Welcome back to the 'Safety Edition' of Roundup

As a regional service agency providing support to 31 school districts, the SCCOE recognizes the need for clear and comprehensive safety and emergency communication. Our goal is to increase situational awareness of safety by creating a “culture of safety.”

Thus, on a quarterly basis, your regularly scheduled News Roundup will be solely dedicated to safety and emergency communication updates, news, and tips to keep you prepared and in the know. “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” -- Benjamin Franklin

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As members of #TeamSCCOE, we are committed to serving students and educators. But did you know that as a public employee, we are also a disaster service workers (DSW)? This means that in the event of an emergency such as a major natural disaster, we are required by law to report to work to provide disaster service to the public.

Throughout October, we will share tips, tricks, and resources to ensure safety. An effective plan in place at home ensures your family knows what to do in an emergency, and alleviates while fulfilling our primary duties of looking after the students we serve during a time of crisis.

Here are some great resources you can share with your students and family, check out these kid-friendly resources, and make a plan.

PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)

What is a Public Safety Power Shutoff?
In order to keep communities safe, your local energy company may need to turn off power during extreme weather or wildfire conditions. This is called a Public Safety Power Shutoff.

What can I do to prepare for a Public Safety Power Shutoff?
The effects of climate change are making California’s wildfire season longer and more intense, threatening our homes, our lives, and our economy. That is why it is important to prepare an emergency plan in advance in the event your family is affected by a power shutoff – or any other emergency.

- Sign-up for PSPS alerts by visiting PG&E Alerts and Information.
- Have a personal safety plan in place for every member of your household (including pets).
- Plan for any medical needs like medications that need to be refrigerated or devices that require power.
- Build or restock your emergency supply kit, including food, water, flashlights, a radio, fresh batteries, first aid supplies, and cash.
Identify backup charging methods for phones.
Learn how to manually open your garage door.
If you own a backup generator, ensure it is ready to safely operate.

To learn more ways to prepare, download this helpful fact sheet.

The Great ShakeOut is coming!!

At 10:17 a.m. on October 17, the SCCOE will join millions of people in practicing Drop, Cover, and Hold On through the Great ShakeOut.

October 17 represents the 30th anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake that struck the Bay Area.

Are you prepared? What we do to prepare now, before the next big earthquake, will determine how well we can survive and recover. Here are some helpful preparation tips to remember, whether at work or home:

• Sign up to receive emergency alerts and notifications at AlertSCC
• Make a family emergency plan
• Gather emergency supplies
• Create an emergency kit
• Create a go-kit
• Download a copy of Staying Safe Where the Earth Shakes - Bay Area Edition

PLAY BEAT THE QUAKE Can you ‘Beat the Quake’? Here’s your chance!
Test your knowledge to help sharpen your skills and understanding how you can better prepare yourself to ‘Beat the Quake’!

Special Education ‘Back to School’ Raffle Winners!

Congratulations to the following staff members who were randomly selected as winners of the Emergency Preparedness, School Safety & Security Raffle!

Grand Prize winners received an Emergency Backpack with supplies donated by the American Red Cross

Zeny San Agustin
Teacher (Hubbard School)

Christine Headley
School Nurse (Ridder Park)

Holly Miller
Paraeducator (Carson School)

Prize winner #1 received a Two-in-One Water and Gas Shutoff Tool donated by the Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Services

Rebecca Dimas
Teacher (Majestic Way)

Prize Winner #2 received a Draw-string Emergency Go Bag & Emergency Crank Radio donated by the Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Services

Bryan Cirimele
Teacher (Westmont High)
End of Daylight Saving Time 2019

Daylight Saving Time will end Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 a.m. On this day, remember to set your clocks back 1-hour.

Use the upcoming time change as a reminder for some very important preparation pieces! Remember to do these things twice per year when you reset your clocks:

- **Check and replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.** Replace any smoke alarms older than ten years. Replace any CO alarms older than five years.
- **Prepare a disaster supply kit** for your house (water, food, flashlights, batteries, blankets).
  - Once you've created your home disaster kit, use the semi-annual time change to check its contents (including testing/replacing flashlight batteries).
- **A COLD and WET winter is coming! Make a "winter home & car-emergency kit."**
  - This is a great time to create or restock your home winter preparedness kit. It should include flashlights, batteries, matches, a manual can opener, first-aid kit, unexpired medications, battery-powered radio, extra pillows and blankets, and a list of emergency contact numbers.
  - For a proper car winter preparedness kit, it is recommended to have it include: flares, flashlight, batteries, warm clothes, blanket, water, non-perishable snacks, shovel, reflective hazard triangle, jumper cables, winter hat and gloves.
- **Check and discard expired medications**
  - Expiration dates DO matter when it comes to medications, prescribed and over-the-counter. Serious problems can be caused by taking expired over-the-counter medication.
  - Check out what the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommends for discarding unused medications.

Text-to-911 is NOW Available in Santa Clara County

Dialing 9-1-1 in an emergency is still the preferred way to request help, and the public is reminded to 'Call if you can. Text if you can’t.'

Text to 9-1-1 is intended primarily for use in three emergency scenarios:

- For an individual who is deaf, hard-of-hearing, or has a speech disability.
- For someone who is in a situation where it is not safe to place a voice call to 9-1-1.
- A medical emergency that renders the person incapable of speech.

If you need help, but cannot safely speak on the phone or are unable to speak, use your mobile phone to send a text message to 911.

**How do I text to 9-1-1?**

- Enter the numbers 911 (no dashes or spaces) in the ‘To’ field.
- The first text message to 9-1-1 should be brief. Include address, city and type of emergency (police, fire or medical).
- Push the “Send” button.
- Be prepared to answer questions and follow instructions from the 9-1-1 call taker.
- Text in simple words – do not use abbreviations or slang.
- Keep text messages brief and concise

Want additional information? Here are some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ’s).

Text to 9-1-1 is currently available in the unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County, and the cities of Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga and Sunnyvale.

The cities of Campbell and Los Gatos are expected to offer the service by the end of 2019.

Tell your friends, now is the time to join #TeamSCCOE

For a list of all job postings, visit EdJoin.

Certificated Positions
Principal - Special Education  
Behavioral Support - School Psychologist/Therapist  
Itinerant Audiologist  
Psychologist  
Speech Language Pathologist

**Classified Positions**  
Accountant I/II  
Graphic Designer  
Credential Services Specialist I/II  
Research Analyst, Senior/Grant Writer  
Environmental Education Liaison/Recruiter  
Substitute/Relief Home Visiting Specialist

**Online Transfer Request**  
The transfer request process for classified employees is available online. Should you have any questions about the transfer process, please contact Marisa Perry within Classified Personnel Services

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**Want to share departmental events or news?**

Is your team or department working on an interesting project or offering a service that you want to share? Submit a project request to Media & Communications for a social media post or campaign! We want to share the story of SCCOE with our audience, and that includes sharing what we all do every day.

Draft a brief memo (100 words or less), have it approved by your division chief, and email it to communications@sccoe.org no later than the Thursday before issue date or call (408) 453-6824 for questions and News Roundup event tips.

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