



San Ysidro

School District

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QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina Potter, Ed.D.
Week of March 15, 2024



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

2024 SAN DIEGO COUNTY SCRIPPS REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to our 5 San Ysidro School District students: Samantha Meza representing Sunset Elementary School, Axel Barriga representing Smythe Elementary School, Emma Blanco representing La Mirada Elementary School, Maritza Rangel representing Willow Elementary School, and Giselle Moreno Roque representing San Ysidro Middle School for making it to the 2024 San Diego County Scripps Regional Spelling Bee presented by ABC 10News. Thank you to all supporters: San Diego County Office of Education, San Diego County Credit Union, Fusion Academy, and the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA. We are truly proud and amazed by your perseverance and dedication, may this only be the beginning of your spelling bee competition journey ahead.

Media Link: Students participate in San Diego County Regional Spelling Bee

<https://www.10news.com/news/local-news/students-participate-in-san-diego-county-regional-spelling-bee>



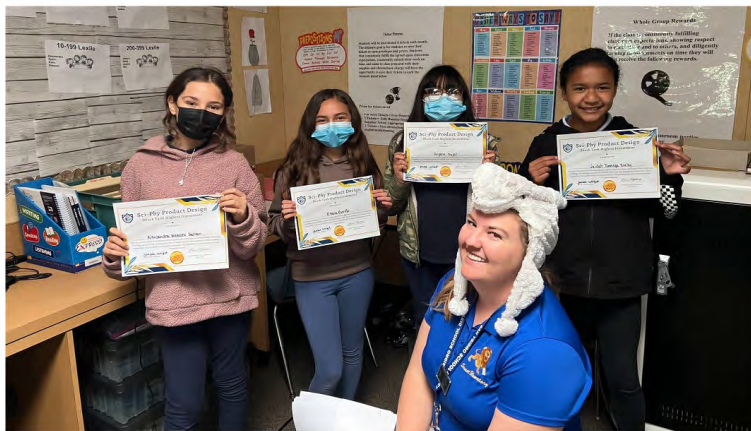




Media Link: Scripps National Spelling Bee celebrates almost a century of legacy
<https://www.10news.com/news/local-news/scripps-national-spelling-bee-celebrates-almost-a-century-of-legacy>

SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT SCI PHY 6TH GRADE SHARK TANK

All sixth-grade students within the district enthusiastically engaged in the Shark Tank Robotics Project as part of their Sci Phy class, guided by the dedicated upper grades Sci Phy teachers. As the project reached its culminating phase, specific student groups from each school emerged victorious in the voting process, earning the opportunity to present their innovative robotics ideas to the discerning 'Sharks.' Notably, Director of Educational Services Luis Ramos and Teacher Sandra Guzman played a pivotal role in guiding and supporting these young talents. Congratulations, we are so proud of all of you for your ingenious hard work!





STEAM SYMPOSIUM IN LONG BEACH

Sci Phy Teacher and Sci Phy Lead, Liana Davis, represented San Ysidro School District and presented at the reputable STEAM Symposium in Long Beach, California.





MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH DESIGN CONTEST

This is our second year asking students to participate in a T-Shirt Design contest for Mental Health Awareness Month. We received hundreds of entries and a committee of approximately 30 different staff members selected our first, second and third place winners. Our first place was given to San Ysidro Middle School 8th grader Denali Sotelo. The winning design will be printed onto T-Shirts that staff will wear during the month of May to promote awareness around mental health, which is an important part of our overall well being. Congratulations Denali, we are so proud of you for creating this beautiful piece of art!

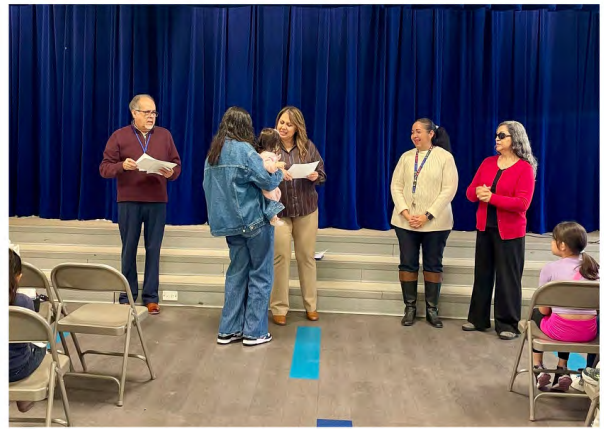




Winning design by San Ysidro Middle School 8th grade student Denali Sotelo

SMYTHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOST PIQE GRADUATION CEREMONIES

This week we proudly witnessed the graduation and culmination of the Parent Institute of Quality Education (PIQE) free workshop for parents at Smythe Elementary School and La Mirada Elementary School. Our parents learned about: GPA college requirements, student workload and expectations, common core state standards (CCSS,) working with the school counselor, tools and resources, and how to practice digital skills for today's technology through the PIQE APP. We are so proud of all of your hard work and dedication to a higher education. A special thank you to PIQE's collaboration with our Smythe Elementary School and La Mirada Elementary School parents.



