



COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION



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January 2024 Newsletter

The San Benito County Office of Education is proud to share our January newsletter with you. Each month, we update you on programs, events and news in the county office and the districts we serve in San Benito County. In addition, we invite you to stay connected through our various social media platforms.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and our students across San Benito County as we

*Engage, Encourage, Empower...**Educate!***

SBCOE Hosts Math and Literacy Events in January

As part of its Building Bridges 2 Literacy Initiative, the San Benito County Office of Education is promoting math and reading for families, educators and community members this month through the Julia Robinson Math Festival and SBCOE Literacy Summit.

SBCOE's Julia Robison Math Festival was held Wednesday, January 10. This fun, family event provided a variety of math-related games and activities for all math levels with the goal of building math skills through art and play. Participants took-home math puzzles and prizes and enjoyed learning to have fun with math. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event successful.



SBCOE is debuting its first **Literacy Summit** Thursday, January 25 from 4:30-7:00pm. The summit features keynote speaker, Dr. Kate Kinsella, a highly-sought after speaker and consultant to school districts who provides guidance and training for teachers nationwide.

Activities include roundtable discussions on literacy at various grade levels, dinner, and networking. In addition, the top 15 readers from our Winter Reading Challenge will be honored at the event. Register at <https://sanbenito.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=242988>. For more information, contact Mai Cruz at mcruz@sbcoe.org.



SBCOE Above & Beyond Award Recipients

This month, SBCOE recognizes Anabel Ramirez and Rolan Resendiz as our Above & Beyond Award Recipients.

Anabel serves as a Teacher Assistant for our Alternative Education programs, working with students individually and in small groups to help them understand the material better, especially in the area of mathematics. Anabel's firm but caring demeanor provides students with a positive role model they look forward to seeing each day and is one reason so many of them are successful.

Rolan is an Alternative Education Teacher at Santa Ana Opportunity School. Although this is his first year

teaching at the school, he has already built strong, positive relationships with his students and staff members. Rolan's classroom is a place where students learn a wide variety of skills, both academic and social emotional, and gain confidence in their abilities. Because of his connections with students, many of them are thriving and succeeding in ways they never thought possible .

SBCOE to Celebrate Winter Reading Challenge Winners

San Benito County Office of Education is excited to announce the top 15 readers from our Winter Reading Challenge which ran December 1 through January 5. This year, we will be honoring each of the students listed below at the San Benito County Literacy Summit on January 25, 2024.

In just over one month, students across the county read 1,633,348 words and 10 students read 20,000 words or more each! Look for our Spring Reading Challenge starting in February. If you are not already registered for Footsteps2 Brilliance, you can do so at www.myf2b.com/register/SanBenitoCOE.

SBCOE Winter Reading Challenge Winners

Joseph Zacharie	Inman
Eduarte	Kennedy
Jane	Miller
Canning	Sarah
Bingham	Southivongnorath
McCraw	Aiden
Daniel	Perlera
Huerta	Logan
Norman Glenn	Kreuzer
Campos	Nikita
Conor	Hung
Ballinger	Ariana
Emmanuel	Rodriguez
Diaz Hernandez	Natallia
Charlotte	Tapia



San Benito County Spelling Bee Begins January 31



It's time once again for San Benito County's Annual Spelling Bee Competition! This year's Preliminary Spelling Bee Rounds will take place January 31 from 5:30-6:30pm at the Hollister Dual Language Academy Gym for 4-6th and 7-9th grade students. Finals for both age groups are scheduled for February 6 at 5:30pm at the Veteran's Memorial Building in downtown Hollister. For more information, contact Tony Balbas at tbalbas@sbcoe.org.

Register at <https://forms.gle/HgVdi9kEfFVRbziP6>



SBC Spelling Bee
Preliminary Rounds
January 31, 2024 5:30-6:30pm
HDLA Gym
Championship Rounds
February 6, 2024 5:30-6:30pm
Veteran's Memorial Building

Register at:

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SBCOE Offers Early Literacy Certification

Beginning February 3, 2024, SBCOE will offer a new Early Literacy Certification Program to community child care providers and preschool teachers. The program is designed to help participants create and implement an Early Literacy Plan that includes six literacy components and five areas of reading. Participants will build their own knowledge around how children learn to read so they are better prepared to help children develop the literacy skills they will need when they enter kindergarten. Studies have shown that students who read at grade level by 3rd grade are much more likely to graduate from high school. The Early Literacy Certification Program is part of SBCOE's Building Bridges 2 Literacy Initiative.

In addition to learning more about literacy, attendees will also make new connections with other childcare providers and teachers. If you would like more information or are interested in participating in the program, contact Keith Thorbahn at kthorbahn@sbcoe.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 2024



SBC STEAM EXPO

March 13, 2023

4:00-7:00pm

Veteran's Memorial Building

Present your Science Fair Projects, STEAM Projects & Inventions.



SBC Annual Arts Showcase

April 12, 2023

4:00-7:00pm

Veteran's Memorial Building

Showcase your visual and performing arts.

Professional Learning Opportunities

Jan 10: SBCOE Math Festival

<https://sanbenito.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=243247>

4:30-6:30pm

Veteran's Memorial Building

Jan 11: Educational Benefit Workshop

<https://sanbenito.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=242025>

3:00-4:00pm via Zoom

Jan 18: Intermediate SIRAS Training

<https://sanbenito.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=242719>

3:00-4:00pm

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Jan 18: SBC SEL CoP and PBIS 2.0

<https://sanbenito.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=243033>

3:30-5:00pm

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Jan 25: Tips for a Parent Friendly IEP

<https://sanbenito.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=242386>

3:00-4:00pm via Zoom

Jan 25: Restorative Practices SEL Workshop #1

<https://sanbenito.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=243028>

3:30-5:00pm via Zoom

Jan 25: SBCOE Literacy Summit

<https://sanbenito.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=242988>

4:30-7:00pm

Veteran's Memorial Building

Jan 26: Capitol Advisors Budget Workshop

<https://budgetperspectivesworkshop.regfox.com/governors-budget-2023-24>

2:30-4:30pm

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Jan 30: Restorative Practices SEL Workshop #2

<https://sanbenito.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=243028>

3:30-5:00pm via Zoom

Jan 31: SBC Mental Health Provider Network

<https://sanbenito.k12oms.org/eventdetail.php?id=240475>

3:00-4:30pm

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Meetings

Jan 12: SARB Hearing

8:00am-12:00pm

Sherriff's Office

Jan 12: Mental Health Lead Meeting

10:30am-12:00pm

SBCOE Boardroom

Jan 17: Rural Principals PLN

3:30-5:00pm

Southside Elementary

Jan 25: Induction Coach Workshop

3:45-4:45pm via Zoom

Jan 31: C & I Network and EL Steering

1:00-3:00pm

SBCOE Boardroom