



San Ysidro

School District

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QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina Potter, Ed.D.

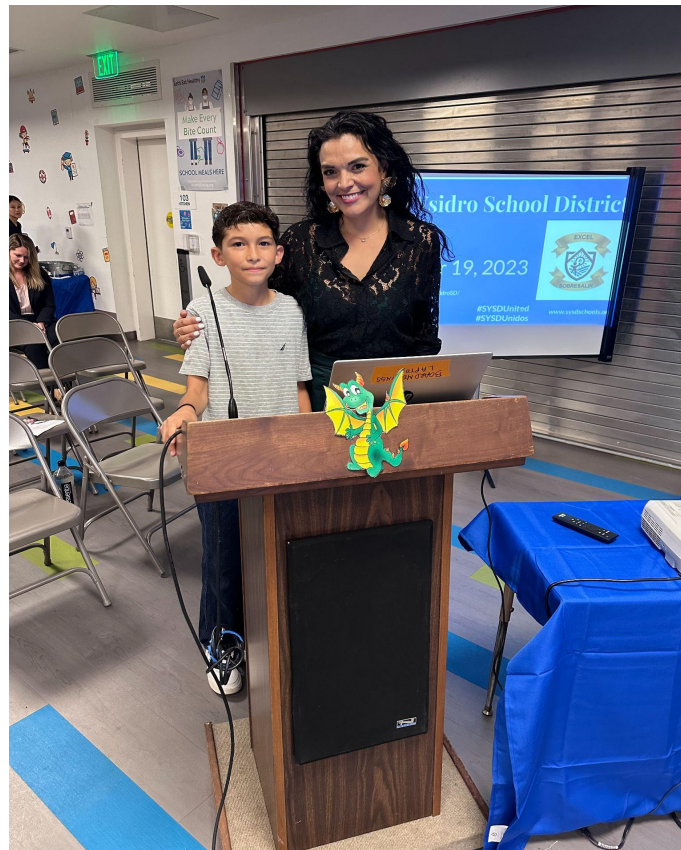
Week of October 20, 2023

SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARD: SMYTHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On October 19th, the Governing Board, Superintendent, and Principal Dr. Rebecca Bravo welcomed and recognized students from Smythe Elementary School: Jayden Chan and Sebastian Flores. Our San Ysidro School District family is very proud of you!



The Governing Board, Superintendent Potter, and Principal Dr. Rebecca Bravo, also recognized the staff at Smythe Elementary. Sylvia Lugo and Cindy Barron were recognized for their outstanding service to the community of Smythe and parent engagement.

Susana Anaya, Jeff Marshall, Alejandro Valencia, Karla Garcia, and Banely Arevalo Robles, were recognized for their outstanding service to the community of Smythe in relation to safety, climate and student engagement.

Martha Murillo was recognized for her outstanding service to the community of Smythe in relation to student achievement. Lastly, Ana Hurtado, Sandra Garcia, and Carly Hale, were recognized as part of the first grade team for their dedication to serving students through student achievement and English language proficiency.



DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARD: MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, TRANSPORTATION AND FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

On October 19th, the Governing Board, Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Support, School Support and Safety, Dr. Jose Iniguez, welcomed and recognized the Maintenance, Operations, Transportation and Facilities Department.

The entire department was recognized for their outstanding service, dedication, and consistency to our student's wellness and achievement, for ensuring the safety and protection of all students and staff when our facilities were impacted by extreme weather conditions, such as torrential rain, or emergency type situations.

From maintenance: Jose Leon, Jesus Sanchez, Eliseo Alba, Cruz Delgado, Tony Barriga and Jose Morales, were recognized. From grounds: Daniel Camberos (Lead Gardener), Moises Camberos, Gianfranco Fimbres, and Ernesto Marquez. From our warehouse: Izmael Sierra. Our custodians: Fidel Castro and David Gomez. From publication: Andrew Macias. Lastly from transportation: Joanna Velasco (Transportation Operations Technician,) Hector Vasquez (Bus Driver,) Jasmin Lopez (Bus Driver,) Martha Lucy Silva (Bus Driver,) Gabriel Lugo (Bus Driver,)

Rebeca Moreno (Bus Driver,) Daniel Sandoval (Mechanic,) Giselle Martinez (Bus Aide,) Alma Castaneda (Bus Aide,) Sara Torres (Bus Aide,) Maria Aguilar Gamez (Bus Aide,) Cecilia Castellanos (Bus Aide,) and Yesel Reyes (Bus Aide.)



DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARD: CHILD NUTRITION/ FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

On October 19th, the Governing Board, Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Support, School Support and Safety, Dr. Jose Iniguez, welcomed and recognized the Child Nutrition Services Department.

