

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*

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## **Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Week of the Young Child Celebrated The School Store at Visalia's Sequoia Mall will host Activities**

Children's activities and parenting information will be the focus when the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) and area child care agencies host Week of the Young Child at the School Store in the Sequoia Mall on three Saturdays, April 10, 17 and 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Children's activities including potting flowers, creating art projects and coloring contests will be hosted by the TCOE Child Care Educational Program, the TCOE School-to-Work program, the YMCA, and the College of the Sequoias Child Development Program.

Tulare County Health and Human Services will have drawings to give away car seats. First 5, which administers programs benefiting children 0-5, will also be on hand to give away parenting videos and materials.

Story time will be held in Borders. Stories will read in English at 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. and in Spanish at 1:30 p.m. each Saturday. Books will be given away.

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Week of the Young Child is a nationwide event sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the importance of the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

"I am proud to host this annual week honoring the importance of quality child development programs and the many people throughout the county that provide vital services to children," says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. "Although many events are geared toward children, I also invite all parents and child care providers to come to the School Store to participate in this enjoyable learning experience."

For additional information about "Week of the Young Child" activities, please contact Donna Orozco, at 559-651-3022. For information about Tulare County Office and Education and its programs, visit our website at [www.tcoe.org](http://www.tcoe.org) or contact the Public Information Office at 559-733-6606.

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