



Santa Clara County
Office of Education

News Roundup

Stay informed about the latest SCCOE news - March 7, 2017

Welcome to the [News Roundup](#), a bimonthly electronic publication for Santa Clara County Office of Education employees. It highlights SCCOE news, upcoming events, professional development opportunities, and other announcements of interest to staff.

News and updates

Meet Nan Harn, March Employee of the Month!

At the March 1 Board Meeting, Nan Harn was honored as the March Employee of the Month (EOM) for her service and accomplishments at SCCOE.

Those who work with Nan were astonished to discover that this was her first Employee of the Month nomination. Nan has worked at the SCCOE for 10 years; she is currently Senior Executive Assistant to David Wu, Chief Technology Officer in the Technology Services Branch. [Read about Nan Harn](#) and other recent EOMs on the Intranet.



Do you have a co-worker who makes your work day a little easier? Thank them by logging into the Intranet and submitting an Employee of the Month nomination form located under ["My Input"](#) on the right side of the screen.

SCCOE to screen "Making of a Gangsta" documentary

The SCCOE in conjunction with the Strong Start Coalition and Trustee Grace Mah, will be hosting a showing of ["Making of a Gangsta."](#) The 58-minute documentary addresses implicit bias and institutionalized racism that contributes to some students being deprived from life skills, academic mentoring, positive reinforcement, and a healthy support system.

Adam Ybarra, a Silicon Valley Independent Filmmaker, recently produced this documentary that challenges viewers to see beyond the polarization and judgment that plagues our education system. [Please join us](#) on at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 9 in the Oak Grove Room at the SCCOE to view this thought-provoking film.

Lynbrook High School Wins Mock Trial Championship

On Tuesday, February 23, 2017, at the Historic Old Courthouse in downtown San Jose, Lynbrook High School edged out rival Prospect High School to become county champion in this year's High School Mock Trial Tournament.

The seven-round, four-week tournament is presided over by Superior Court Judges and Sixth Appellate District Justices and is scored by hundreds of local attorneys.

Approximately 425 students from 24 high schools competed in the 2017 Mock Trial Tournament.

Coffee Chats for SCCOE Sites

Look for the next informal Coffee Chat coming to a site near you! These chats are an opportunity for SCCOE employees working away from the Ridder Park Office to share news and communicate face-to-face with Superintendent Gundry.

These chats are offered year round, directly before or after school, or another time designed for your convenience. Hot coffee and tasty pastries are provided. Please contact [Charlotte Orr](#) (408) 453-6514 to arrange a Coffee Chat at your SCCOE site.

Employee training

New Professional Development Portal Launches March 21

As part of the commitment to improve student access to high quality education and to provide support to districts, communities, schools, and students, the SCCOE will launch a new professional development portal on March 21.

This portal will serve as a one-stop place to help educators stay up to date with the latest practices and compliant with Common Core State Standards, the English Language Arts/English Language Development framework, and the Next Generation Science Standards.

Leadership Team Training for Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodation and Complaint Investigation

A workshop facilitated by attorney Richard Noack is set for 2 p.m. on March 16 in the San Jose Room. For your convenience, this training is being held one hour prior to the quarterly leadership team meeting. Attendance is not required, but strongly suggested for Leadership Team members. Registration is not required. For more information, contact [Candice Harris](#) at (408) 453-6876.

Strengths Based Institute

ASAPconnect is offering a two-day [Strengths Based Institute](#) workshop, March 15 - 16, 2017 at RAFT, 1355 Ridder Park Dr, San Jose. This two-day learning community is designed to provide participants with a knowledge and understanding of group dynamics and its impact on organizational effectiveness. Learn how individual talents impact and influence group dynamics and the building of a well-rounded team. For questions, please contact [Judy Trevino](#) at (408) 453-6647.

2nd Annual STEAM Symposium

Join the 2nd Annual STEAM Symposium April 21-22 at the SCCOE. This two-day event highlights best practices, partnerships, and networks supporting imagination, innovation, and integration across grade levels in Santa Clara County. This event will offer exciting workshops on the new lesson-planning STEAM Interactive Integration Tool, and will feature keynote speaker Christine McKinley, the author of "Physics for Rock Stars."

The registration fee is \$300. [View event details and register online](#), or contact [Desiree Turco](#) for more information at (408) 453-4330.

Bilingual Buddies Events

Do you need to brush up on your Español? Learn about a new culture, practice a new language, and play some fun games with your colleagues. The [Spanish Workshop](#) is meant for beginners with little to no experience speaking Spanish. ¡Te veremos allí! - We'll see you there! The Bilingual Buddies program will also host a series of [multicultural luncheons](#) at the Ridder Park cafeteria through May 9. Once a month, language experts will share their cultures, and the cafeteria will offer lunch specials from those countries.

