



District Highlights

Week of January 27, 2023



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

On Monday, January 23rd, Vista Del Mar Middle School 6th grade student Zully Alvarez led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Governing Board Meeting.



BOARD RECOGNITION: VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS BALLETT FOLKLÓRICO

On Monday, January 23rd, Vista Del Mar Middle School Outreach Consultant/Coach Nirvana Bustos and the Vista Del Mar Middle School Boys and Girls Ballet Folklórico performed and were recognized as distinguished champions.



BOARD RECOGNITION: VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS BASEBALL TEAM

On Monday, January 23rd, the Vista Del Mar Middle School Parent Volunteer/Coach Luis Covarruvias and Vista Del Mar Boys and Girls baseball team were recognized as distinguished champions.



BOARD RECOGNITION: SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

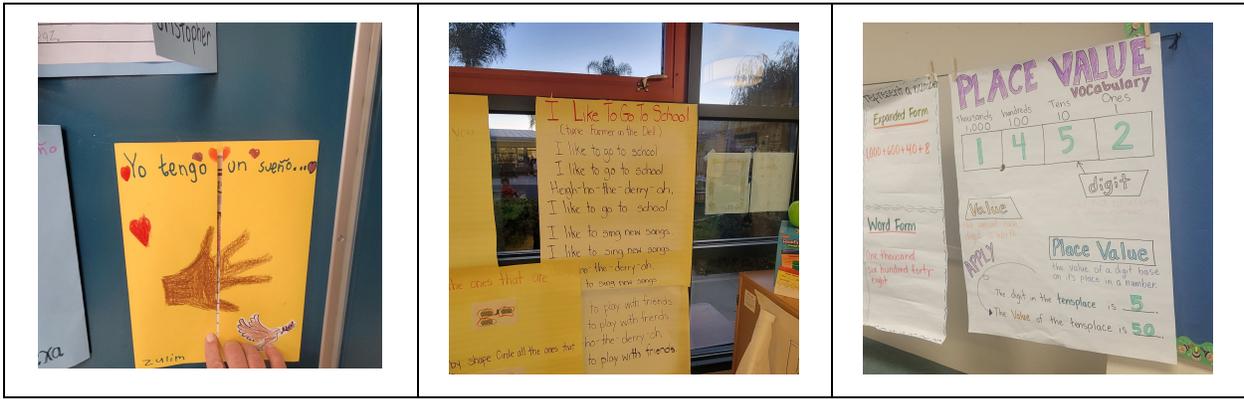
On Monday, January 23rd, the San Ysidro Middle School Special Education Instructional Aide/Coach Eva Gonzalez and San Ysidro Middle School Girls softball team were recognized as distinguished champions.



WILLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

On Wednesday, January 25th, Willow Elementary School held their Open House Event. Principal Maria Connie Rodriguez and Assistant Principal Richard Troia greeted parents as they arrived and shared information about the Open House events. Afterwards, parents had an opportunity to meet with their child's classroom teacher. Thank you to our team from Willow Elementary School for a great Open House event!





UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Smythe's Preschool & Child Development Center (CDC) Open House	Thursday, February 16th 3:30-5:00 p.m.	Smythe CDC Classrooms
Lincoln Holiday	Friday, February 17th	All Schools Closed & District Office Closed
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 20th	All Schools Closed & District Office Closed
La Mirada Elementary School Open House	Tuesday, February 21st 3:30-5:00 p.m.	La Mirada Classrooms
Vista Del Mar Middle School Open House	Thursday, February 23rd 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Vista Del Mar Middle School Classrooms
Sunset Preschool Open House	Tuesday, February 28th 3:30-5:00 p.m.	Sunset Preschool Classrooms
Sunset Elementary School Open House	Tuesday, February 28th 3:30-5:00 p.m.	Sunset Classrooms
Ocean View Hills Preschool Open House	Thursday, March 2nd 3:30-5:00 p.m.	Ocean View Hills Preschool Classes
Ocean View Hills Elementary School Open House	Thursday, March 2nd 3:30-5:00 p.m.	Ocean View Hills Classrooms
San Ysidro Middle School Open House	Thursday, March 2nd 4:30-7:00 p.m.	San Ysidro Middle School Classrooms

BOND PROJECTS

Vista Del Mar Middle School: The tetherball court in the 6th-grade playground is complete!

