTORY / SOCIAL SCIENCE

For more information on items found in this section, please contact Amity Sandage, Environmental Literacy Coordinator. asandage@santacruzcoe.org. 1.831.466.5711

Nominate an Outstanding Social Studies Educator! Deadline: December 1

Suggested Audience: All Educators



Who do you know that deserves recognition for their incredible work in Social Studies? Submit a nomination today as a way to show your appreciation and gratitude to those who have inspired you. Honorees receive recognition and awards at the [CCSS 62nd Annual Conference, Building Bridges: Past, Present, and Future](#), February 24-26, 2023 in Santa Clara.

Who do you know that should receive one of the awards below?

CCSS Professional Awards:

- Outstanding Elementary School Social Studies Teacher of the Year
- Outstanding Middle School Social Studies Teacher of the Year
- Outstanding High School Social Studies Teacher of the Year
- Outstanding Higher Education Teacher of the Year
- Outstanding Pre-Service Teacher of the Year
- Outstanding Rookie Teacher of the Year (1-5 years experience in K-12)
- Go to: [2023 Professional Teacher Award Applications](#)

CCSS Specialized Educator Awards

- Diane L. Brooks Administrative Award
- Carol Marquis Global Understanding Award
- Roy L. Erikson Civic Education Award
- Ruth Delzell Service Award
- Hilda Taba Award
- The California Council for the Social Studies Economics Educator Award
- Go to: [2023 Specialized Educator Award Applications](#)

CCSS Equity, Inclusion & Social Justice Awards:

- K-16 Educator Award for Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice
- Student Award: Champion for Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice
- Go to: [2023 Equity, Inclusion & Social Justice Awards](#)

DEADLINE: NOMINATION APPLICATION AND MATERIALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11:59 PM on December 1, 2022.

MATH

For more information on items found in this section, please contact Kevin Drinkard, Math Coordinator.
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Math Interim Assessments and Tools for Teachers

Suggested Audience: Santa Cruz County Educators



Monday, December 5, 2022 3:30-4:45 on Zoom.

During this session, participants will discuss practical strategies to use Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) and Focused Interim Assessment Blocks (FIABs) in order to:

- Generate formative assessment that informs instruction
- Promote mathematical thinking in classrooms
- Build familiarity with test items and format

We will highlight ways to easily access assessment items, and strategies to use them in engaging, non-standard ways.

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

SVMI - Math-Focused Professional Learning is BACK IN PERSON!!!!

Suggested Audience: Educators focused on teaching and learning in math



Next Session: December 8, 2022 8:30-3:00. We are so excited to continue our partnership with SVMI in 2022-23. SVMI offers excellent math-focused professional learning and resources, TK-12. Sessions include opportunities to engage with grade-alike colleagues to dig deeper into math-focused teaching and learning. Our first two sessions in September and October were amazing - **please reserve your sub, register, and plan to join us in December!**

[INFO & REGISTER](#)

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Suggested Audience: world language teachers, department chairs, instructional leaders



CA's World Languages Framework is now live on the CDE's updated World Languages page, which includes resources for implementing the framework and selecting instructional materials aligned to the framework. Subscribe to the quarterly [CDE World Languages Teaching Update](#) to receive information on resources, grants and professional learning resources related to World Languages.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Suggested Audience: superintendents, district and instructional leaders, change agents

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Three case studies of districts changing outcomes for English learners with SEAL (Sobrato Early Academic Language). The SEAL model is designed to build the capacity of preschools and elementary schools to develop the language and literacy skills of ELs and DLLs with a joyful, language-rich and rigorous curriculum for all learners. The case studies share their multi year implementation plans, support structures, challenges and lessons learned.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Suggested Audience: district and instructional leaders, special education staff, dual language learners

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  The Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) published a white paper titled “which reviews evidence concerning the capacity of young learners with disabilities to acquire more than one language during the preschool and school years and the characteristics of dual language programs and classroom instruction and intervention practices that support their language development, learning, and well-being in school.”

[LEARN MORE](#)

SCIENCE

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Invention Convention- Site Registration Reminder

Suggested Audience: K-12 Teachers



We just wanted to remind you that if you have not yet registered your class/school to participate in the 2022/2023 California Invention Convention, we need you to do so ASAP. Registration closes in January, and we want to make certain that when student registration begins, that they can find their teacher/school in the drop down menu that will be available to them! For instructions on how to register, please go to the following:

[Registration](#)

Genius Olympiad

Suggested Audience: K-12 Teachers , Administrators and Fair Directors



Genius Olympiad is planning an in-person event this year. If you have created a fair account in our new system for 2022, you can access your account and your affiliation is still valid. Student certificates and guides are available in that account.

