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Tulare County administrators invited to learn about arts resources available through QUAIL Project

The federally-funded Quality Arts Instruction and Learning (QUAIL) Project was announced last fall. Next month, the QUAIL Project is officially launching with a virtual information meeting. Tulare County K-12 administrators are invited to attend the session on May 13 to learn about the breadth of professional learning opportunities for all educators.

Housed in Educational Resource Services (ERS) under the direction of Kate Stover, arts staff development and curriculum specialist, the QUAIL Project is funded by a five-year, \$1.7 million grant through the U.S. Department of Education's Assistance for Arts Education (AAE) program. "We are honored to be AAE grantees and are looking forward to working with districts and educators across the county to expand high-quality arts instruction and learning," Stover said.

Open to all Tulare County school districts, the primary goal of the no-cost QUAIL Project is to improve student artistic literacy and academic performance by supporting educators in designing and implementing high-quality, standards-based instruction in the five arts disciplines (dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts). From professional learning opportunities to networks and improvement communities, QUAIL provides a continuum of support for arts education.



The QUAIL Project

Quality Arts Instruction and Learning

Rooted in improvement science and aligned to the eight state LCAP priorities, QUAIL provides coaching and mentoring for educators, as well as academic and social-emotional supports for students. The project welcomes all educators – single subject art



specialists, general education teachers, administrators, counselors, and community arts educators. Additionally, the program will offer intensive summer and winter institutes and reactivate the county’s artists in schools program. To participate in QUAIL, districts must enroll in the free program. Cohorts will begin in the 2022-2023 school year.

A virtual information session for Tulare County administrators will be held on Friday, May 13 from 10:00 until 11:00 am. Registration is available at tulare.k12oms.org/147-217419. For more information on the QUAIL Project, contact Kate Stover at kate.stover@tcoe.org.

Home Base programs invite parents and children to in-person gatherings

On Monday, TCOE’s Early Childhood Education (ECE) Home Base programs began a fun and learning-filled social week. Children and their families joined Home Base educators around the county for a Spring Event, which was the first face-to-face convening for some of the Home Base programs since the pandemic.



“It’s a big deal because it’s been two years since we’ve done this,” said Claudia Caraballo with the Home Base program in Tulare. Before the pandemic, families and teachers would meet twice every month. Caraballo said the purpose of these events is

to prepare children for the classroom. Children work with their teachers and family members during in-person events to learn at a table, follow directions, and socialize.

On Monday, Caraballo and teachers held their event outside the Tulare Public Library. Children and their families worked together to create handprint flowers with paint and paper while at the library. They also socialized with each other by blowing bubbles when waiting for their turn at the hand-painting tables. A health advocate was also present to check the children's weight, height, vision, and hearing.

When they were finished, children and their families received bags with homework packages, books, thermometers, and healthy eating information. Seeds and soil for planting flowers back home were also included. Several other free resources were available for families to take home too.

ECE home-based services are provided through weekly home visits to each enrolled child and family. An ECE home educator provides child-focused visits that promote the parents' ability to support the child's development. Twice per month, the program offers opportunities for parents and children to come together as a group for learning, discussion and social activity.

For more information about the Home Base program, contact Lorena Castillo at lorena.castillo@cc.tcoe.org.

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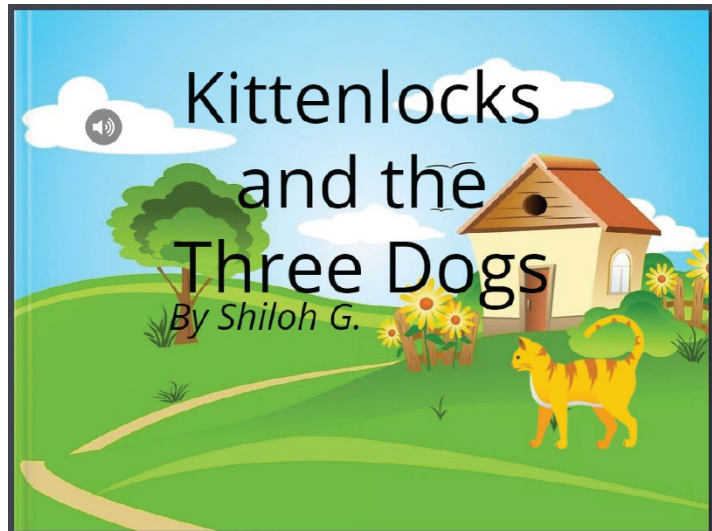
~ At the Tulare Spring Event, children blew bubbles together while waiting to work with their families on an art project or speak with a health advocate.



Eighteen books selected as exemplary in annual Young Authors' Faire event

This week, organizers of the annual Young Authors' Faire (YAF) announced that 18 books had been selected as exemplary works in the month-long, online exhibition. The books are organized into five categories of exemplary work – Fiction, Non-Fiction, Class Book, Illustration, and Graphics/Images.

For 2022, nearly 100 students from 10 schools developed 48 imaginative books. To enjoy all of the books submitted to YAF, click on the Virtual Book Gallery link at www.tcoe.org/YoungAuthorsFaire. A link to the 18 exemplary books can be found at the bottom of the page.



Every year, the Tulare County Office of Education invites students to participate in YAF. The event offers budding writers in grades K-8 an opportunity to showcase their writing and illustration work at the county level and be recognized in a variety of genres. In recent years, the books submitted to the event have been published online.

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~ Manuel F. Hernandez Elementary School third-grader Shiloh G's book, Kittenlocks and the Three Dogs, won an Exemplary award in graphics/images.

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