



Oh, The Things They Invented!

Using teleconference technology, judicial officers from Santa Clara County Superior Court visit students from Glen View Elementary to celebrate Read Across America

On Friday, March 5, 2021, 18 judicial officers from the Santa Clara County Superior Court will be visiting with Glen View Elementary students and sharing their favorite stories in celebration of Read Across America. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the Superior Court has leveraged the use of teleconference technology to take this and several other outreach programs to an online format. In doing so, our judicial officers now have an opportunity to reach students and members of our community that may not have otherwise been possible. Glen View Elementary, located in Gilroy, serves nearly 500 students in grades K- 5. The judicial officers of Santa Clara County Superior Court are proud to share their love of reading with every one of these students.

“At Glen View Elementary School, we strive to be a community-based school. Our vision is that this is a place where families, students, and the community feel the warm, caring human relationships of all,” said Glen View Elementary School Principal Christine Vasquez. “Academics are important to us; however, teaching students about human connections is the priority. In this world of current chaos and confusion, I believe coming together with the Superior Court judicial officers will solidify what community means to our little humans. We are delighted to host this event in partnership with the Superior Court, and we feel honored to be part of this collaboration!!”

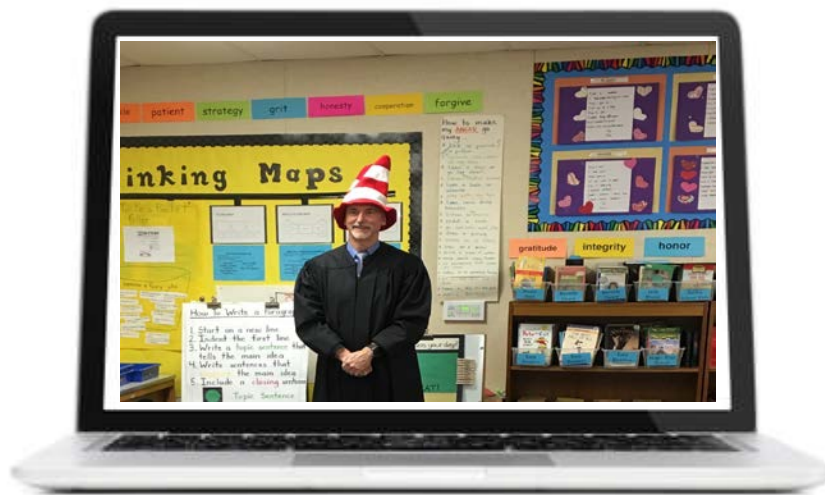
Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together children, teenagers, and books to celebrate literacy. Our judicial officers will be reading stories that were written by Dr. Seuss, that celebrate Black History Month, that give a child's perspective into the court system, or that are one of their favorites. The judicial officers have personally selected and purchased the books, which will also be donated to the school.

Hon. Julia Alloggiamento, Chair of the Community Outreach Committee, noted, “While we certainly miss the experience of reading to the children in person, we are thrilled that technology will still allow us to appear ‘live’ in the classroom and read remotely to students at Glen View to engage in a positive way with those children who will someday be our future lawyers, jurors, leaders, and judges.”

Hon. Audra Ibarra, judicial member of the Court Community Outreach Committee, said, “Our Court is impressed by Glen View Elementary School’s educators and students, who’ve shown

incredible resilience by switching to synchronized remote learning during the COVID pandemic. Our judicial officers are excited to see them online for the first time because our physical distance would have made an in-person visit difficult, even during normal times. We believe reading to children and speaking to them about justice is one of the most important things we can do to show our littlest residents there is an important role for them in the future of our justice system, government, and society.”

The Santa Clara County Superior Court is building an online library of videos intended for educators and their students. The Court will soon begin offering prerecorded videos of our judicial officers and court staff reading some of their favorite books, available throughout the year. Many of the books are related to monthly national themes such as women’s history month, diversity and inclusion, Asian-Pacific Heritage, and LGBTQ pride. Look for a press release announcing the availability of these videos on the [Santa Clara County Superior Court's Youtube page](#) - coming soon.



Hon. L. Michael Clark shares the joy and importance of reading with students