



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 October 13, 2023

SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT CELEBRATES SPIRIT WEEK

Spirit Week brought many different activities for our San Ysidro School District students as part of our Attendance Awareness Month. The fun continued during the last week of September with more festivities and commemorations such as “Las Fiestas Patrias” Day or Mexican Day at Ocean View Hills Elementary School.

Students also dressed up in their favorite Disney characters or Disney t-shirts for “Disney day.” Lastly, “Career day” helped our little ones dress up and feel the part accordingly, and showcase their talents and dreams as to what they wish to be when they grow up.





SMYTHE CELEBRATES SPIRIT WEEK WITH “SUPERHERO DAY”

Smythe Elementary's “Superhero Day” brought all the smiles to class. Students and staff wore costumes and or shirts that represented their favorite superheroes. Our students also had a surprise visit from Spiderman, who visited classrooms and congratulated students who have been displaying outstanding attendance.

Our Kinder-3rd grade students participated in the booster seat challenge assembly. They received information about safely securing and properly sitting in a booster seat. Information was also sent home to parents on how to register to receive a free booster seat.



HEARTS & HANDS “MEXICAN FIESTA” FUNDRAISER

It was a grand Mexican Fiesta at Driftwood Ranch! The Hearts & Hands fundraiser brought many San Ysidro community members together along with their families on Friday, September 22nd, 2023. Board Member Antonio Martinez was one of the many who stopped by to show their support in raising funds for the Hearts & Hands food distributions.

The majestic Escaramuza Charra surprised attendees with their wonderful presentation. Volunteers donated their time and delicious homemade Mexican dishes and desserts, which the public was able to purchase as a part of the fundraising efforts.

Hearts & Hands food distributions take place twice a month and benefit many families in San Ysidro. They also provide “emergency food” everyday at the San Ysidro Community Service Center, except for the first tuesday and and third friday of each month.





WILLOW ELEMENTARY HAS NEW STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

The names are out for new Student Council Officers! It was a day full of cheer and excitement from our students at Willow Elementary School, as they found out the names of their new Student Council Officers on Friday September 22, 2023.

Students learned about the candidates through posters, speeches that described their individual goals, and "brag tags" that they handed out to students while campaigning. Finally, voting day came around, when students lined up in their 6th grade hallway to cast their ballots and make their voices heard.

Students began their journey to Student Council Officers during August, when they learned about the commitment that they were making to students, parents, teachers and staff, as well as the importance of being role models, leaders, and stewards of students' voices.

Student Council Officers have many ideas on how they will make the 2023-24 school year a fun and successful one for all students. They look forward to helping with the planning of their fall carnival, school dances, and fundraising for many other student activities.

Willow School Meet the Student Council officers



Noel
Martinez
.....
President



Valentina
Ramos
.....
Vice President



Ximena
Fernandez
.....
Secretary



Yarett
Martinez
.....
Treasurer



SAFETY PATROL NIGHT AT PETCO PARK

Ocean View Hills School's Safety Patrol Team visited Petco Park during their last week of school prior to fall break to watch the Padres game. The San Diego Police Department holds various events throughout the year for all Safety Patrol Teams to attend. This was one of their first events in which our students participated and had the opportunity to enjoy a baseball game and support their local team.



HAPPY WEEK OF THE ADMINISTRATOR: October 9-13, 2023

As a big thank you to our administrative team for all their hard work throughout the year! Congratulations to all of our school administrators for their continuous labor of love and support to our students, families, and community! Your dedicated leadership is truly appreciated.



SUPERINTENDENT POTTER LEADING STATE LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF EDUCATION

From Wednesday, October 11th through Friday October 13th, Superintendent Potter was serving as a state educational leader by chairing the ACSA Vice Presidents of Legislative Action team and serving as an ACSA State Executive Board Member for the Leadership Assembly. Dr. Potter currently serves on the state executive board of directors as the ACSA Vice-President for Legislative Action at the state level.