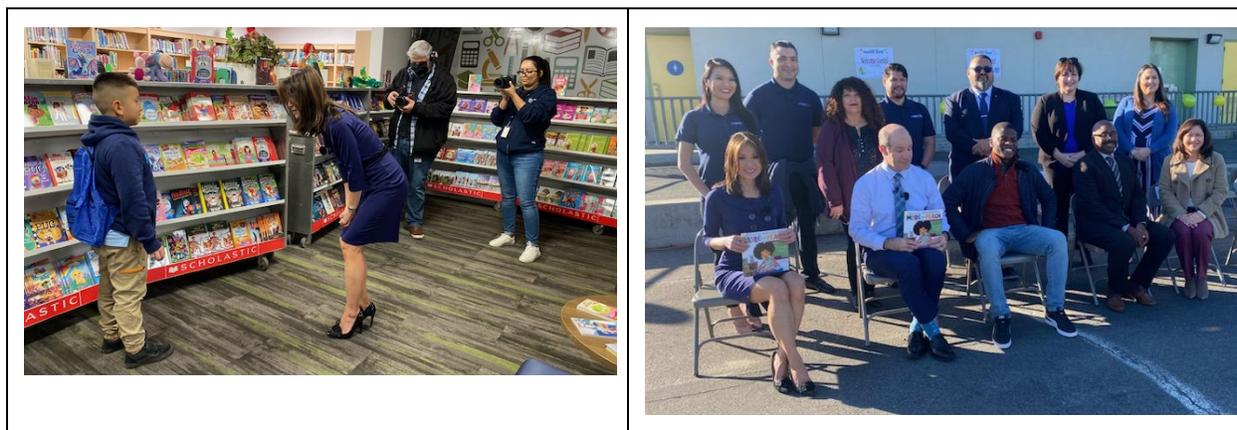


ABC 10NEWS, NORTH ISLAND CREDIT UNION, AND SCRIPPS HOWARD FOUNDATION HELD A BOOK GIVEAWAY EVENT AT SMYTHE ELEMENTARY

Smythe Elementary held a special book fair on Monday, January 23rd. Channel 10News and North Island Credit Union along with the Scripps Howard Foundation donated hundreds of Scholastic books, backpacks and water bottles for each Smythe student. Every student received 6 books that they were able to select with the help of volunteers from ABC 10News, North Island Credit Union and Smythe library staff. It was a huge success! We would like to thank Shirley Islas, Smythe IMRA, for her support. She had plenty of help from Leon Clark, ABC 10News Vice President/General Manager, along with news anchors, Virginia Cha and Jared Aarons, Therese Caballes, North Island Credit Union Vice President, Regional Manager, SYSD Board Clerk Zenaida Rosario and many other employees and staff from ABC 10News, North Island Credit Union and Smythe Elementary. The Smythe Dragons are grateful for the support in promoting a culture of literacy!

Please click on the link to watch the Channel 10 News video clip:

- <https://www.10news.com/news/local-news/south-bay-news/give-a-child-a-book-campaign-puts-smiles-on-kids-faces>
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YVEwi-H57zkAjYOx4iC1Sf5AfyT4uaZq/view?usp=sharing>







2022-23 AFTERSCHOOL PATHWAYS PROGRAM

The Pathways program was designed to provide enrichment opportunities for students at each of the district school sites through courses developed by district staff. The program runs at all 7 school sites concurrently with our ASES program. Together ASES and Pathways serve 1,441 students with 86 staff members teaching in the Pathways program. Sports and activities offered included baseball, softball, soccer, basketball, ballet folklórico, running club, dance, gardening, arts & crafts, guitar, and a variety of other options for our students. Director of Educational Services, Mr. Luis Ramos, is working diligently to create community partnerships and expand the opportunities for our students as he plans for Spring and Summer intersession programs and the 2023-24 school year.

