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016-008: TOPS Volunteers Needed

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Science Experts Needed to Volunteer in the Classroom

TOPS program taps schools into science expertise in local community

The Teaching Opportunities for Partners in Science (TOPS) program is looking for volunteers willing to spend 8-10 hours a month sharing their expertise and passion for science at an elementary school in San Joaquin County. Volunteers pair up with K-8 teachers and do everything from sharing career experiences to conducting hands-on science activities. More schools have requested to participate in the program this year than there are available volunteers.

All volunteers will be trained and provided with materials and lesson plans. Current TOPS volunteers range from retired scientists, engineers, physicians, and teachers to stay-at-home parents to part-time science professionals.

Science teaches students skills that will prepare them for college and 21st-century careers. A passionate volunteer can show students the way.

The TOPS program is part of the San Joaquin County Office of Education STEM Department and available to schools across the county. For more information about how to become a TOPS volunteer, please contact Nancy Stenzler at (209) 468-4881 or nstenzler@sjcoe.net. Schools interested in joining the TOPS program may also contact Stenzler for more information. To learn more about the Office of STEM, please visit www.sjcoescience.org.

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