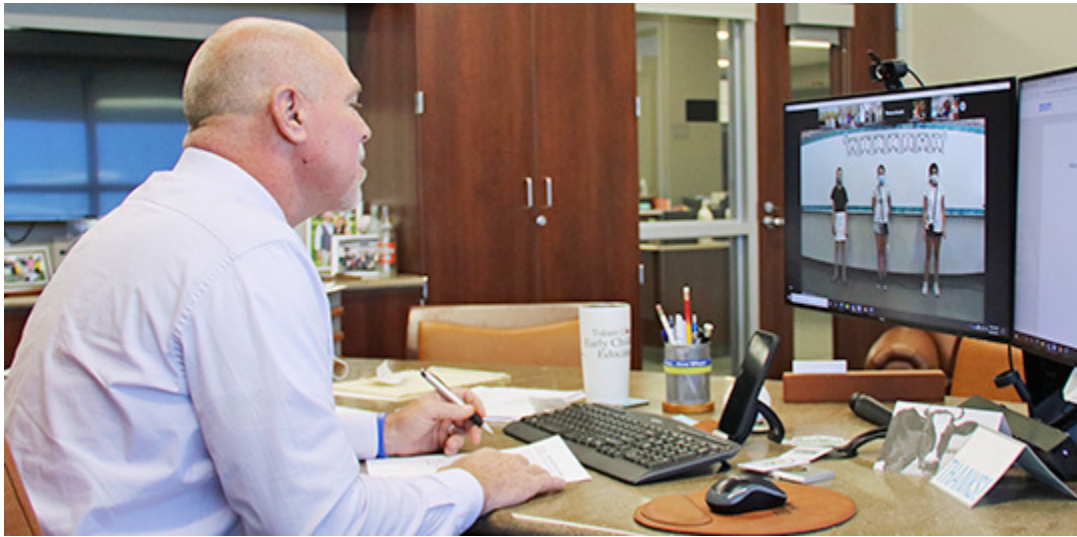


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## Poetry & Prose being held virtually this week for over 300 students



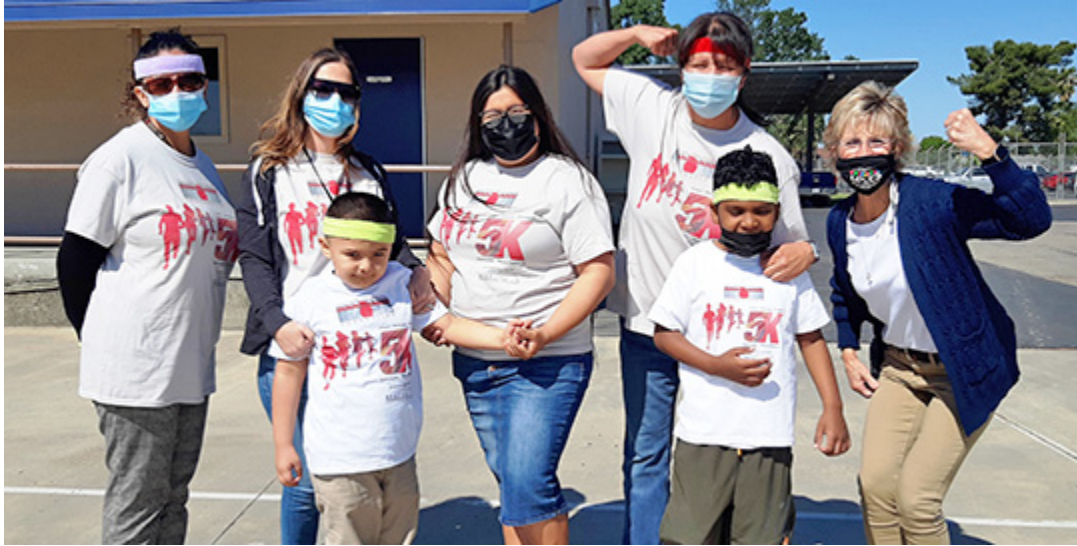
Over 300 students from 34 Tulare County elementary and middle schools are participating virtually this week in the annual Poetry & Prose event. This year marks the 36th year of the oral interpretation event. Much like the in-person event, students present their poetry selections solo or in small groups to a judge who provides a written assessment of their performance. The event is designed to build students' appreciation for poetry and sharpen their public speaking and performance skills.