The entire department was recognized for their outstanding service, dedication, and consistency to our student's wellness, nutrition, and achievement.

From our District Office: Ana Bush (Area Production Lead) was recognized, Sadeer Sahib (Accounting Technician) and Miguel Garcia (Delivery Driver.) From La Mirada Elementary: Leticia Cueva (Lead Child Nutrition Specialist), Mayra Madrigal and Amanda Calderon. From Smythe: Edith Ortega (Lead Child Nutrition Specialist), Dolores Moreno, Marizela Benitez, Mirna Cervantes and Rosa Molina.

From Willow Elementary: Margarita Meza (Lead Child Nutrition Specialist), Veronica Ramirez, Deberah Cortez, Marlyn Moreno and Ivette Monje. From Sunset Elementary: Ana Del Real (Lead Child Nutrition Specialist), Magda Guerrero, Gloria Guerrero, Eugenia Gomez and Stephanie Garcia. From Ocean View Hills Elementary: Maria Sanchez (Lead Child Nutrition Specialist), Maria Del Carmen Mejia, Evelia Barbaza, Mayra Madrigal and Monica Guerrero. From Vista Del Mar: Esmeralda Villanueva (Lead Child Nutrition Specialist), Miriam Lopez, and Alejandra Ianni. Lastly, from San Ysidro Middle School: Yesenia Charles (Lead Child Nutrition Specialist), Melba Emazon and Elvira Dircio.





DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARD: EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

On October 19th, the Governing Board, Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent of Educational Leadership and Pupil Services, Russell Little welcomed and recognized the Educational Services Department.

The department was recognized for preparing instructional materials in Science, Social Studies, and English language arts.

Our Director of Educational Services, Luis Ramos, was recognized, as well as Resource Teachers: Sandra Guzman, Cynthia Mosqueda, Adriana Aguilar, and Carolina Hernandez, our Administrative Secretary III, Elizabeth Originales, our Administrative Secretary I, Marta Rodriguez de Torres, and our Data Support Specialist, Jacob Rodriguez.



NEW COORDINATOR OF FEDERAL & STATE PROGRAMS AND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION, EDUCATIONAL SERVICES: MARIA C. RODRIGUEZ

On October 19th, the Governing Board, and Superintendent congratulated former Willow Elementary School Principal, Maria C. Rodriguez, for being hired as the new Coordinator of Federal & State Programs and Language Acquisition, Educational Services. Maria has been an Administrator and an Educator at our San Ysidro School District for 24 years. She has served our community as a Principal, Assistant Principal and a Teacher.

She carries a wealth of knowledge about our students, families, and communities that will help her make the best decisions when attending to the needs of our San Ysidro families.



NEW DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES: MANUEL BOJORQUEZ

On October 19th, the Governing Board, and Superintendent congratulated former San Ysidro Middle School Principal, Manuel Bojorquez, for being hired as the new Director of Human Resources. Manuel Bojorquez has been an Educator and Administrator with over twenty seven years of experience serving the San Ysidro School District.

He has dedicated many years of his knowledge and expertise to student achievement, education, and to combating student absenteeism as a Principal, Assistant Principal, and Teacher.

In addition to his knowledge, Mr. Bojorquez has demonstrated tenacity and resilience. He has a profound understanding of the necessities and different elements of the culture that make San Ysidro unique.

He has been the proud recipient of multiple awards, including Elementary Principal of the Year Award for 2019 ACSA Region 18.



SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTICIPATES IN GREAT SHAKEOUT

All of our schools and our District Office participated in mandatory safety drill on Thursday, October 19th, 2023. Everyone was required to hold a Duck/Cover/Hold for our earthquake drill, which takes place four times per year, once for each school quarter. Thank you to everyone who followed instructions and evacuated their facilities properly.







SUNSET ELEMENTARY TEACHERS LOUNGE REMODELED BY CHURCH 180

A BIG reveal for our Sunset Elementary staff! A beautifully remodeled teachers lounge was the latest project sponsored by Church 180 on serve day. The new lounge at Sunset Elementary is designed to foster teacher's wellness and self care. Thank you Church 180 for creating a restful and joyful environment for our personnel and for serving our school's community in ways like this!





OCEAN VIEW HILLS STUDENTS ABOARD USS MIDWAY FOR AN IMMERSIVE LEARNING ADVENTURE

The fun continued this week for our San Ysidro School District students aboard the USS Midway Museum. This week students from Ocean View Hills Elementary School hopped on board and joined the “Everyday Heroes Tour.”

All second grade students from La Mirada, Smythe, Sunset, Willow, and Ocean View Hills Elementary are participating in this wonderful immersive and educational experience onboard the decommissioned aircraft carrier USS Midway CV-41.