During the 2022-2023 legislative session, ACSA has a positive influence on the state budget and policy outcomes on behalf of students and school leaders with the help of unprecedented levels of member engagement. Some of ACSA's advocacy success from the past legislative year were:

- Robust and Stable School Funding (Full Funding of the Local Control Funding Formula, Saved \$2.4 Billion in Proposed Cuts and \$14 Billion School Facilities Bond)
- Staffing Shortage: Recruitment and Retention (60-day Substitute Extension and Hiring Retired Educators Flexibilities, Classified Position Hiring Restrictions and Transitional Kindergarten Staffing)
- Student Wellness and Mental Health (Mental Health Funding)
- The Fight for Students and Educators (Increased Transparency and School Stability and Preserving School Transportation Services)



UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	WHO
Ocean View Hills USS Midway Field Trip	Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 & Wednesday, October 18th, 2023	All second graders
First Day of Parent English Learner Class at SYMS	Monday, October 23, 2023	Parents of SYSD students
First Day of Parent English Learner Class at Smythe	Tuesday, October 24, 2023	Parents of SYSD students
Thanksgiving Break	Monday, November 20th, 2023 through Friday, November 24th, 2023	No school for students
First Day back from Thanksgiving Break	Monday, November 27th, 2023	All students return to school

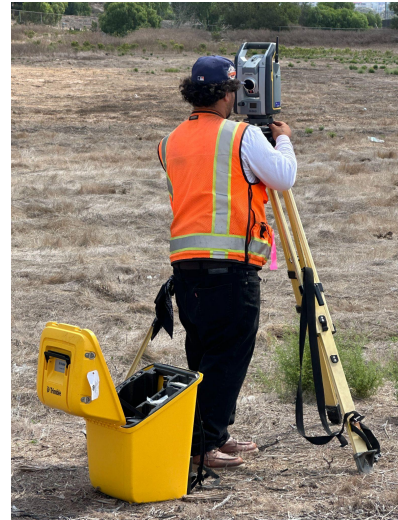
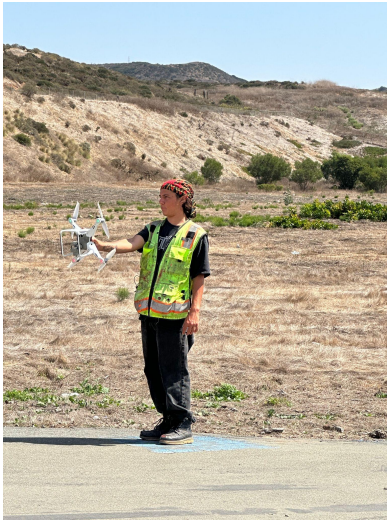
DRUG AWARENESS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday and as we prepare for the start of our Red Ribbon week activities, San Ysidro Middle School students partook in a school assembly where they learned about the dangers of drugs and human trafficking. Each school will have activities planned for Red Ribbon week during the month of October.



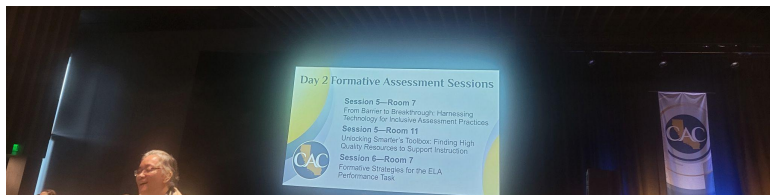
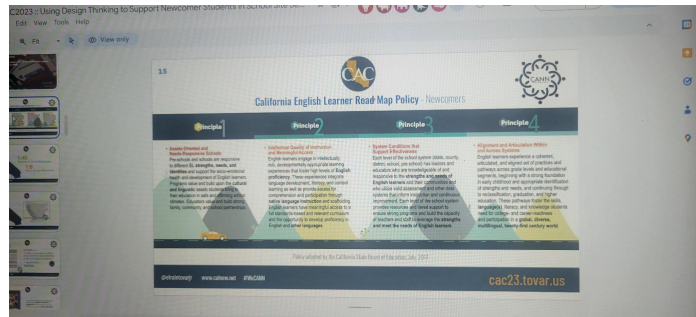
BEYER COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER PRE- CONSTRUCTION WORK BEGINS

A topographic geological survey was conducted this week as one of the first steps of pre-construction.



2023 CALIFORNIA ASSESSMENT CONFERENCE SACRAMENTO

Director of Educational Services, Luis Ramos and Assistant Superintendent of Educational Leadership and Pupil Services, Russell Little, attended the California Assessment Conference. The theme of the conference was “Charting the Course between Assessment and Instruction.” Our district participated in the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence Data Research and Learning Network.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All certificated staff participated in a district wide professional development experience at San Ysidro Middle School on Monday, October 9th. The training for grade elementary teachers was a continuation of exploring the newly updated Benchmark Language Arts program. Middle school teachers learned about the CASSPP “Tools for Teachers” feature that gives students additional preparation for the CAASPP summative assessments.

We would like to thank the Educational Services staff and resource teachers for their strategic preparation for the professional development event.

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>