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School District

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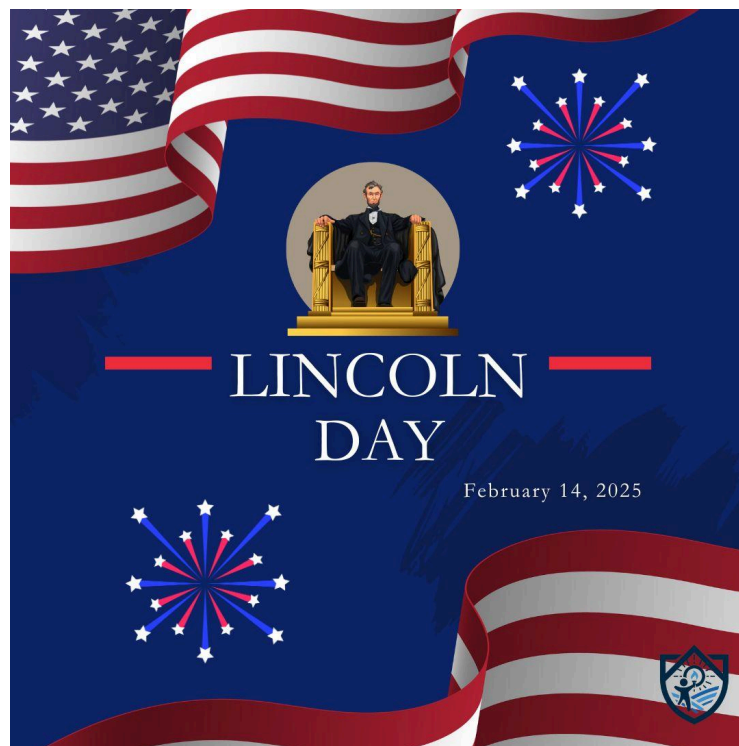
District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina Potter, Ed.D.
Week of January 31, 2025

SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

Lincoln Day - This holiday honors the birthday, life, and work of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States. Our schools will be closed Friday, February 14th and Monday, February 17th. School resumes on Tuesday, February 18th.



Washington Day - This holiday honors the birthday, life, and work of the first President of the United States, George Washington.



VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL HAS NEW 7TH AND 8TH GRADE SPELLING BEE WINNERS!

All 7th and 8th grade students from Vista Del Mar Middle School participated in their annual Spelling Bee competition. Aliyah Jade Altarejos is our 7th grade spelling bee winner, and Aaliyah Lobo Darvin is our spelling bee 8th grade winner!! A BIG congratulations to both champions, who will now prepare for our district competition and later on and possibly for the San Diego County Scripps Regional Spelling Bee! A special thank you and shout out to Spelling Bee Coordinator and Social Studies teacher Jerry Herrera for all the dedication and enthusiasm in preparing our students!





LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL 6TH GRADERS VISIT CAMP CUYAMACA

This week our 6th grade students from La Mirada Elementary School and Vista Del Mar Middle School participated in “Sixth Grade Camp” through the San Diego County of Education (SDCOE) outdoor education program. They had a wonderful time including the famous “All day hike”. Students were able to engage in several hands-on Science and Social Studies activities, and enjoy delicious food! Thank you to Principal Laura English, all 6th grade teachers, teacher aides, and chaperones for supporting our students' annual visit to Cuyamaca. A shout out to Board Member Kenia Peraza who was there to cheer on the students as they left for 6th grade camp.







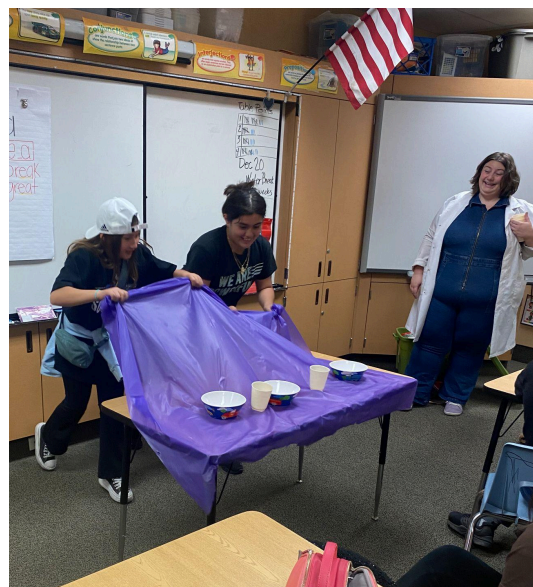


INNOVACION WINTER PROGRAM 2025

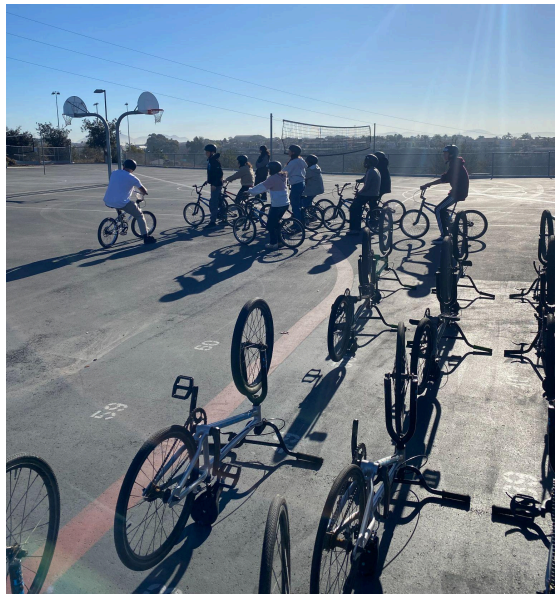
Our “Innovacion” winter program brought so many enrichment opportunities to our wonderful students! It is one of several expanded learning programs offered by the YMCA of San Diego County in partnership with our San Ysidro School District.