Keep up with CONCERN



This month's CONCERN [Workplace Employee](#) newsletter includes tips about stress management, being cooperative, civility and courtesy.

The [Workplace Supervisor](#) edition answers questions from supervisors and managers about identifying employees with creativity and drive, diversity awareness training, and dealing with bereavement leave.

This month's [Healthy & Resilient You](#) newsletter examines how a certain kind of optimistic attitude can help individuals be more resilient, as well as offering thoughts and suggestions for setting goals that are both realistic and optimistic.

At the [CONCERN](#) website, you will find tools and resources to help you live a happier, healthier life. To gain full access to these features, register using the Company Name/Code: SCCOE, then create your personal username.

SCCOE career opportunities

Job Openings

The SCCOE sends the latest openings every Wednesday to all employees via e-mail in the "SCCOE Jobs Bulletin."

Job Posting Deadline	03/22/17
Substitute/Relief Child Care Assistant I/II	03/22/17
Substitute/Relief Child Care Assistant I/II - Gilroy/Hollister	03/22/17
Substitute/Relief Education Assistant - Alternative Education	03/22/17
Substitute/Relief Facility Worker	03/22/17
Substitute/Relief Education Assistant - Special Education	03/13/17
Early Learning Services Specialist	03/13/17

Online Transfer Request Process-Classified Employment

The [online transfer request](#) process for classified employees launched on December 5, 2016. As we transition to the online format, the Transfer Opportunities Telephone Hotline (408-453-6618) will remain available until June 30, 2017, when it will be phased out.

Should you have any questions about the transfer process, please contact [Veronica Contreras](#), or [Jonathan Munoz](#), within Classified Personnel Services.

SCCOE health and wellness

Register for 'Heart & Soles' and help SCCOE

The SCCOE has partnered once again with the Silicon Valley Leadership Group Foundation and the City of San Jose to present the fourth annual Lam Research "[Heart & Soles](#) Run."

The event will take place at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 25 at the campus of Santa Clara University/Mission Santa Clara.

SCCOE employees who [register](#) will earn 100 Vitality Points, and an additional 100 points for every (non-SCCOE staff) friend or family member who joins you.

Wellness offerings

Coming March 17: Three new offerings on the Vitality Rewards page.

Vitality is expanding its rewards offerings to include gift cards in \$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations from three exciting new vendors, including [SpaWeek®](#), [Hotels.com®](#), and [UnderArmour.com®](#)

Whole Foods will be discontinued.

Unfortunately, Vitality is discontinuing gift card offers for Whole Foods . If you are saving your Vitality Bucks for Whole Foods, plan to use them before March 17, 2017.

Vitality Gym Benefit: Don't miss out on a \$200 rebate!

There are 25 weeks left for staff to meet the 70 Vitality verified, standard or advanced workout requirement and earn a gym rebate of up to \$200 (complimentary of SCCOE) to offset costs for gym fees. The previous Vitality partner gym subsidy program was replaced on Jan. 1 with this annual rebate structure.

Staff who pay for [SCCOE group exercise classes](#), such as the Yoga and Comfort Zone classes also qualify for this benefit. For details, log on to [Vitality](#) and navigate to REWARDS>Wellness Rebates>Gym Benefit>Apply online.

For more information, please review the [Vitality Gym Benefit FAQs](#) and send questions and concerns to [Tricia Zamora](#) or call (408) 453-3616.

Wellness events and classes

Colorful Choices - Healthy Eating Campaign

Join this exciting four-week wellness campaign and build strategies to increase the amount and variety of fruit and vegetables that you currently eat. [View details and materials](#) on the SCCOE Staff Wellness Webpage. [Register by March 31](#) if you are ready to nourish your

body well live optimally.

Bullet Proof Your Health

SCCOE has partnered with the Doctor Speakers Network and [Dr. Vicki Peterson](#), doctor of chiropractic and functional medicine, certified nutritionist, and executive director of [HealthNOW Medical Center](#) to offer four wellness talks.

- The Ultimate Heart Health Tune-Up, February 8 - [Participant Guide](#), [Recorded Talk](#)
- [Say Hello to a Better Body!](#), March 9 (noon-12:45 p.m.) Participants will learn about organic vs. nonorganic and non GMO foods, when to eat and how to fast for optimal health, healthy fats, carbohydrates and proteins and how they relate to disease prevention. [Register](#) and learn about other [Bullet Proof Your Health Talk Series](#).
- [Living Healthy in a Toxic World](#), April 11
- [Healthy Gut, Healthy You](#), May 8

Earn 50 Vitality Points when you attend or view the webinar or recorded talk and complete an [evaluation form](#). Earn 100 bonus Vitality Points when you complete all four talks and evaluations. Submit evaluation to [Tricia Zamora](#), Employee Wellness Specialist, (408) 453-3616.

