



# San Ysidro

School District **EST - 1887**

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## District Highlights

Week of October 21, 2022



### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

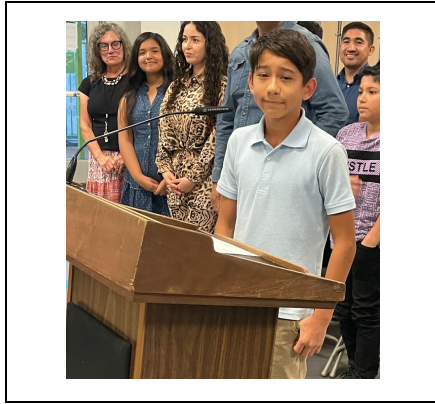


### UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
<b>Halloween</b>	Monday, October 31, 2022	<b>All Schools OPEN</b>
<b>Veteran's Day Holiday</b>	Friday, November 11, 2022	All Schools and District Office Closed
<b>Parent Conferences</b>	Monday Nov. 14, through Friday Nov. 18, 2022	Elementary and Middle Schools
<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	November 21 - 25, 2022	All Schools Closed

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

On Thursday, October 20th, Smythe 6th grade student Gavin Barrón led the pledge of allegiance at the Governing Board Meeting. Nicely done, Gavin!



## BOARD RECOGNITION: SMYTHE SCHOOL STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

On Thursday, October 20th, the Governing Board and Superintendent recognized four Smythe School students for outstanding student achievement. Smythe School Principal Russell Little shared the following remarks about each student.

- **Carmela Aparicio**, 6th grade student: Carmela is very positive, always on task, well-behaved, respectful, and hard-working. She is excelling in all subjects and is also creative, and inquisitive. She participates and often volunteers to read, give an opinion, and help others
- **Myrrha Vásquez**, 6th grade student: Myrrha is a great role model, shows appropriate learning behaviors during academic time, and has incredible attendance.
- **Yatziri Ayala**, 6th grade student: Yatziri is commended for her hard work in all academic areas. Her writing has been notable. She is kind and caring towards her peers.
- **Gavin Barrón**, 6th grade student: Gavin is an excellent role model for all. He exemplifies Safe, Respectful, and Responsible. He is always willing to help others and contributes to a wonderful classroom environment.



## **BOARD RECOGNITION: LA MIRADA ADMINISTRATION, CLASSIFIED AND CERTIFICATED STAFF FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

On Thursday, October 20th, the Governing Board and Superintendent recognized the entire administration, certificated and classified staff of La Mirada Elementary School for their emergency response to a safety matter in the neighborhood that caused the school to be on lockdown for the entire school day. The Governing Board and Superintendent praised everyone's contributions to keep the school and students safe.



## **VISTA DEL MAR CROSS COUNTRY TEAM BEGINS PREPARATIONS TO COMPETE**

The VDM Cross Country team, coached by Ms. Nikole Scarlett, has grown from 15 team runners to 45 current members with students still asking to join. The VDM cross country team was first formed in 2019. The week of October 10th they competed in their first practice meet at Otay Ranch HS. The next official meets are scheduled for October 22nd at Olympian HS, October 29th at Otay Ranch HS, and November 5th at a location TBD. Coach Scarlett said “we have a great team this year and we are working on recruiting and developing sixth graders, possibly through the Sci-Phy teachers. Our goals are to introduce as many San Ysidro students to the sports of cross country and track/field, having fun, and working towards being competitive with the larger middle school teams in the Sweetwater District”. Good luck team and GO SHARKS!



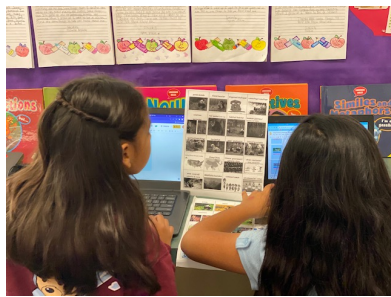
## LA MIRADA AND SMYTHE FACED OFF IN AN EPIC PATHWAYS SOCCER GAME

On Wednesday October 19th the La Mirada Eagles played the Smythe Dragons in a Pathways soccer match. La Mirada ended up winning 3 - 2 in a very close match. Congratulations to both teams and all the players, coaches and fans for showing great sportsmanship and support during this great rivalry game!