If you do not have an account, as part of your affiliation with [GENIUS Olympiad](#), you need to create an account at apply.geniusolympiad.org in order to approve projects submitted from your fair as a certificate winner to attend GENIUS Olympiad.

- Please click on the FAIR REGISTRATION link at the bottom of apply.geniusolympiad.org
- Register your fair (provide the total number of projects typically your fair has before covid)
- Allow 24 hrs for your account to be approved by GENIUS. Your password will be provided via email to log in to your fair account.
- You need to log into the fair account to approve or deny student projects as they register. You will receive a notification email when a student registers their projects by selecting your fair.

[Registration](#)

Getting to Know the NGSS- Self Paced Course

Suggested Audience: K-12 Teachers and Administrators new to NGSS



Getting to Know
NEXT GENERATION
SCIENCE
STANDARDS

Registration:
<http://laoe.k12oms.org/1542-228133>

This is a self-paced online course to help you build your foundational knowledge and use of the Next Generation Science Standards. This course will take approximately 35-40 hours to complete and 1 month to complete.

Los Angeles County
Office of Education

This self-paced online course will help to build foundational knowledge of the NGSS, and take about 35-40 hours to complete. Upon completion, receive a certificate of completion and a badge from the LA County Office of Education. This course provides deeper background knowledge of NGSS that you can build on with additional NGSS trainings from the Exploratorium, COEs and more.

[Flier With Registration Link](#)

VAPA

For more information on items found in this section, please contact Audrey Sirota, Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator. asirota@santacruzcoe.org. 831.466.5827

Special Note: Information about Proposition 28 will be forthcoming in the next month!

Poetry Out Loud

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY: Please Register at this Link: [Poetry Out Loud Club Registration](#)

Join us!
Mondays from 4:00-5:00
Starting on Monday, NOVEMBER 7, 2022

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS
AND POETRY FOUNDATION PRESENT

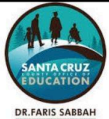
POETRY
OUT
LOUD



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We will meet every Monday 4:00-5:00
to practice for the Poetry Out Loud
competition in February.

To register, contact Audrey at
asirota@santacruzcoe.org



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**PLEASE JOIN US
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
6:30-8 PM**



POETRY OUT LOUD



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PLEASE REGISTER AS SEATING IS LIMITED AT: [POETRY OUT LOUD 2023](#)

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

FashionTeens: A program for social and environmental activists

Audience: Middle and High School Students

Please complete application at: [FashionTeens Application](#)



FashionTeens

a program for social & environmental activists

APPLY

applications due December 9 2022

Application forms are available at
fashionteens-santacruz.com under
"Upcoming Show Info."

For more information, email
fashionteenssantacruz@gmail.com

SHOWCASE

Saturday March 11 2023, 2:00–3:30

Models and designers will display their
creations at the Santa Cruz County
Office of Education STEAM Expo, in the
Fine Arts Building at the Santa Cruz
County Fairgrounds in Watsonville.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Youth Artists Taking Action Student Group

Audience: High School students

Please register using this link: [Youth Artists Taking Action Application](#)



Tuesday ~ 4:30pm to 5:30pm

in-person at Delta School on the

Cabrillo College Campus

Hybrid option available

**Join us in creating local arts projects for our
community!**

If you imagine it, we can do it!

For more information contact Audrey Sirota at
asirota@santacruzcoe.org or Andres Ortiz at
aortiz@santacruzcoe.org or Celeste Gutierrez at
cgutierrez@santacruzcoe.org

Apply by September 15.



