



## District Highlights

Weeks of October 15 & 22, 2021



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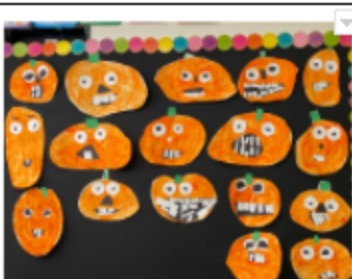
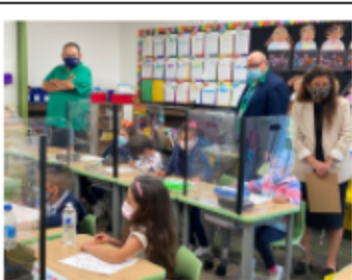
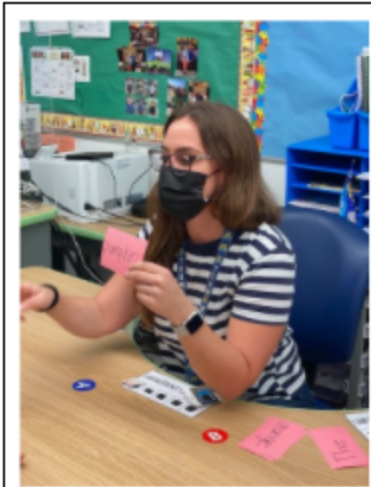
Gina Potter, Ed.D.

### **SMYTHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VISIT**

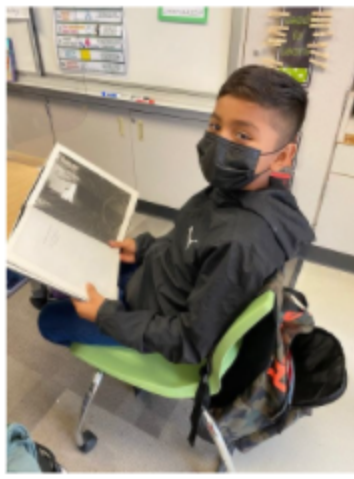
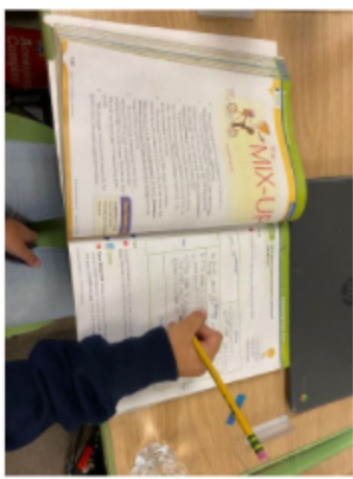
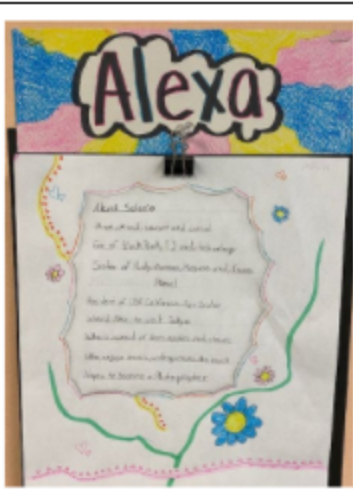
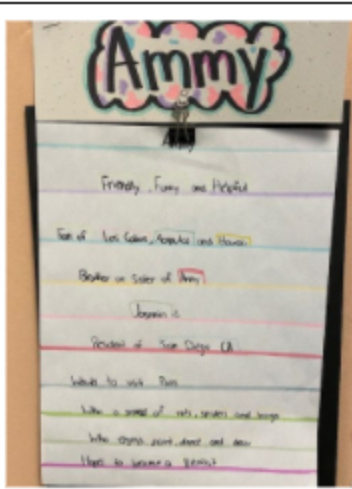
On Friday, October 22nd Board Vice President and Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter had a great school visit to Smythe Elementary. They were hosted by Principal Russell Little and Resource Teacher Maria Ofelia Mendez who provided a detailed school data presentation and facilitated classroom visits within each grade level. Overall, Smythe Elementary is commended for their notable focus on supporting the success of their English language learners and for their united staff efforts to help one another during this difficult COVID period.

