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# Kids get free health, dental screenings at SCUSD fair

***The district's annual 'school readiness' event will attract hundreds to Serna Center on Saturday, March 8***

**February 24, 2014 (Sacramento):** Children who are the best prepared for school perform the best academically. To help get kids ready for the rigors of today's classrooms, the Sacramento City Unified School District is sponsoring a School Readiness Fair on Saturday, March 8.

Hundreds of families are expected to attend the fair to take advantage of such free services as health screenings and dental exams. Parents will also be offered information on kindergarten enrollment, pre-school enrollment, pre-kindergarten summer camp and community resources. Free books to encourage reading will be distributed.

"Our goal is to help every child be as ready and prepared for school as possible," said SCUSD Interim Superintendent Dr. Sara Noguchi. "Every student deserves a great start to their academic career. With a strong child development program, we can end the dangerous cycle of 'start behind, stay behind' that traps so many kids."

The School Readiness Fair is sponsored by SCUSD's Child Development Department and Partners for School Readiness, including First 5 Sacramento, Lakeshore Learning, and the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD).

**WHAT:** SCUSD's School Readiness Fair  
**WHEN:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 8  
**WHERE:** The Serna Center  
5735 47<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
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