La Mirada Elementary School PIQE Graduation photos



Smythe Elementary School PIQE Graduation photos

SOUTH COUNTY DISTRICTS' LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY

The South County Joint Legislative Committee met in National City on Tuesday, March 12th. Superintendents, 2 Board Members from each district and union leaders from National School District, South Bay Union School District, Chula Vista Elementary School District, Sweetwater Union High School District, and San Ysidro School District came together to discuss critical state legislative education topics and to review proposed legislative bills introduced in Sacramento. The Committee identified the following key legislative education issues to address with state legislative leaders:

- AB247 (Muratsuchi): School Facilities Bond
- AB2173 Special Education
- SB976 Social Media Youth Addiction Law
- SB1315 Streamlining Accountability Reports

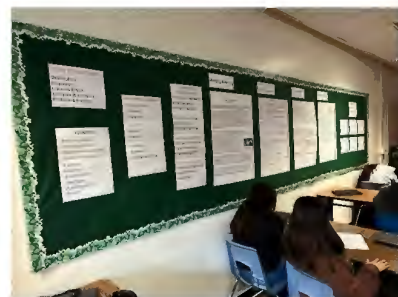
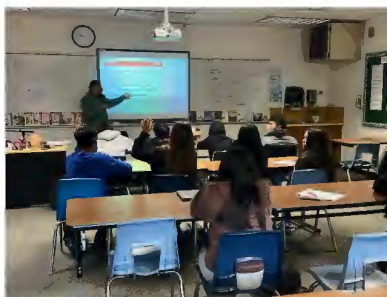
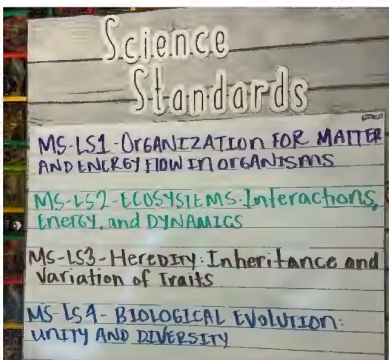
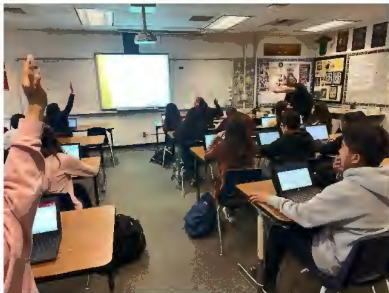


