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Solano County Office of Education Celebrating National Week of the Young Child

Solano County, CA – Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) is joining the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in celebrating the Week of the Young Child April 2-8, 2022. During this week-long celebration, SCOE is partnering with the Solano County Library and the Food is Free non-profit to provide resources for activities focused on celebrating early learning and care, young children, their teachers, and families.

SCOE is providing theme-based resources and suggested activities including Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Family Friday. All resources and activities are web-based except Tasty Tuesday on April 5th. On that day, a *Park-It Market* of fresh fruits and vegetables will be shared with families free of charge in front of the Solano County Office of Education located at 5100 Business Center Drive in Fairfield between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Solano Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson commented, "Week of the Young Child is an annual event for SCOE that provides an opportunity to engage and support Solano families and our youngest learners. The early learning years are critical in building strong foundations for children to build academic growth and lifelong success upon, and I am thrilled to join the week of events planned for families."

The NAEYC established Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that early childhood years truly lay the foundation for a child's success in learning from childhood through their adult lives. This nationwide celebration helps place focus on the importance of early childhood programs and services that meet the needs of young children (birth to 8 years of age) and their families. SCOE's early learning department offers training and support for educators and care providers. SCOE also connects community resources together to help teachers, young children and their families thrive.

Families can visit www.solanocoe.net/edsvearlylearning to find resources and activities for the entire week and a link to upload photos of activities and events during the Week of the Young Child celebration.

For more information about the Week of the Young Child celebration, contact Bronwyn Kennedy at bkennedy@SolanoCOE.net, 707-399-4452 or visit <https://www.solanocoe.net/edsvearlylearning>.

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