This fantastic program provides structured, academic, physical and social activities for transitional kinder to grade 8 students from Ocean View Hills Elementary School, Willow Elementary School, La Mirada Elementary School, Smythe Elementary School, Sunset Elementary School, San Ysidro Middle School, and Vista Del Mar Middle School.

“The YMCA of San Diego County partners with local school districts, families, and communities to offer students safe and nurturing expanded learning programs that prepare them for college, career, and life.” - YMCA of San Diego County.







VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER WONDERLAND FESTIVAL

Vista Del Mar Middle School students had the opportunity to immerse themselves into a fabulous “Winter Wonderland” festival during winter intersession (January 6th through January 10th) full of educational opportunities, games, and play. Thank you to the YMCA, Principal Irene Herrera-Cevallos, and our Educational Services Department for creating this beautiful experience for our students.





HONORARY STREET RENAMING CEREMONY FOR FORMER SUPERINTENDENT GRACE KOJIMA

An Honorary Street Renaming Ceremony was held to pay tribute to former Superintendent and San Ysidro's beloved educational leader Grace Kojima on Friday, January 31st. City Councilmember Vivian Moreno led the effort for the street renaming in honor of Mrs. Kojima. State Assemblymember David Alvarez, the San Ysidro Women's Club President Maritza Chavarin and Vice-President Alice De La Torre, SYSD Board President Zenaida Rosario, and SYSD Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter, spoke at the ceremonial event about the hard work, life, and legacy of Mrs. Kojima throughout her inspiring tenure at our San Ysidro School District.

Grace Kojima served our district with dedication, boundless compassion, and commitment to student success. She brought both stability and innovation, introducing transformative academic and extracurricular programs that provided every student with a well-rounded, enriching educational experience. Among her lasting contributions are initiatives like the Teddy Bears for Kids Project and scholarship programs that continue

to benefit students today. Deeply involved in the San Ysidro Women's Club, Mrs. Kojima also helped establish the beloved annual Teddy Bears for Kids event and a scholarship fund that empowers 8th graders and graduating high school seniors to pursue their educational and career aspirations with confidence.

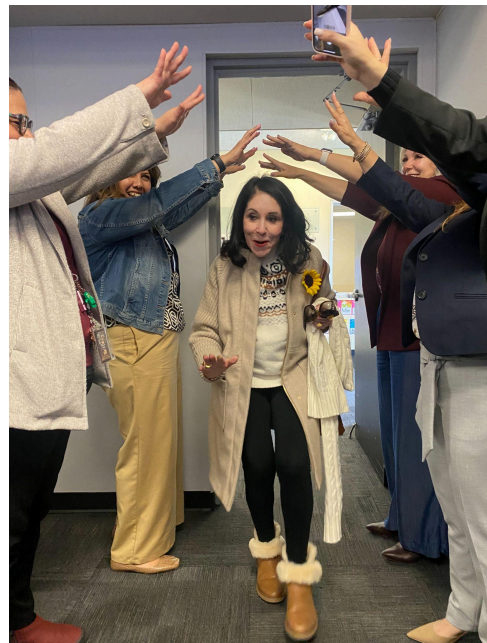
We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Grace Kojima's family for their continued dedication in inspiring and sharing her efforts and values within our communities. A special thank you to Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jose Iniguez, Assistant Superintendent Manuel Bojorquez, the Department of Transportation of the City of San Diego, all of our community partners present at the event, and our district's MOTF department, who did a great job setting up for the ceremony!

Grace Kojima's legacy is one of enduring impact, which will transcend and continue to inspire generations to come.











CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES COORDINATOR ANA BUSH COMPLETES “CHEF ANN INSTITUTE” TRAINING

Our Child Nutrition Services Coordinator, Ana Bush, successfully completed the renowned Chef Ann Institute training program this week. This prestigious program has significantly enhanced her skills in creating fresh, nutritious meals for our students, empowering her to elevate the quality and creativity of the meals she prepares. Ana’s commitment to improving student nutrition continues to have a lasting impact on our school community. Congratulations on this fantastic achievement Ana!



We'd also like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to our entire Child Nutrition Services Department for their outstanding efforts in boosting both student and staff involvement in the creation of freshly prepared meals. Their commitment to excellence is evident through initiatives like engaging taste tests, which have fostered a greater sense of connection and excitement around healthy, delicious food options!

Our served breakfast count has increased by 129%, from 94,575 to 216,206 and our served lunch count has increased by 123% from 324,911 to 723,627! Way to go Child Nutrition Services, you are truly our lunch heroes!!









UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Lincoln Day - Schools and District Office are closed	Friday, February 14, 2025	
Washington Day - Schools and District Office are closed	Monday, February 17, 2025	
Spring Break - Schools are closed	Monday, March 24, 2025 - Friday, April 4, 2025	
Students Return to School	Monday, April 7, 2025	

SYSD SCHOOLS WEEKLY BULLETINS

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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>