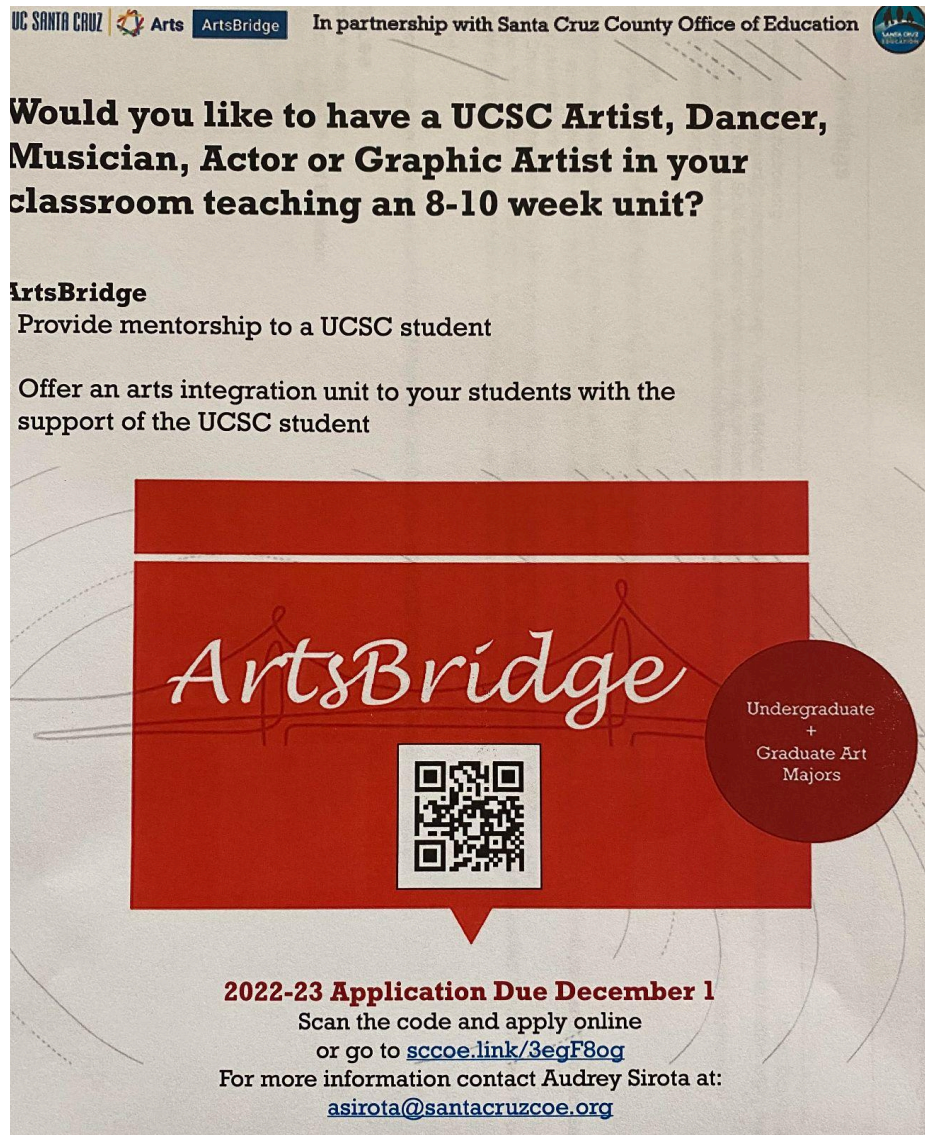
EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITY

ArtsBridge

Audience: Teachers, Teaching Artists, Administrators

A new partnership with UCSC, we are recruiting teachers to have a UCSC student in their classroom for 8-12 weeks to provide mentorship and guidance as students teach a unit that integrates an art form with another content area.

Please register if you are interested at:
sccoe.link/3egF8og

A flyer for ArtsBridge featuring a large red speech bubble in the center. The top of the flyer has logos for UC Santa Cruz, Arts, ArtsBridge, and the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. The main text is in a bold, sans-serif font. The bottom section contains application details and a QR code.

UC SANTA CRUZ Arts ArtsBridge In partnership with Santa Cruz County Office of Education

Would you like to have a UCSC Artist, Dancer, Musician, Actor or Graphic Artist in your classroom teaching an 8-10 week unit?

ArtsBridge
Provide mentorship to a UCSC student

Offer an arts integration unit to your students with the support of the UCSC student

ArtsBridge

Undergraduate + Graduate Art Majors

2022-23 Application Due December 1
Scan the code and apply online
or go to sccoe.link/3egF8og
For more information contact Audrey Sirota at:
asirota@santacruzcoe.org

EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITY

Arts Education Community of Practice

Audience: Teachers, Teaching Artists, Administrators

Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, San Benito & Monterey County Offices of Education are co-hosting this Arts Education Community of Practice. Join us for a region-wide sharing of ideas and inspirations!

Please register using this link: [Arts Education Community of Practice](#)

JOIN US THIS COMING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 FROM 4:00-5:00 on ZOOM!

CEUs Available



The poster features a vibrant red and yellow background. At the top left, a circular inset shows a group of people, with a man in a white t-shirt and black pants in the foreground. To the right of this, the title 'ARTS EDUCATION COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below the title, in yellow capital letters, is the text 'MEET THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 4:00-5:15 FREE ON ZOOM REGISTER HERE'. A large, stylized yellow brushstroke separates the top section from the bottom. In the bottom left, the text 'CONNECTION CREATIVITY COLLABORATION' is written in bold, pink capital letters. Below this, contact information for Audrey Sirota is provided: 'Contact Audrey Sirota asirota@santacruzcoe.org'. Further down, it states '4 CEUS AVAILABLE THROUGH UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC'. The bottom of the poster is filled with various logos, including those of the four counties' offices of education, SVCREATES, Santa Cruz Education, and the Arts Councils for Santa Cruz and Monterey counties. On the right side, a circular inset shows a woman with glasses and a blue sweatshirt, smiling and working on a craft project with a glue stick.