*Photo above:*

*~ Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Tim Hire served as a judge today, conducting two sessions. He is pictured listening to the recitation of Stella, Amelia, and Camilla, fifth-grade students at Denton Elementary School in Visalia.*

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## Students help support the TCOE Foundation



Students in Socorro Arias's AcCEL classroom at Maple Elementary in Tulare got some exercise this week by participating in the TCOE Foundation's first annual 5K Run/Walk. They also helped raise money for the Foundation by securing pledges from parents and community members. In fact, the class was successful in raising nearly \$900 for the Foundation – money which will be used as grants to Tulare County Office of Education programs and events, as well as to support innovative ideas submitted by educators from throughout Tulare County.

The 5K Run/Walk is envisioned as an annual event, held in conjunction with a large family festival in Mooney Grove Park. While the COVID-19 pandemic prevented the Foundation from hosting a public event, it was able to hold its first annual 5K Run/Walk virtually. Next spring, the Foundation hopes to hold its first in-person family fundraiser event to bring the community together to celebrate student talents and enjoy fun and healthy activities.

*Photo above:*

*~ Students and staff in Socorro Arias's AcCEL classroom helped raise money for the TCOE Foundation by participating in the organization's virtual 5K Run/Walk. Pictured with students are (l-r) Maria Gallegos, Kristi Lomonaco, Socorro Arias, Cirena Gomez, and Maple Elementary School Principal Valerie Brown.*

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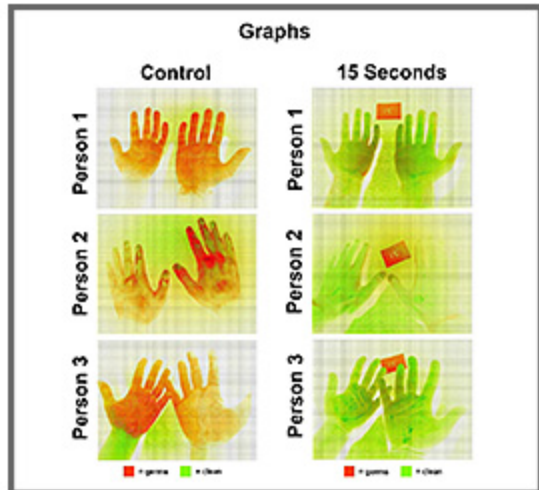
## Two Tulare County students receive awards at state science fair

Two of the six Tulare County students selected to present their projects virtually at the 70th Annual California Science & Engineering Fair April 13 received state awards. Aaliyah Paggi of Three Rivers Union School received second place in the Junior Microbiology Category for her project *How Long Should You Wash Your Hands?* Eli Lang, also of Three Rivers Union School, received honorable mention in the Junior Zoology Category for his project, *Calcium Level in Mealworms*.

For a list of all Tulare County Science & Engineering Fair results, visit [tcoe.org/ScienceFair](http://tcoe.org/ScienceFair).

*Photo above:*

~ Three Rivers Union School student Aaliyah Paggi developed a project entitled *How Long Should You Wash Your Hands?* Aaliyah's project placed second in the Junior Microbiology Category at the California Science & Engineering Fair.



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## Nationally-recognized children's book illustrator speaks to young authors

Rafael Lopez, a national award-winning children's book illustrator, was the keynote speaker to students who participated in the annual Young Authors' Faire this month. Mr. Lopez, who was born in Mexico but now lives in San Diego, talked to students via Zoom about his work. In his 50-minute presentation, he encouraged students to create artwork from their heads and their hearts.

The public is invited to read the wonderful books submitted to the annual Young Authors' Faire and leave comments for the authors during the remainder of the week. The books are available at [tcoe.org/YoungAuthorsFaire](http://tcoe.org/YoungAuthorsFaire).



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## Distance Learning Resources

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