### **PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS**







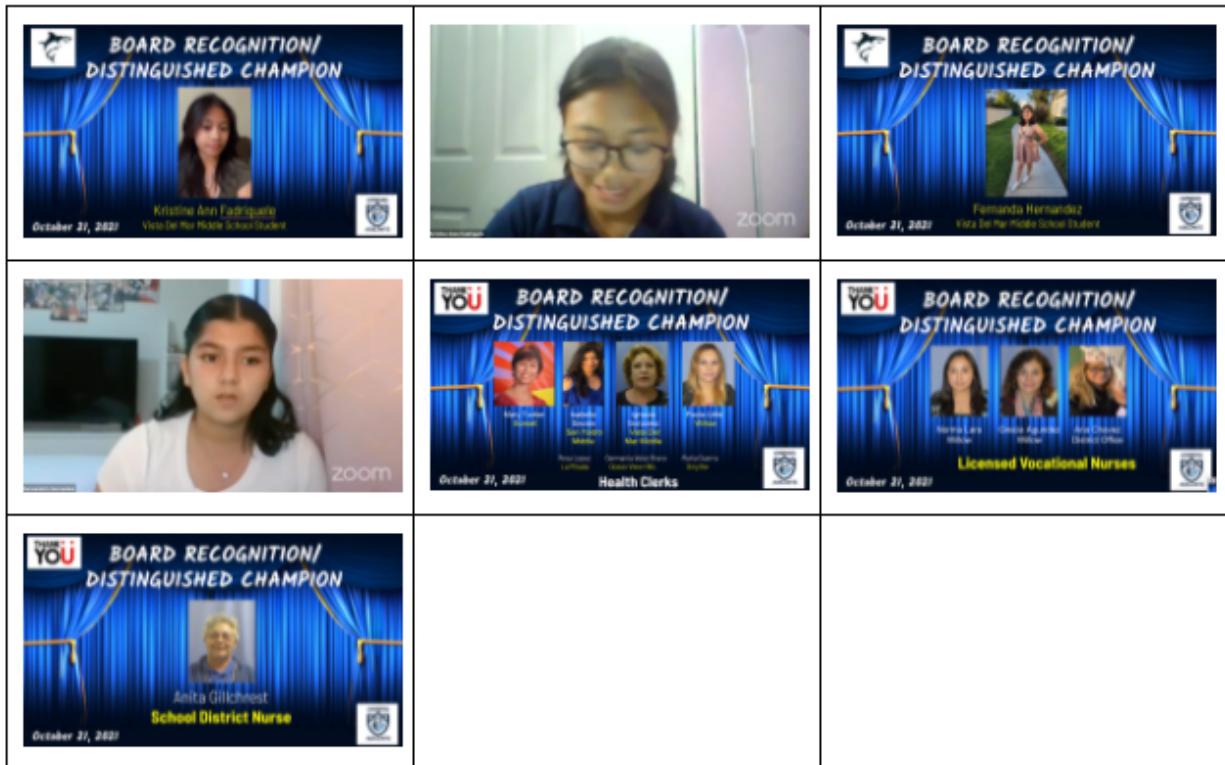


## DISTINGUISHED CHAMPIONS RECOGNIZED AT OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

On Thursday, October 21st, the SYSD Governing Board recognized 2 students from Vista Del Mar Middle School for their wonderful history based essays. Kristina Anne Fadriquele and Fernanda Hernandez read their letters for the Governing Board. Ms. Fadriquele's letter was "to a hero from the day the Twin Towers fell" and Ms. Hernandez' letter was "from Virginia to a Colonist in the 1600's".

The COVID-19 Support Team was also recognized for their hard work and dedication for making sure our children, staff and families remain safe during this pandemic. Those recognized included School Nurse, Anita Gillchrest; Licensed Vocational Nurses, Norma Lara (Willow), Grecia Agundez (Ocean View Hills), Ana Chavez (District Office); and Health Clerks, Rosa Lopez (La Mirada), Germania Velez (Ocean View Hills), Maria Gurerra (Smythe), Mary Tucker (Vista Del Mar), Isabella Savala (San Ysidro Middle School) and Paola Little (Willow). Thank you for all you do to keep our schools safe. Congratulations to all of our Distinguished Champions!

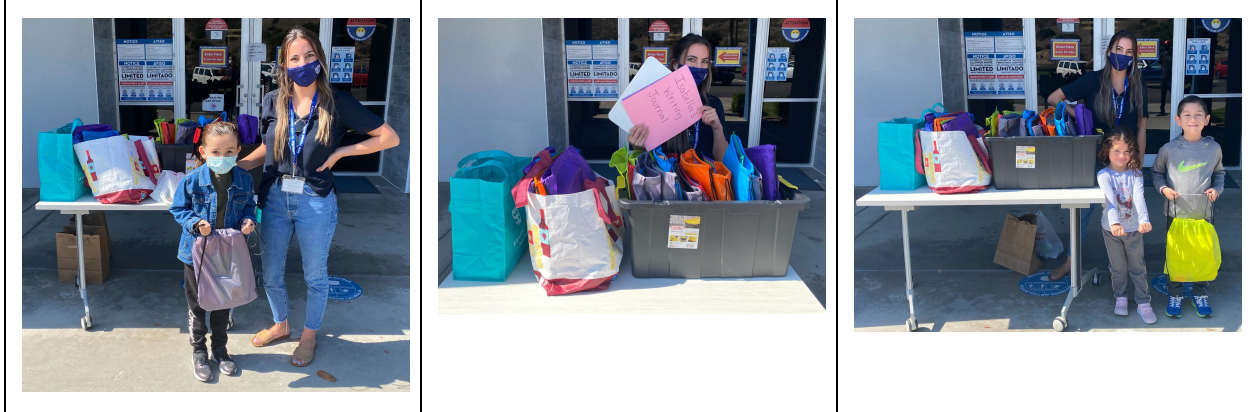
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## VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

