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Program helps Saratoga students develop creative, technical skills

About 170 K-8 students participated in Jumpstart's enrichment activities



A Saratoga Union School District student participates in the Jumpstart Enrichment Program. The four-week program was held this summer to help students develop their creative, analytical and technical skills. (Courtesy photo)



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Enrichment program

The Saratoga Union School District hosted about 170 students in a four-week enrichment program this summer.

The annual Jumpstart Enrichment Program was held from June 15 to July 10. It provides an opportunity for students entering kindergarten through eighth grade to develop their creative, analytical and technical skills, according to Jessica Baker, the school district's director of extended learning programs. The children were also able to collaborate, build lasting friendships and form a supportive community.

Students interested in engineering tackled complex, collaborative projects in the Design Challenge courses and young artists experimented with new mediums in art class. digital creators also navigated advanced coding and robotics milestones in specialized Minecraft, Tynker Coding and LEGO Robotics classes. During recess, students from different campuses connected and played together, establishing a foundation of teamwork and district-wide unity.

Midpen midterms

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District has four board seats up for grabs in the Nov. 3 general election, including Ward 1, which encompasses Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga and the Lexington Hills.





Members of the public interested in running for office have until 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 7, to file the required paperwork. As of July 24, Ward 1 incumbent Craig Gleason was being challenged by Tina To.

Candidate filing for non-incumbents is extended only if an incumbent does not file nomination papers by the deadline.

Midpen is a public agency created by local voters and governed by a publicly elected board of directors. Each of Midpen's seven directors serve four-year terms on the board, representing the residents of a geographic area, or ward, within Midpen's boundaries. Directors help set strategic direction for the agency, overseeing policies, annual budgets and work plans. The board generally holds its regular public meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m.

Eligible board candidates must be at least 18 years old and be registered to vote and reside within the ward they seek to represent.



Potential candidates are required to gather signatures from 50 registered voters in their ward on a nomination form provided by Midpen's clerk.

To file nomination papers, contact Midpen's clerk at 650-691-1200 or clerk@openspace.org to make an appointment to receive and submit the required paperwork. For more information, visit openspace.org/election-information.

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