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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Tulare County History Day 2012

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., March 16 · TCOE Doe Avenue Complex, Visalia

The annual Tulare County History Day event will be held Friday, March 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Tulare County Office of Education's Doe Avenue Complex. The complex is located in Visalia at 7000 Doe Avenue, north of Goshen Avenue off of Shirk Road. The public is welcome to attend. This year, 106 students representing Cherry Avenue Middle School (Tulare), the Dinuba GATE Program, Kings River Union School (Kingsburg), Palo Verde Union School (Tulare), Reagan Elementary School (Lindsay), Sequoia Union School (Lemon Cove), and Sundale Union School (Tulare) will present 49 projects.

History Day is a theme-based research program that breathes life into California Content Standards and reading/language arts themes. The broad theme for 2012 is *Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in History*.

Tulare County History Day is a showcase of original presentations by students who have researched historical issues, ideas, people and events. Students may choose any topic in local, national or world history and explore its significance relative to the annual theme.

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Students compete in three grade categories: 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Students in grades 4-5 compete in the poster category only. Students in the two upper-grade categories present findings through one of the following categories: historical paper, exhibit, performance, documentary or historical web site. Except for the historical paper category, students may collaborate in groups of up to five students, or they may work individually. At the event, presentations are evaluated by local historians and educators who look for a balance of perspectives in the project and the types of research cited in the bibliography.

The Tulare County Office of Education is proud to sponsor this event in conjunction with the Constitutional Rights Foundation. This year, the state History Day competition will be held April 27-29, 2012 at the Riverside Convention Center.

“Students involved in History Day do a phenomenal job of preparing for the competition,” says County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “Each year, they produce awesome videos, exhibits, reenactments and web sites on important aspects of local, state, national or world history.”

For more information, contact the event coordinator, Dr. Glenn Williams, Instructional Consultant at (559) 651-3031. More information is also available at www.tcoe.org/historyday.

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