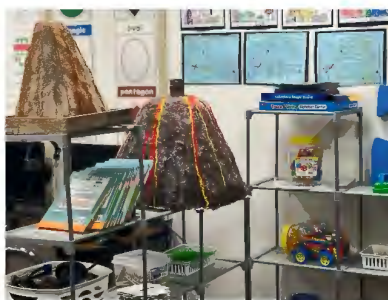
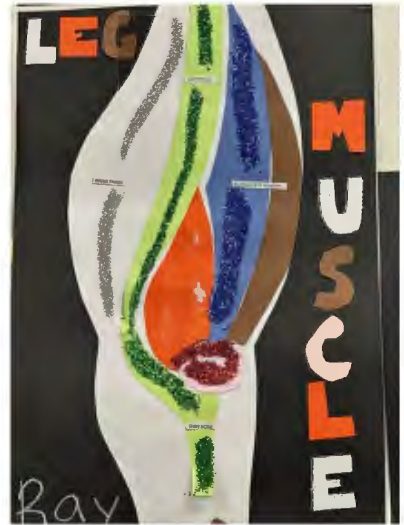
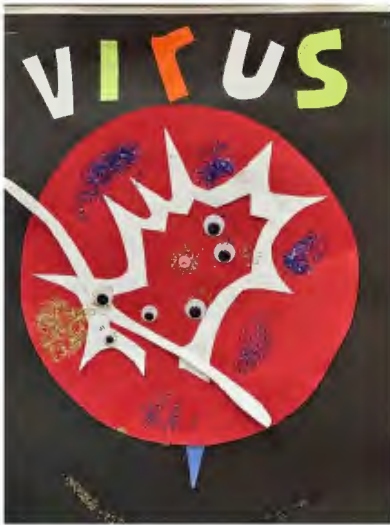
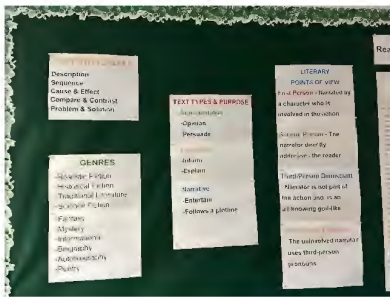
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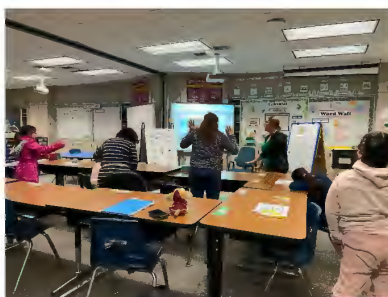
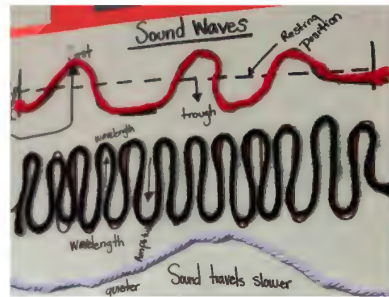
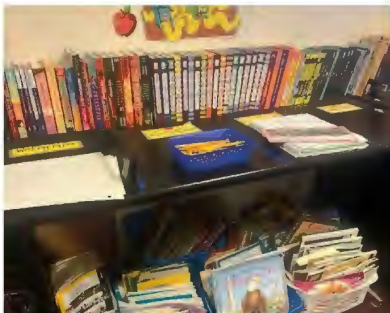
EVENT	DATE/TIME	WHO
Preschool Parent Conferences	Monday, April 15th - April 19th, 2024	Preschool
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27th, 2024	All Schools Closed
Last Day for Students	Wednesday, June 5th, 2024	All Schools Closed

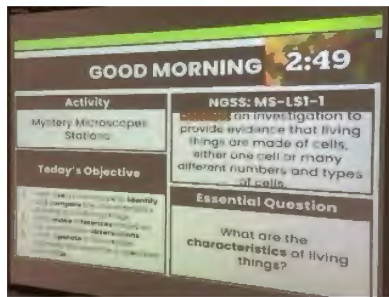
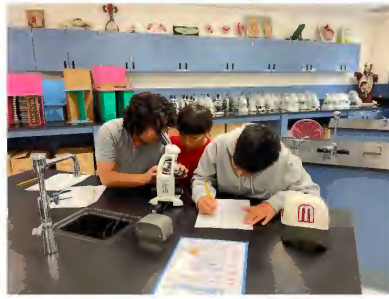
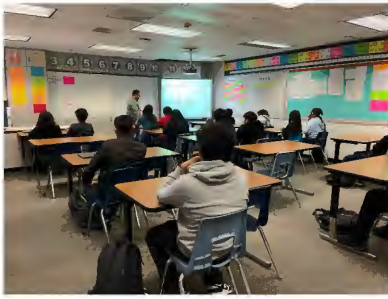
SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL VISIT

On Wednesday, March 13th, Board Vice President Zenaida Rosario, Board Member Rudy Lopez, Superintendent Potter and Director of Human Resources Manuel Bojorquez had a great school visit to San Ysidro Middle School. They were hosted by Acting Principal Mairén Ruiz and Substitute Assistant Principal Gloria Mena who facilitated classroom visits. Overall, the San Ysidro Middle School team is commended for establishing a positive school culture and climate, with great and respectful relationships between teachers and students, for improving and earning a BLUE on the California Dashboard for English Learner Progress, and for decreasing their chronic absenteeism rate by 50%! Fantastic job, Vikings!