## WILLOW SCHOOL VISIT

On Monday, Oct 17th, Board President Rudy Lopez, Superintendent Potter and Cabinet (Interim Assistant Superintendent Manuela Colom, Executive Director of Educational Services Cynthia Monreal González, Executive Director of Human Resources Linda Olea and Chief Business Official Marilyn Adrianzen) had a great school visit to Willow Elementary School. They were hosted by Principal Maria Connie Rodriguez who facilitated classroom visits. Willow continues to focus on the well-being of the students making students feel valued and capable. Thank you Principal Rodriguez, staff and teachers for taking the time from your busy schedules to host our visit!

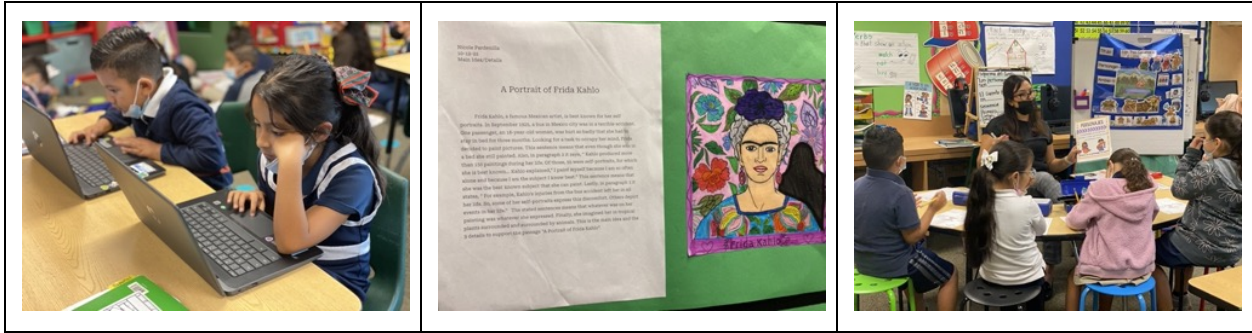




## SUNSET SCHOOL VISIT

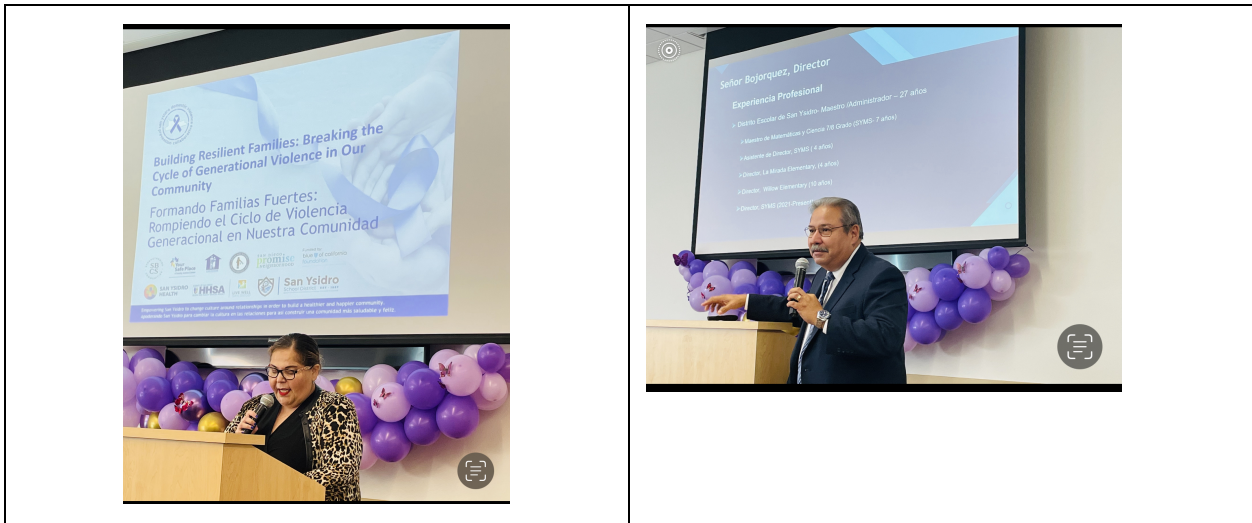
On Friday, October 21st, Board Clerk Irene Lopez, Superintendent Potter and Interim Assistant Superintendent Manuela Colom had a great school visit to Sunset Elementary School. Overall, Sunset Elementary is commended for focusing on safety, educational climate and student engagement. They were hosted by Principal Efrain Burciaga who facilitated classroom visits. Thank you Mr. Burciaga, staff and teachers for hosting our visit.





## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE

On October 19th, 2022 the San Ysidro Domestic Violence Prevention Collaborative held an awareness event at the San Ysidro Library titled "Building Resilient Families: Breaking the Cycle of Generational Violence in Our Community". Veronica Medina, Coordinator of Pupil services, was Master of Ceremonies and Mr. Manuel Bojorquez; SYMS Principal, was an invited Keynote Speaker. Mr. Bojorquez discussed the effects of Domestic Violence on young children, how to develop healthy relationships patterns, programs and curriculum that support emotional health, and staff and community support at our school sites.



## WELCOME DR. JOSE INIGUEZ

On Thursday, October 20th, Dr. Jose Iniguez was announced as the new Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, School Support and Safety. He began his role on October 24th. This multi-funded (with mostly restricted funds) position will provide district leadership, oversight and support of classified departments, coordinate district wide safety programs, provide leadership and oversight of the maintenance, operations, transportation, facilities department and construction projects, and school support.

Prior to joining our district, Dr. Iniguez served as an Executive Coach at the National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST) for the past 3 years. Prior to his role at NCUST, Dr. Iniguez served as the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services for Fallbrook Union High school District for 5 years and as the Director of Educational



Services for 1 year. He also has experience as both an Assistant Principal and Principal.

Dr. Iniguez's parents immigrated to the U.S. from Jalisco, Mexico. He was the first generation born in the U.S. and has called San Diego County his home for the last 9 years.

Dr. Iniguez earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley. Dr. Iniguez holds a Masters of Arts in Administration Leadership from CSU Northridge as well as a Masters of Arts in Education from the University of California at Los Angeles. Dr. Iniguez also holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence, Law from the University of California School of Law, Los Angeles and a Doctorate of Education from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Dr. Iniguez is excited to join our San Ysidro district family. Congratulations Dr. Iniguez!



### **CONGRATULATIONS MR. LITTLE!**

On Thursday, October 20th, Mr. Russell Little was announced as the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Leadership and Pupil Services, replacing the vacant position left by Dr. David Farkas when he became the Superintendent of El Centro Unified School District. Mr. Little assumed his cabinet position on Monday, October 24th.

Mr. Little has served as the proud Principal of Smythe Elementary School for 4 years. Previously, he served as a Principal for 15 years and as Assistant Principal for 6 years. Mr. Little possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, French and Spanish along with a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Applied Linguistics both from University of New Mexico. He speaks 5 languages including Spanish, French, Swedish, German and Catalan.

The district has posted the vacant principal position at Smythe Elementary and will announce the substitute principal for Smythe Elementary soon.

Mr. Little is excited to serve as part of the district leadership team to support our students, teachers and staff districtwide. Congratulations Mr. Little!



**NEW TEMPORARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT SUNSET & WILLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

On Thursday, October 20th, the Governing Board approved the employment of Richard Troia as the new Assistant Principal for Sunset Elementary and Willow Elementary Schools.



## THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT!

Source: <https://www.shakeout.org/california/>

This year's International Shakeout Day was on October 20th. The district office and schools participated in the earthquake drill at 10:20 am. "The Great California ShakeOut is an annual opportunity to practice how to be safer during big earthquakes: "[Drop, Cover and Hold On](#)". It is also a great opportunity to review and update emergency preparedness plans and supplies!



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