The field trips are social studies and math focused, they offer visuals and fun activities for everyone onboard. A special thank you to the San Diego Downtown Breakfast Rotary for their generosity and for making this wonderful experience possible.



K-9 UNIT VISIT FOR OUR SAFETY PATROL AT OCEAN VIEW HILLS ELEMENTARY

The San Diego Police Department's K-9 Unit visited our Safety Patrol team from Ocean View Hills Elementary School. Students learned about the different tactics used by K-9 units in order to keep our communities safe.





ACSA 18 CHARTER SOUTHWEST ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

The Southwest Administrators' Association's Annual Superintendents' Event took place on Tuesday, October 17th in Chula Vista. South Bay Superintendents, including our San Ysidro School District Superintendent, Dr. Gina Potter, partook in the morning event where they spoke about reimagining our future in the educational sector with the use of different digital tools powered by artificial intelligence. Another part of this conversation was the use of AI to meet the needs of our communities.





UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	WHO
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

AT&T SPONSORS A MURAL AT SUNSET ELEMENTARY

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jose Iniguez joined Board Member Rudy Lopez and Principal Efrain Burciaga in meeting this week to plan for a mural on the asphalt at Sunset Elementary. This initiative is called Revive Tu Cancha and is coordinated by AT&T and is a bi-national effort, including artists from Mexico. The mural will be painted on Thursday, November 9. A very special thank you to Board Member Rudy Lopez for bringing the AT&T partnership to our district!



BEYER COMMUNITY CENTER PRE-CONSTRUCTION WORK

Our Beyer project continues to roll on. This week, vendors dug “test pits” or holes dug prior to construction to help ensure the ground conditions are suitable for building projects. These test pits average a depth of 3-15 feet deep, and allow geotechnical engineers the opportunity to assess soil composition before officially breaking ground.

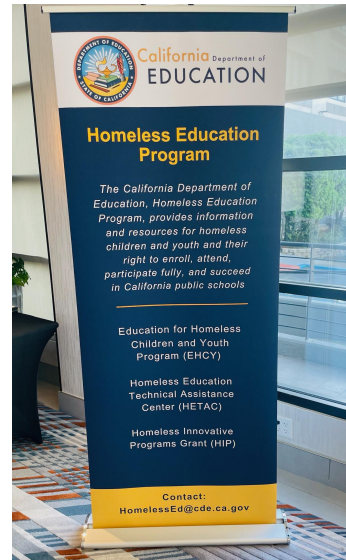


MCKINNEY-VENTO STATE CONFERENCE/OUTREACH CONSULTANTS UPDATE

Veronica Medina, Pupil Services Coordinator attended the Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) state conference in San Francisco this week. The conference focused on the scope of services provided by the McKinney Vento legislation as our district finds more ways to support our students to succeed and thrive both academically and socially.

In addition, Ms Medina worked with all district outreach consultants to provide updates regarding resources for families and to provide updates regarding attendance monitoring.





SDCOE CAMP CUYAMACA SEASON BEGINS

The La Mirada Eagles will be the first cohort to attend the SDCOE Outdoor Education program (aka "6th Grade Camp") the week of October 23 2023. We are very excited for them and we wish them a great fall camp experience. Stay tuned next week for photos of their adventures!

SAN YSIDRO EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE MEETING

Our San Ysidro Education Collaborative finally had the opportunity to meet in person to discuss different topics impacting our community. We spoke about several matters, including the recruitment of parents and community members into our different committees, such as our Parent Engagement Committee.

Our Board Member Rudy Lopez, joined the conversation along with members of distinguished local organizations that support student education in San Ysidro. Thank you to all of those who joined the meeting and shared their ideas, making this event a successful one.



CALIFORNIA INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL COMMUNITY UPDATE

Source: San Diego County Office of Education and California Indian Education for All

“Learn about SDCOE and CIEFA’s collaborative efforts to support American Indian Education and culturally responsive indigenized professional learning. This guide is an overview of all SDCOE American Indian Education projects, networking opportunities, and grants that are supporting in collaboration with tribal leaders and educators.”

Please click on the link to access the California Indian Education for All Community Update and Events:

https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Oct-16-2023-California-Indian-Education-for-All-Community-Update.html?soid=1138500242277&aid=A5Gn_nSKhMo

RED RIBBON WEEK AT OUR SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS

As part of Red Ribbon Week and our drug prevention awareness program, our San Diego County District Attorney, Summer Stephan, will visit San Ysidro Middle School, where she will give a presentation to our Ysidro School District parents regarding our youth and the dangers of fentanyl exposure. The date will be announced soon.

Our District Attorney will hold a second presentation on Friday, October 27th, 2023, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Vista del Mar Middle School, with the same topic, but on this occasion the presentation is designed for our students' particular age group.

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>