



## District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D.

Week of October 25, 2019

### **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING: MON, OCTOBER 28th from 5:30pm - 6:00pm @ District Office**

On Monday, October 28th there will be a Special Board Meeting at the district office board room. The agenda item will be the presentation of the California Dashboard Local Indicators progress for our school district.

### **BOARD WORKSHOP: THURS, NOVEMBER 14 from 2PM - 5PM @ Willow School**

On Thursday, November 14th beginning at 2 p.m. there will be a Special Board Meeting. The three topics of this meeting are:

1. GO Bond Information
2. Budget
3. School Safety & Willow Safety Walk

### **REGULAR BOARD MEETING: THURS, NOVEMBER 14 @ 5PM - Willow School**

On Thursday, November 14th beginning at 5 p.m. there will be a regular Board Meeting.

### **SAD NEWS - THE PASSING OF RETIRED SYSD ADMINISTRATOR & COMMUNITY LEADER BETTY CUEN**

It is with a heavy heart and great sadness that we share the news of the passing of our beloved Betty Cuen. Mrs. Cuen was and always will be San Ysidro. She loved this community and all the children of the San Ysidro School District. She retired from SYSD as an assistant principal after a long and distinguished educational career. After retirement, she dedicated her heart and soul to working in the community as a member of many organizations including the San Ysidro Woman's Club, Friends of San Ysidro and San Ysidro Friends of the Library. Mrs. Cuen's legacy will live on forever in San Ysidro.



**CSBA MASTERS IN GOVERNANCE COURSE 5: Sat., Oct. 26th @ SDCOE from 8AM-4PM**

Three Board Members (I.Lopez, H.Gurmilan, & R.Lopez) are joining Superintendent Potter in attending this year's California School Boards Association Masters in Governance Program. The next courses we will attend are on **Friday, October 26th** at SDCOE on the topics of Community Relations, Advocacy & Governance.



*Photo of the California School Boards Association - Masters in Governance training on school finance. Board President Irene Lopez, Board Vice President Humberto Gurmilan, Board Member Rudy Lopez, CSBA Pacer & SYSD Parent Raquel Madden, & Superintendent Gina Potter.*

**Upcoming CSBA MIG Courses:**

MIG Course 3: School Finance	<b>Friday, October 18, 2019</b> 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining	<b>Saturday, October 19, 2019</b> 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration	<b>Saturday, October 26, 2019</b> 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
MIG Course 2 : Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review	<b>Saturday, March 14, 2020</b>
MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration	<b>Saturday, June 13, 2020</b>

**HALLOWEEN SCHOOL PARADES & DISTRICT OFFICE TAQUERIA: THURS, OCT 31st**

On Thursday, October 31st Cabinet and Board Members (optional) will visit a few schools in the morning to see/participate in their Halloween Costume Parades.

**SMYTHE LEARNING WALK (Manuela Colom)**

Mr. Little provided a school overview and we broke up into groups. The classroom visits consisted of a variety of grade levels and programs. Present during the visit were: all 7 principals, Mr. Ramos, Mrs. Aguilar, Cynthia Gonzalez, Dr. Potter and Mrs. Colom. They all had the opportunity to visit classrooms and observe instruction, concentrating on English Learners. The purpose of these visits was to observe, analyze practices in order to refine instruction to facilitate our student's access to the core subjects.

The students at Smythe demonstrated exceptional behavior and high engagement in their learning.



# ELA

## Informational Text Structures

Text Structure	Key Words	Graphic Organizer
<b>Sequence/Chronological Order</b> Tells about a series of events or steps in a process.	First, next, then, after, finally, last, before, after that, and so on.	Timeline
<b>Cause and Effect</b> Tells about the reason (cause) for something and what happened as a result (effect).	Because, so, since, as a result, therefore, thus, hence, consequently, as a result of, due to, on account of, owing to, because of, as a consequence of, as a result of, due to, on account of, owing to, because of, as a consequence of.	Cause-Effect Diagram
<b>Problem and Solution</b> Tells about a problem and suggests possible solutions.	Problem, solution, because, so, since, as a result, therefore, thus, hence, consequently, as a result of, due to, on account of, owing to, because of, as a consequence of.	Problem-Solution Diagram
<b>Compare and Contrast</b> Tells about two or more things and shows how they are alike and different.	Compare, contrast, similar, different, alike, unlike, both, neither, not only...but also, as well as, in addition to, in contrast to, in comparison to, in contrast to, in contrast to.	Venn Diagram

David Torres

24. Gabriella Soto

My Fall Break

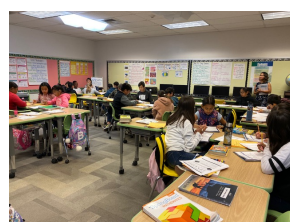
Directions: Write about what you did during your fall break.

My fall break was fantastic. I had fun with my family. I went to the park with my sister. I read to my sister. I went to the park with my sister. I read to my sister. I went to the park with my sister. I read to my sister.



ELA Rotations

listening: Red Riding Hood  
computers: Raz Kids  
verse files  
VT: page



A King Who Loved Gold

Read the story "The Tale of King Midas" in my opinion. Write a story.

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From gold, I like the story because it was funny. For example, when King Midas said "I love gold". Also, like the story because King Midas made gold and everything he touched turned to gold. Finally, I like the story because King Midas wanted to help the creature and gave the creature food.