On Friday, October 22nd, Ms. Corryna Aldecoa, our kindergarten and first grade teacher for the Virtual Learning Academy, distributed materials to families of her students via drive up at the district office. These academic materials are to further support her students within the virtual classroom. Mr. Mata was on hand to assist the process with our wonderful VLA teacher.

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## UPCOMING DATES

Event	Date	Location
End of 1st Trimester - 64 days (Elementary Schools)	November 5th	
Veteran's Day Holiday	November 11th	District Office & Schools Closed
Parent Conferences (TK, Kindergarten, Elementary & Middle School)	November 15 - 19	
Thanksgiving Break	November 22 - 26	District Office & Schools Closed
End of first semester (88 days - Middle Schools)	December 17th	
Winter Break	December 20, 2021 - January 10, 2022	
District Office Closed to the Public	December 20, 2021 - January 3, 2022	
Students Return	Tuesday, January 11, 2022	

## **VIRTUAL EMPOWERMENT EVENT FOR ALL FEMALE IDENTIFYING STUDENTS AT SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL AND VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

On Wednesday, October 20th our Latinx middle school students were invited to participate in a virtual Empowerment Event at San Ysidro Middle School and Vista Del Mar Middle. This virtual event featured District Attorney Summer Stephan, City Council Member Vivian Moreno, and included a guest appearance from Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter. Below is an overview of the program for the evening:

- Student-led event – Global Communities and other partners are meeting with Student Leaders weekly to design the program for the event.
- Survivor-Centered event – A Survivor Leader from the community will share parts of her story that relate to Empowerment (healthy relationships and online safety) through spoken word
- Trauma-informed event—Our goal is to provide a trauma-informed event.



## **SUPERINTENDENT POTTER BEGINS ROLE AS ACSA VICE PRESIDENT OF LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter began her role on the ACSA Executive Board of Directors in her newly elected position of Vice President of Legislative Action. Out of 17,000 educational leaders in California, Dr. Potter is one of five members elected to serve on the ACSA Executive Board of Directors. She proudly represents the San Ysidro School District in this new statewide leadership position.

### *ACSA State Board of Directors*



## **OCEAN VIEW HILLS ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL POSITION HIRING TIMELINE**

The selection process for hiring our new principal of OVHS is well underway. The position was posted on September 21st and closed on October 5th. Applications were screened and the first round of interviews took place on October 19th. Second round interviews are scheduled for October 27th. The district tentatively plans to bring a recommended final candidate to the November 18th board meeting. The district is grateful to retired Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Innovation, Manuela Colom for serving as the substitute interim principal of OVHS during the hiring process.

## **BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING - OCTOBER 14, 2021**

The District conducted their 2nd BOC meeting on Thursday October 14, 2021.

The BOC agenda is provided in the link below:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XSci7\\_J2VR2lszq6RVjlASW8ozGHgUpE/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XSci7_J2VR2lszq6RVjlASW8ozGHgUpE/view?usp=sharing)

## **MORE THAN 99% OF ELIGIBLE SOUTHERN SAN DIEGO COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED WITH AT LEAST ONE DOSE**

NBC 7 reports that South County residents have the highest COVID-19 vaccination rate in the county. According to the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency, 99% of South County residents have received at least the first dose of the vaccine. The county and many retail pharmacies continue to provide free vaccinations throughout San Diego County including the Pfizer booster shot.

## **NBC 7: SOUTHERN SAN DIEGO COUNTY TOUTS HIGH COVID-19 VACCINATION RATE**

<https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/coronavirus/san-diego-county-south-region-touting-high-covid-19-vaccination-rate/2742298/>

## **SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK AND FEEDING SAN DIEGO FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION:**

### ***DISTRIBUCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS GRATIS DE SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK Y FEEDING SAN DIEGO:***

San Diego Food Bank: <https://sandiegofoodbank.org/gethelp/>

Feeding San Diego: <https://feedingsandiego.org/find-food/#locate>

## **COMMUNITY COVID RESOURCES**

Please click on the link to access the COVID Community Resources:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRHa3eSXww70KLcnAro21nIFBAdB1BPDL5cLTwBD5J3UYdUhY17DHNmazYRD7sgVmgg3IUALM9oLF\\_c/pub](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRHa3eSXww70KLcnAro21nIFBAdB1BPDL5cLTwBD5J3UYdUhY17DHNmazYRD7sgVmgg3IUALM9oLF_c/pub)