



Santa Clara County
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COE News Roundup

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New Lunch n' Learn: A Charro at the Opera

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Migrant Education Program cordially invites you to explore the influence of Opera upon Mexican traditional Charro music Thursday, Oct. 30 at noon.

The development of Mexican music can be traced back to a Europhilic tradition that blended the majestic and dramatic elements of orchestral composition, sonorous and rich vocal styles and common themes of love and heartbreak. Through the history and performance of five selected numbers, we hope to acquaint new or long-time listeners with the operatic nuances of traditional Mexican music.

Snacks and beverages will be served courtesy of the SCCOE Cafeteria Committee.

[Click here to register.](#) If you have any questions or would like an advance copy of the program schedule, please call [Gerry Lopez](#) at ext. 5796.



Ebola and Enterovirus resources available online

While there have been no cases of the Ebola virus in California, and only a handful of cases of Enterovirus-D68, it has of course been widely covered on the

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Ridder Park parking advisory for upcoming conference

This Thursday, Oct. 23 and Friday, Oct. 24, the Inclusion Collaborative State Conference will be held at the Ridder Park campus. Approximately 275 educators are registered to attend both days of the conference, and many of the conference rooms will be used. Please be advised that the parking lot may near or reach capacity, so any efforts to carpool or use alternative transportation are appreciated. Overflow parking will be available at RAFT (located at 1355 Ridder Park Dr, San Jose, CA 95131).

We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you in advance for supporting efforts to create inclusive classrooms and communities for children with and without disabilities.



news and is a common topic of public discussion. When working with students, families and community members, it is possible that you will be asked to address their concerns about the subject, so the SCCOE has put together some resources to help keep you informed.

Information is available at our [website](#) to make sure you are aware of the facts and the proactive steps we are taking in conjunction with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department to keep our schools safe. You'll also find tips for talking to children about what they may see on the news.

You can also read a [special edition of the CONCERN newsletter](#) with additional facts about Ebola in U.S. and tips about what steps to take if you feel increased stress or anxiety related to the issue.



Solutions to everyday problems from CONCERN

CONCERN'S monthly newsletters provide a wealth of information for living a more balanced life. Find success at work and home with this month's issues of Employee - Supervisor and the Healthy & Resilient workplace newsletters located on the [Intranet](#). This month learn how to root out sabotaging team behaviors, keep moving at work and much more!

CONCERN's services are available to all COE employees and their dependents. They are accessible via the [CONCERN website](#), where you will find myriad tools and resources for living a happier, healthier life. To gain full access to these features, register using the **Company Name/Code: SCCOE**, then create your own personal user name.



Call for entries for the CalSPRA Excellence in Communication Awards

You know the amazing work you and your team produces deserves a little glory - enter the California

Know your numbers and earn up to 3,300 Vitality points!

Knowing your health numbers is critical to maintaining health and preventing illness. Understand what your numbers say about your health, and what you can do about it.

Check the location and schedule for a [complimentary health screening](#) (Vitality Check) and learn about your most significant health indicators: total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure and body mass index. This is a quick, confidential screening administered by BaySport Inc. and provided by the SCCOE. You don't even need to fast beforehand!

Staff will earn between 500 and 3,300 [Vitality Points](#) for completing a screening. Email wellness@sccoe.org for an appointment or contact [Tricia Zamora](#), Employee Wellness Specialist, at ext. 3616 for more information.



Check out the *Afternoon Tidbits* workshop series

During this month's *Effective Assertive Communication Skills* workshop on Tuesday October 28, participants will learn various modes of communication and ways to develop or enhance open interpersonal styles of communication for the betterment of personal and professional relationships. Strong speaking and listening skills can also reduce misunderstandings, facilitate creativity and enhance problem solving.

Please speak with your supervisor, then [register](#) for the *Effective Assertive Communication Skills* workshop or contact [Debbie Boer](#) at ext. 6698.

Save the date for additional workshops in the series! Click on title for registration information:

- [Emotional Intelligence](#) - Jan. 27, 2015
- [Dealing with Difficult Behavior](#) - Feb. 24, 2015
- [Conflict Resolution Skills in the Workplace](#) - March 24, 2015
- [Prospering Through Changes at Work](#) - April 28, 2015

School Public Relations Association's Excellence in Communication Awards program today for a shot at some!

Each year CalSPRA recognizes outstanding achievement in public education communications across sixteen categories, including brochures, websites, newsletters, special events and more. Entries must be submitted by Wednesday, October 29, and will be announced at the CalSPRA Conference and Awards Banquet in January. There's no limit to the number of entries you can submit or categories you can participate in, so don't hesitate to encourage a talented co-worker or submit a piece you're particularly proud of.

For more information, visit [CalSPRA's website](#) or call Beth Flory (916) 228-2417 or Cathy Sapunor (916) 228-2416.



Peruse the latest COE career opportunities

Looking to take the next step in your career with the County Office of Education? Find jobs that match your interests and career goals on the [Job Opportunities webpage](#)

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For workshop descriptions, please see the [Talent Management Professional Development Workshop Catalog](#).



Nominate the next Employee of the Month!

Do you have a coworker who turns ordinary service into extraordinary service? Who goes above and beyond their job duties to advance the goals of the SCCOE? Then don't wait another minute to nominate them as an Employee of the Month (EOM) today.

Log into the [Intranet](#) and submit the EOM nomination form located under My Input on the right side of the screen. The COE recognizes 10 employees each year for outstanding service to students, parents coworkers and customers. Read about recent EOMS on the Intranet homepage.