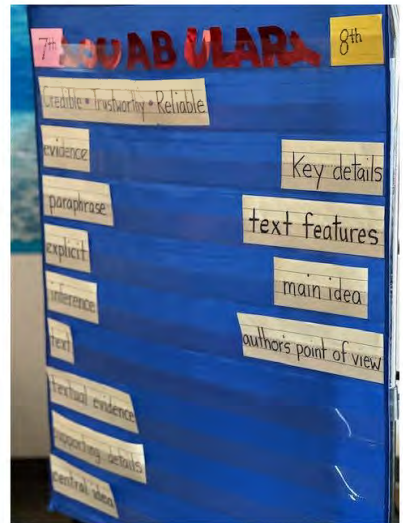
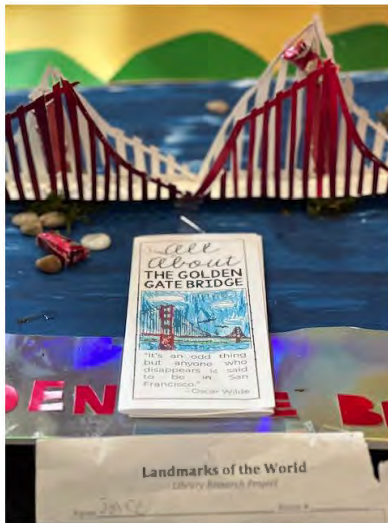
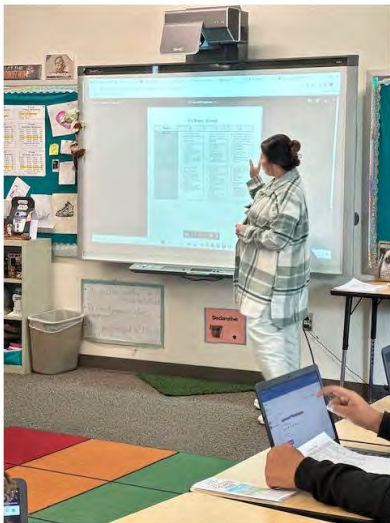


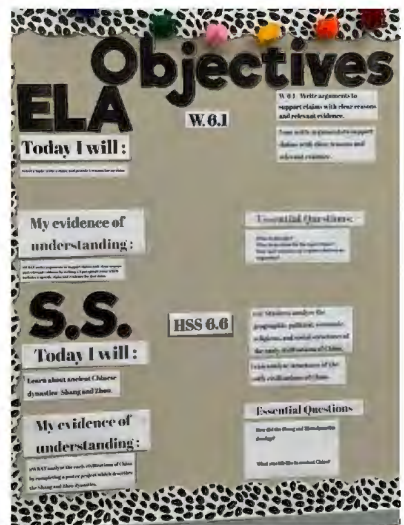
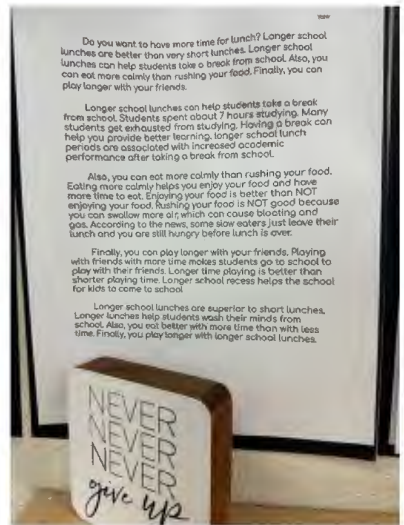
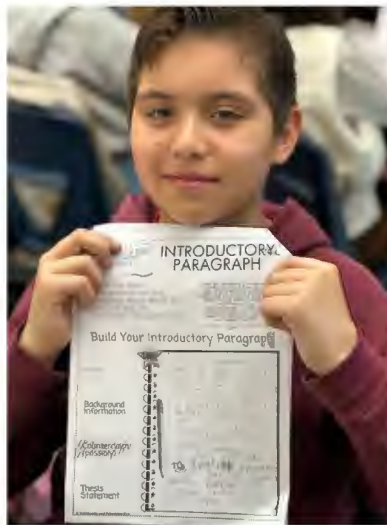
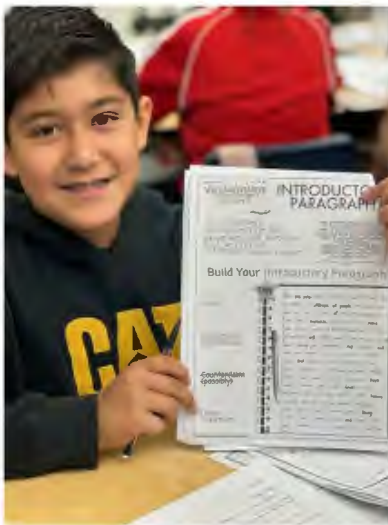