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**4 CEUS AVAILABLE THROUGH
UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC**

The Santa Cruz Symphony, Carnegie Hall, and the Santa Cruz COE bring you:

Link Up: The Orchestra Sings

Audience: 4-5th Grade Teachers, Teaching Artists, Administrators & Educational Leaders

Please contact Audrey at asirota@santacruzcoe.org to register your school.

Link Up

CARNEGIE HALL
Weill Music Institute

The Orchestra SINGS

Youth Concerts for Santa Cruz County 4th & 5th Grade Students.

Thursday, February 23
Friday, February 24

Ludwig von Beethoven
Giuseppe Verdi
Daniel Bartholomew-Poyser
Louis Prima arranged: Benny Goodman
Reena Esmail
José Pablo Moncayo

"Ode to Joy" from Symphony No. 9
"Anvil Chorus" from Il Trovatore
Hlonolofatsa Bacchanale
Sing Sing Sing
Ram Tori Maya
Huapango





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Need more information?

Contact [Audrey Sirota](#), COE Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator
or

[Lee Duffus](#), Symphony Volunteer CMC Coordinator



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Visual and Performing Art Teachers' Network

Suggested Audience: Arts Teachers, General Education Teachers, Administrators

THANK YOU to all our VAPA Teachers for persevering to bring the ARTS to our students!
Welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year!

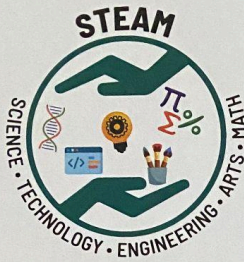


Monthly Meetings: We will join forces with PVUSD. At the first meeting, we will address having a separate network for teachers who are unable to make these meetings.

Dates for Middle and High School Teachers: 9/14/22; 10/12/22; 11/9/22; 12/14/22; 1/11/23;
2/8/23; 3/8/23; 4/12/23; 5/9/23

Dates for Elementary School Teachers: 9/21/22; 10/19/22; 11/16/22; 12/14/22; 1/18/23;
2/15/23; 3/15/23; 4/19/23; 5/7/23

**STEAM EXPO: Including the Invention Convention and
FashionTeens: An environmental and socially conscious event!**
SAVE-THE-DATE! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
MARCH 11, 2023 ~ 2:00 SHOWCASE



STEAM EXPO

March 11, 2023
Santa Cruz Fairgrounds



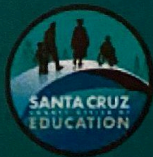
Science Fair is Expanding to a STEAM Expo!

A community level event for the whole family
Including the following events

Science Fair Competition
Invention Competition
Student Project Showcase
Fashion Teens Runway Show
Amazon DeepRacer Competition

Math Challenges
Coding and Robotics Challenges
Hands-on Activities
Career Connections & Demonstrations
And more!

Find out more with the QR code or link below



Contact Information
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831-466-5727
hwygant@santacruzcoe.org

Scan the QR code for the website, or go to
<https://bit.ly/SantaCruzSTEAM>





SPECTRA Matching Grants

These grants are given to assist Santa Cruz County K-12 public schools and community organizations to enhance their arts education programs by

bringing SPECTRA Teaching Artists into classrooms for visual, performing, or literary arts workshops, residencies, and performances. Matching grants are awarded, based on funding availability, up to \$2,000. We prioritize funding to ensure racial equity and where we can make the greatest sustainable impact. Our number one priority goes to schools where high percentages (60-100%) students identify as BIPOC. **Applications will be accepted through Friday, September 9, 2022 at 5 pm.** Check out our [Teaching Artist Directory](#) to explore our list of SPECTRA artists and artist fees. You may complete the online application found at www.artscouncilsc.org/SPECTRA/

Need help? Contact Sarah Brothers, Arts Education Director: 831.475.9600 x18 or artsed@artscouncilsc.org

Arts & History: Contribute to Local History Resources

Suggested Audience: 4th-5th Grade Teachers



Santa Cruz
Museum of
Art & History
at the McPherson Center

The [Publications Committee at the Santa Cruz MAH](#) is working on a children's history / activity book and they would love input from teachers.

It's a book of letters from an adult to a child. It will be geared toward 4th-5th graders. The letters are fictionalized but draw directly from historical research and / or community knowledge. It helps readers to understand why diverse people have come to the region, how they built community, and how they have felt at home or not at home. The book's purpose is to teach empathy through learning about history. The Committee would love to connect with a group of 4th-5th grade teachers to get feedback on the [prototype](#), particularly what themes are useful to 4th-5th graders in terms of local history, California history, Social Science Curriculum, lesson planning, or possible integration of the book into lesson planning.

If you are interested in joining the Publications Committee for a virtual meeting to provide your input on this project, please complete the form below.

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Suggested Audience: Administrators and Teachers



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