SPELLING BEE NEWS

The Smythe Dragons held the school level Spelling Bee. The event was coordinated by Maggie Portillo and Interim Principal Vásquez. The five finalists competed on Thursday, January 26 and the competition went through 40 rounds of competition!

Congratulations to the Smythe Spelling Bee Champion Rihanna Maldonado, Grade 6 (Ms. Peña) and runner up Alejandro Pelayo, grade 6 (Ms. Brunetto). Go D-R-A-G-O-N-S! The next district spelling bee will be held at Willow school this Wednesday, February 1 at 8:45 AM. Good luck R-O-A-D R-U-N-N-E-R-S!



FIELD DAY EXPERIENCE AT SAN DIEGO COUNTY INNOVATION LABS

Linda Vista Innovation Center is focused on preparing students for a future where they can meet challenges through design thinking, an approach that fosters brainstorming and collaboration to build important skills to solve problems that don't have textbook answers. Labs are based on community feedback and need, such as a future-ready hub, a design-thinking lab, and a lab for middle school STEAM.

6th grade students from VDM have been participating in:

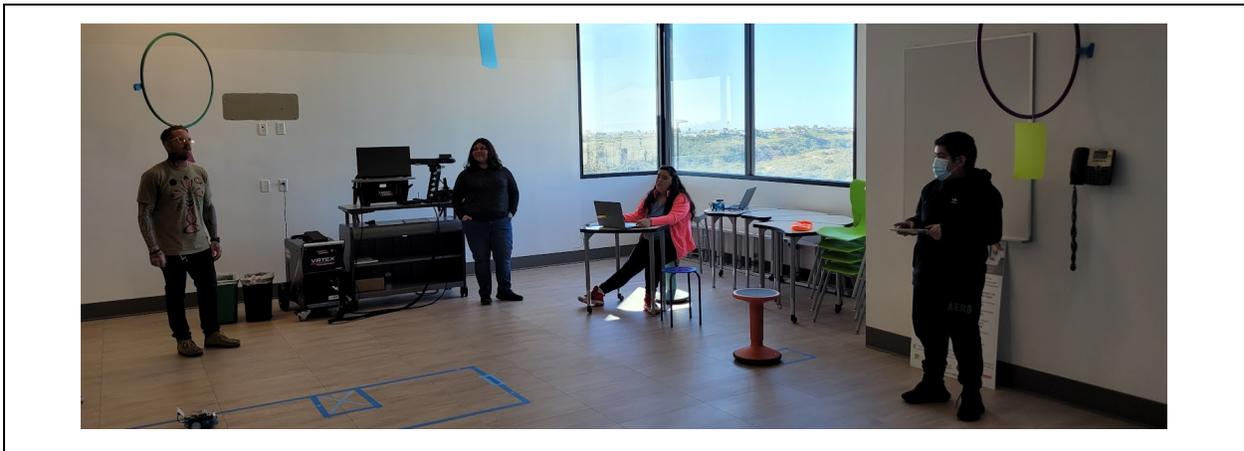
Design Thinking Lab- Students engage in a design challenge process that allows them to define, create, prototype, test and assess a solution, culminating in a pitch presentation for innovation. Students decided to address the issue of pollution in the ocean.



Information and Communication Technologies- Students explore information and communication technologies (ICT) incorporating hands-on experiences with industry professionals to learn about the skills required to succeed in the ICT sector. Students engaged in setting up a podcast and exploring editing software.



STEAM Lab- Students assemble mBot then subsequently code the robot to utilize its two on-board sensors (ultrasonic and infrared sensor), focusing on 2D maneuvering. The concept of 3 maneuvering is then introduced by coding flying drones. Students tested their robots and drones.





CNC Milling Machine- Students use a cutting tool that is programmed and managed by Computer Numerical Control (CNC) systems developing a specific part or product that is created using a Computer Aided Design (CAD) software.



3D Printing – Level 1

Also known as additive manufacturing, is a method of creating a three dimensional object layer- by-layer using a computer created design. 3D printing is an additive process whereby layers of material are built up to create a 3D part.

