

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## Second annual SEL Summit scheduled for May 4



Registration is now open for the 2024 Social-Emotional Learning Summit, which will be held Saturday, May 4 at SCICON in Springville.

Teams of adults and student leaders are encouraged to attend. “We invite Tulare County educators and student leaders to learn together how they can strengthen student voice on campus and strengthen connections between their school, students, and families,” said Lisa Lemus, the event coordinator. “Throughout the day, you’ll hear from various school teams on the programs they’ve created to affect engagement and the social-emotional climates of their campuses. The presenting schools represent the work of upper elementary, middle, and high school teams, so there’s something for everyone.”

At the summit, attendees will also have the opportunity to connect through nature and breakout sessions – or “adventures” – of their choice. Adventures include creating art, acts of service, trail walks, and yoga. There will also be sessions on topics such as restorative circles, mindfulness, self-care, and much more. The TCOE Behavioral Health Services team is creating a wellness room again this year with an immersive experience entitled, “Shadows, Sand, and Wildflowers,” which will include still-life painting.



The free summit will be held from 8:15 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. with registration sponsored by CalHOPE. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. To register, visit <https://forms.gle/phcNkiCCzYN55mf68>.

For more information about the summit, visit [tcoe.org/SELSummit](http://tcoe.org/SELSummit) or contact Lisa Lemus at (559) 302-3629 or [lisa.lemus@tcoe.org](mailto:lisa.lemus@tcoe.org).

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## Reception for Porterville Art Show to be held Wednesday, March 6

A reception for the Museum Masterpieces: Youth Art Show will be held Wednesday, March 6 to showcase 252 pieces of student artwork from Porterville area small schools.

The opening reception for the student artists will be held from 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Porterville Historical Museum, located at 257 North D Street in Porterville.

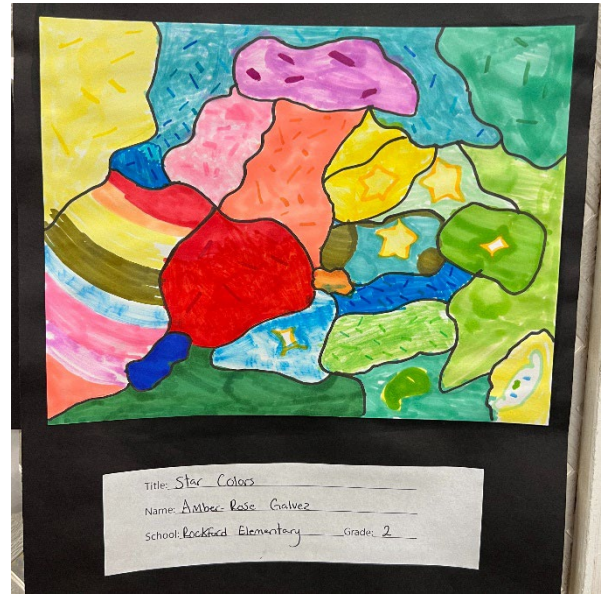


The show debuts Friday and will continue through the end of March, which is Arts Education Month. The artwork is in the Main Exhibit Hall of the museum and can be viewed Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Five districts participated in the TK-8 art show, including, Hope, Rockford, Saucelito, Springville, and Terra Bella.

“We are so honored to give our small and rural schools in the Porterville area the opportunity to see their artwork displayed in the museum. And we are grateful to the museum for opening their doors for this event,” said Kate Stover, TCOE’s Visual & Performing Arts Staff Development & Curriculum Specialist.

Museum Masterpieces is a partnership between the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) and the Porterville Historical Museum. The collaboration is part of the QUAIL Project, TCOE’s federally-funded arts program. One of the main goals of QUAIL is the development of new arts-related community partnerships and events.



For more information, contact Kate Stover at [kate.stover@tcoe.org](mailto:kate.stover@tcoe.org).

Photos above:

Colorful Flowers by eighth-grader Jeremiah Lopez of Saucelito Elementary School (top) and Star Colors by second-grader Amber Rose Galvez of Rockford Elementary School are part of the Museum Masterpieces: Youth Art Show at the Porterville Historical Museum.

## Palo Verde, Saucelito win at the Anti-Tobacco/Marijuana Challenge Bowl

This week, the CHOICES Prevention Program hosted the annual Anti-Tobacco/Marijuana Challenge Bowl. Twenty-eight teams of sixth and seventh graders battled it out in the game show-style event, answering questions about



the harmful effects of tobacco and marijuana use, and the industries that promote their use.

At lunch, students had the opportunity to pose for pictures with Star Wars characters from the Central California Garrison of the 501<sup>st</sup> Legion.