Group exercise at SCCOE

Did you know that staff can get reimbursed for up to \$200 for participating in the group exercise classes and Vitality?

- [Comfort Zone noontime \(Feb. 27-April 5\)](#)
- [Yoga noontime \(Feb. 14 - April 11\)](#)

For more information, contact [Tricia Zamora](#), Employee Wellness Specialist, (408) 453-3616

Meet us on the trail

You can earn 250 Vitality Points for participating in a voluntary group activity! Meet SCCOE staff, family, friends, and even dogs (on some trails) at local parks or trails after work or on the weekends for noncompetitive events. There is a group walk scheduled for this Friday, March 10 at Communications Hill.

[View all upcoming walks/runs here](#) and contact the leader to participate.

Discounts and Deals

Registration Open for Walden West Summer Programs

SCCOE employees can register their children for one week of [Walden West's Summer Programs](#).



To set up your registration profile:

- Click through to the [web page](#).
- Use your SCCOE email address to learn more about the programs available.
- Contact [Jean Solidarios](#) at (408) 573-3057 by Monday, Feb. 27 with each child's name, age, and the program and date you would like them to attend.

Employee savings and discounts

Are you planning a weekend excursion? Make sure your first stop is the [SCCOE Intranet](#)!

You can download a coupon for a [10-percent discount](#) on an oil change. Don't forget all

SCCOE employees qualify for discounts at Golfland, Universal Studios, and Great America. Log on to the Intranet today to discover other great savings. You can also stop by the Human Resources front desk at the Ridder Park office for more information.

Help Families in Need

Do you have unused, travel-sized toiletries left over from your recent travels? If so, please bring them to Human Resources at Ridder Park for the toiletry charity drive. HR collects these items throughout the year, and our Special Education students assemble kits to donate to charities.

The charities involved include InnVision, the YWCA, and Next Door, which provide shelter and assistance to people of all ages, including women and children year-round. Items in demand include shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes, tissues, combs, and deodorant. Purses, socks, and other larger items are also accepted. Re-sealable bags for packaging the items are also needed.

Have you heard...?

Winners of Password Change

All SCCOE staff deserve one big final THANK YOU for participating in all the password-related projects in the past few months. Employees who had taken the opportunity to change their passwords in January were entered into a drawing for Amazon gift cards.



Winners of the \$50 cards were Debbie Pashley, Angelito Mesina Jr., Nithya Noone and Marcy Lauck. The lucky grand prize of \$100 went to Chris Hess! We appreciate everyone who took the time to update their passwords. Our collective efforts went a long way toward ensuring the security of our systems and data. [Click here](#) for details of the

gift card drawing.

New Translation & Interpretation Services

To assist with communicating to our diverse stakeholders, the SCCOE now has translation and interpretation services available. Edilma Roulette is the Translator/Interpreter, and she is here to help. All you need to do is fill out a [Project Request Form](#), and your request will be promptly answered. For questions, please contact [Edilma Roulette](#) at (408) 453-4287.

Other news from around the SCCOE

- Wondering how you can help San Jose flood victims? The Red Cross has resources available for those who have lost their homes or need assistance during the evacuations. You can help those affected by donating your time, or any amount of money [here](#).
- Still need to change your SCCOE password? [Click here](#) to learn how.
- All SCCOE employee W-2s are accessible online. Visit our [ESS System](#), login look under the heading "My Info," select "Payroll," and select "W-2s."
- Did you know you can now track your packages from the SCCOE? The [SCCOE Package Tracking System](#) allows you to track your packages using the purchase order number, the stores issue number, or the barcode. For more information check out the attached [instruction guide](#) from our Warehouse Team.

- Tell your friends the [Teacher Recruitment Fair](#) will be on Saturday, March 25.
- April is Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month. View a schedule of events [here](#), or [click here to register](#) for the showcase on April 27, 2017.
- The SCCOE hosts events, performances, and activities throughout the year. From conferences to training, there's always something exciting happening. Be sure to check out the resources available to you on our [event calendar](#), and sign up today!
- Stay informed about the latest SCCOE news, [subscribe](#) to our external newsletter the [Education Bulletin](#), a monthly electronic publication that highlights recent initiatives, accomplishments, and programs involving students, county board members, and staff at the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

Want to share departmental events or news?

Let us know. Anyone can submit a piece to News Roundup. Just draft a brief memo (100 words or less) have it approved by your branch chief, and email it to [Charlotte Orr](#), Communication/Staff Liaison.

Stay up to date with activities throughout the school year by ['liking' us on Facebook](#) and following us on [LinkedIn](#) or [Twitter](#) @SCCOE.

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