

Friends of SCICON organization seeks support for program



Traditionally, the annual SCICON Barbecue & Wildflower Festival has been an event used by the nonprofit Friends of SCICON organization to raise money for the outdoor education school. While the 2021 SCICON Barbecue originally scheduled for Sunday, April 18, has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Friends of SCICON is still eager to accept donations to support the program.

Friends of SCICON asks readers to consider donating the cost of a barbecue meal ticket this year to support SCICON as it makes plans to welcome students back to campus in the fall. The preparations needed to welcome students safely – even on a modified basis – will take extra care. Friends of SCICON pledges to support the program's efforts in any way possible through donations sent to Friends of SCICON at PO Box 426, Springville, CA 93265 or by visiting www.friendsofscicon.org/support.

Parents and community members who want to see examples of the fun and engaging science and conservation lessons taught at SCICON are invited to watch the short videos on TCOE's YouTube Channel at <u>tcoe.org/YouTubeSCICON</u>.

CHARACTER COUNTS! offers sportsmanship training for coaches this month

Coaches, athletic directors, administrators, officials, and other youth leaders are invited to register for one of two Pursuing Victory With Honor (PVWH) sportsmanship workshops being offered April 28. This in-service will help participants develop the tools and strategies needed to coach the Six Pillars of Character in athletics and activities. Participants will also learn to turn values into behaviors, as well as develop implementation plans to Teach, Enforce, Advocate, and Model the Six Pillars of Character on their teams. To register for the 90-minute virtual morning session, scheduled for 9:00 until 10:30 a.m., visit <u>tulare.k12oms.org/1530-198069</u>. Registration for an afternoon session, scheduled for 4:00 until 5:30 p.m., is available by visiting <u>tulare.k12oms.org/1530-201272</u>.



In addition to the PVWH training this month, the CHARACTER COUNTS! staff is available to consult with coaches and athletic directors on creating a variety of lessons, including student-athlete leadership on and off the field, responsible nutrition, goal setting, performance anxiety, and body image. To arrange for Zoom or in-person guided instructional services, contact Kelley Petty, CHARACTER COUNTS! program coordinator, at <u>kelleyp@tcoe.org</u>.

Math Super Bowl results and projects on Common Core Connect

Over 300 seventh- and eighth-grade students from 20 schools participated in the 48th annual Math Super Bowl, held virtually March 23. The students competed in two segments – the Power Bowl, where they worked independently to solve eight problems, and the Pro Bowl, where they worked in small teams to solve one of four open-ended problems.

Students who earned superior ratings in the Pro Bowl showed resilience in applying the math skills they have gained during this unique academic year. The Pro Bowl superior projects are highlighted in a link found at commoncore.tcoe.org/student-events/math-super-bowl.



Photo above:

~ During the Math Super Bowl held March 23, students worked virtually in teams to solve one of four problems. Projects that received a superior rating are now featured online.

2021 Tulare County Schools Directory now online

An updated version of the Tulare County Schools Directory is now available online at <u>tcoe.org/Directory</u>, with a pdf version available for printing. On the webpage, readers can find links to listings of TCOE staff, contact information for various programs, services and events, and information on Tulare County schools, districts, and charter schools.

The information in the printable pdf was accurate as of April 12, 2021. Staff or district personnel who notice errors in the information in the pdf or on any of the web pages are encouraged to notify Rob Herman at <u>robh@tcoe.org</u>. Online staff and district web pages are updated continually. The pdf version of the directory will be updated again early next fall.



Distance Learning Resources

- Arts All Around Us
- <u>TCOE Learning at Home</u>
- <u>TCOE's Educational Resource Services Library</u>

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