Teams also participated in the Soapbox component of the competition, sponsored by the state Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) program. Teams created public service announcement (PSA) presentations, which will be judged later. Judges will select three teams to present their Soapbox PSAs live at the 2024 Lip Sync competition on April 12 at the Visalia Fox Theatre.

Winning first place in the sixth-grade category was Palo Verde Union School. The sixth-grade team from Springville Union School finished second.

Saucelito School won first in the seventh-grade category. The seventh-grade team from Palo Verde Union School finished second.



The competition was held again this year at the Galaxy Theatres Tulare. The Challenge Bowl is supported by TUPE and Friday Night Live.

Photos above:

~ The sixth-grade Palo Verde Union School (top) team and the seventh-grade Saucelito School (bottom) team were the winners of the annual Anti-Tobacco/Marijuana Challenge Bowl.

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## Red Ribbon Week proceeds presented to Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sequoias



This week, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Tim Hire and Jennifer Fisher, chairperson of the Tulare County Office of Education Red Ribbon Week (RRW) event, visited the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sequoias to present a check to Galen Quenzer, the organization's executive director. The check, in the amount of \$6,000.00, was raised from the contributions of TCOE employees and community partners to RRW events last fall.

Quenzer said the clubs plan to use the money to expand science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) activities for students they serve.

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program in the nation. It is celebrated by schools during the last week of October, annually.

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## Around the County

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## Five Tulare County wrestlers medal at state championships



Last Saturday, five Tulare County high school wrestlers finished their seasons as medalists at the conclusion of the CIF State Wrestling Championships held at Mechanics Bank Arena in Bakersfield.

Placing sixth in their respective weight classes for the boys were: El Diamante's Christopher Creason (157 pounds), Exeter's Tommy Thongseng (144 pounds), Monache's Jacob Perez (132 pounds), and Tulare Union's Dominic Wilson (215 pounds).

In girls, Redwood's Audrey Segura placed eighth at 155 pounds.

Photo above:

~ Tulare Union High School's Dominic Wilson, left, competes in a match at the CIF Central Section Wrestling Championships at Selland Arena February 17 in Fresno. In the 215-pound bracket, Wilson placed sixth for the CIF State Championships.

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## Porterville, Woodlake boys soccer win Central Section titles in overtime



Both Porterville and Woodlake High School boys soccer teams won CIF Central Section titles in overtime of their respective championship games.

Porterville High School claimed their section title with a 2-1 victory over Cesar E. Chavez (Delano) in the Division III championship game Friday night at Porterville College's Jamison Stadium. Porterville's Efen Herrera scored the game-winning goal in the first half of overtime and the team held on to win.

On Tuesday, No. 6 Porterville upset No. 3 Animo Leadership (Inglewood) 3-2 to advance to the semifinals of the CIF Southern California Division III Regional Championships. Porterville will travel to Tustin High School on Thursday to play No. 2 Foothill (Santa Ana).



Woodlake High School boys defeated Robert F. Kennedy 5-4 in penalty kicks to win the Central Section Division VI Championship Saturday. Woodlake advanced to the CIF Southern California Division V Regional Championships as the No. 7 seed, but lost 2-1 to No. 2 Maranatha (Pasadena). Woodlake finished the season with a 17-11-4 record.

Photos above:

~ Porterville High School (top) and Woodlake High School (bottom) won CIF Central Section boys soccer titles on Friday and Saturday, respectively. Woodlake photo provided by the CIF Central Section Facebook.

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## Monache girls, Dinuba boys basketball win Central Section titles



Two Tulare County high school basketball teams won Central Section titles last Friday at the CIF Central Section Basketball Championships held at Selland Arena in Fresno.

Monache High School (Porterville) girls basketball defeated Tehachapi 41-37 in the Division II championship game. Playing Tuesday in the CIF Southern California Regional Division I Championships, No. 12 Monache lost 63-44 to No. 5 Orangewood Academy (Garden Grove). Monache finished the season with a 31-3 record and were also the unbeaten champions of the East Yosemite League.





Dinuba High School boys basketball won the Central Section Division II title with a 46-42 victory over Mission College Prep (San Luis Obispo). The team also played Tuesday at home as the No. 1 seed in the CIF Southern California Regional Division I Championships. No. 1 Dinuba lost 60-50 to No. 16 Price (Los Angeles). Dinuba finished the season with a 29-4 record and were also the unbeaten champions of the West Yosemite League.

Photos above:

~ Monache High School (top) and Dinuba High School (bottom) won CIF Central Section Division II titles at Selland Arena in Fresno on Friday. Photos provided by the CIF Central Section Facebook.

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