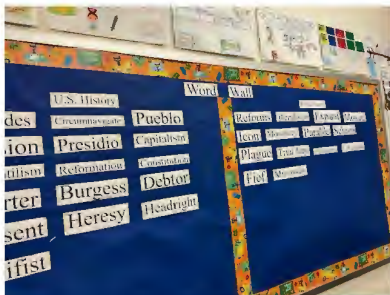


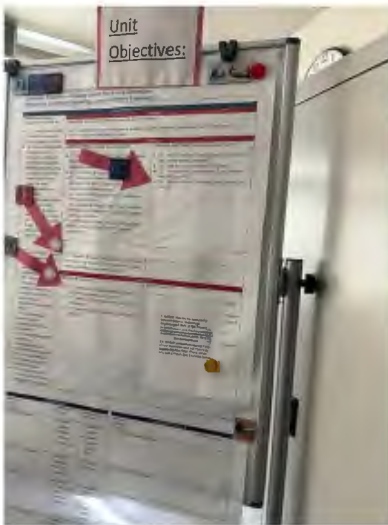
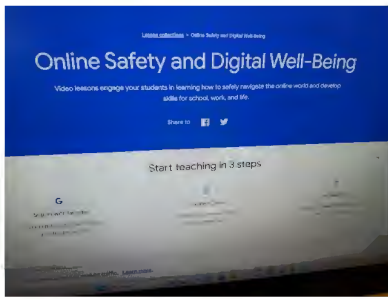
VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL VISIT

On Thursday, March 14th, Board Vice President Zenaïda Rosario, Superintendent Potter, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Support, School Support and Safety Dr. Jose Iniguez and Director of Human Resources Manuel Bojorquez had a great school visit to Vista Del Mar Middle School. They were hosted by Principal Irene Herrera-Cevallos and Assistant Principal Matthew Bandy who facilitated classroom visits. Overall, Vista Del Mar is commended for the rigor of academic instruction and implementation of the district adopted standards based curriculum, great use of technology chromebooks during instruction, an exceptional job with the No Place for Hate program, and notable mainstream/inclusion models for students receiving special education services.





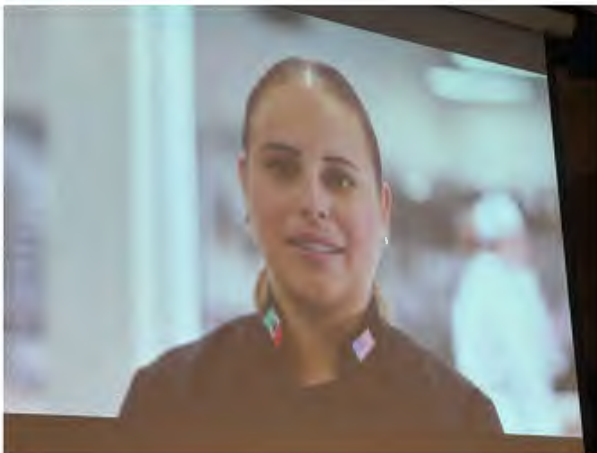




6TH GRADE CAREER DAY PRESENTATIONS AT LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & SMYTHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - ¡SI SE PUEDE!

All 6th graders from our Elementary Schools La Mirada, Smythe, Willow, and Sunset, as well as our 6th graders from our Middle School Vista Del Mar, will have the opportunity to be a part of a series of interactive presentations offered by professionals from different sectors across San Diego County.

This week, 6th grade students from La Mirada Elementary School and Smythe Elementary School had the opportunity to listen to Chef Marianna Culebro Medina's personal journey to success. She spoke about different ways to receive financial assistance and attend culinary school free of cost, as well as finding internships and jobs in the field.





6th grade students from Smythe Elementary School also had the opportunity to listen to Humane Law Enforcement Officer Laura Robles, who spoke about her pathway to an animal welfare career, its requirements, and what she enjoys the most about her job. Our students also had an opportunity to see all of the tools that she uses during her different animal rescues as well as some of the gear officers utilize for their own protection.



SYSD SCHOOLS WEEKLY BULLETINS

Link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sKiLpBSZmxlqnhLTJTE1eF6k2kP2Rb7I>

DISTRICT JOB OPENINGS



Please click on the link to access our current district job openings:

<https://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?countyID=37&districtID=650>