How, you think which one someone would enjoy "The Tale of King Midas"? It is a fun story.

Option Writing

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10





**MOTF DISTRICT OFFICE BEAUTIFICATION - INCREDIBLE JOB MOTF TEAM!!!**

A very special Thank you to Paulo Azevedo, Director of MOTF, and the entire MOTF crew for painting the district office. The district office staff voted on option #2 color schemes and it looks beautiful.

Also, thank you for painting the board room and adding the LED district logo. The board room looks professional and welcoming!



**MARIA DEL ROSARIO CASTRO OTHERWISE KNOWN AS CHARO AND MARIA LOPEZ DECORATED THE BOARD ROOM AND LIBRARY LUNCHEON FOR THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE STATE EDUCATION (CLSEI) VISIT**

A very special Thank you to Maria Del Rosario Castro, Sunset IMRA, and Maria Lopez, Sunset Volunteer, for working on decorating the board room for the California Legislative Staff Education Institute (CLSEI) visit. The decoration reflected the San Ysidro community and culture.



## SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT HOSTS THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE STAFF EDUCATION INSTITUTE (CLSEI)



The K-12 Education Cohort & CLSEI staff split into three groups to visit Smythe Elementary, La Mirada Elementary and Ocean View Hills Elementary. Each group met with the school principal and visited classrooms.

### ***DAY 2: OCTOBER 24, 2019***

#### **CLSEI - Community Partnerships Panel**

A special thank you to all of our Community Partnership Panel distinguished guests: San Diego County District Attorney - Summer Stephan, San Diego Police Department Captain, Southern Division - Manny Del Toro, Southwestern Community College President - Dr. Kindred Murillo,

SDSU National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST) Representative - Dr. Joseph Johnson and United States Border Patrol Assistant Chief Patrol Agent - Chaplain Spencer Hatch. Our district's Coordinator of Communications and Public Relations, Francisco Mata did an excellent job facilitating this panel!

Community Partnerships Panel - Biographies:

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### **CLSEI - School Based Services Panel**

A special thank you to all of our School Based Services Panel distinguished guests: Coordinator of Full Services Community Schools & Expanding Learning Programs - Omar Calleros, Student & Family Services Manager - Veronica Medina, San Ysidro Health Youth Enhancement Service Program Manager - Roberto Suarez, San Diego Deputy District Attorney/Restorative Justice - Marissa Bejarano, South Bay Community Services Promise Neighborhood - Mauricio Torrem Casa Familiar Director- Tiernan Seaver and Casa Familiar Promotores - Maria Cervantes. SYSD team member Omar Calleros is commended for coordinating and facilitating this panel!



School Based Services Panel - Biographies:

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**CLSEI - Guest Speaker - Survivors of Torture International: Kathi Anderson**

Guest speaker Kathi Anderson from Survivors of Torture International spoke to the K-12 Education Cohort & Human Services Cohort.



**CLSEI - Board President Irene Lopez thanked the CSEA Leadership Team, MOTF District Office Beautification Crew, Child Nutrition Services and everyone associated with the planning, projects, setup and cleanup for the visit.**

Board President Irene Lopez shared some remarks to the K-12 Education Cohort & Human Services Cohort at the San Ysidro Library - Lloyd de Llamas Multi-purpose/Community Room's outside patio. Board President Lopez shared some history about San Ysidro and thanked CSEA Leadership Team, MOTF staff, Child Nutrition Services and everyone associated with the planning, projects, setup and clean up for the CLSEI visit.





**CLSEI - Celebration Luncheon**

Thank you to Maria Del Rosario Castro, Sunset IMRA, and Maria Lopez, Sunset Volunteer, for working on decorating the San Ysidro Library - Lloyd de Llamas Multi-purpose Community Room for the celebration luncheon.



**CLSEI - Celebration Lunch - Montgomery High School Mariachi & Performance**

A special Thank you to Guadalupe Gonzalez, Director, and Students of the Montgomery High School's Mariachi group for providing entertainment during the Celebration Lunch. The mariachi group sang Guadalajara, Son de la Negra and many more classic mariachi songs.



**CLSEI - Celebration Lunch - Vista Del Mar Middle School Baile Folklorico & Performance**

A special Thank you to Nirvana Bustos, Director, and Students of the Vista Del Mar Middle School's Baile Folklorico for providing entertainment during the Celebration Lunch.





*Video of the Vista Del Mar Middle School's Baile Folklorico Performance:*

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**CLSEI - SYSD Parent Panel**

Thank you to our San Ysidro parents that participated in the SYSD Parent Panel with the K-12 Education Cohort. The District Parent Panel consisted of: La Mirada Parent - Frank Coates, Ocean View Hills Parent - Thomas Werner, Smythe & San Ysidro Middle School Parent - Karen Tovar, Sunset Parent - Daisy Perez, Willow Parent - Laura Lopez, Vista Del Mar Middle School Parent - Edgar Saldivar and Preschool Parent - Angela Garcia.



### **CLSEI - SYSD Student Panel**

Thank you to our San Ysidro students that participated in the SYSD Student Panel with the K-12 Education Cohort. The SYSD Student Panel consisted of: La Mirada Student - Emmanuel Balvaneda, Ocean View Hills Student - Carlos Pacheco, Smythe Student - Anthony Plaza, Sunset Student - Ashley Moreno, Willow Student - Camila Rivera, San Ysidro Middle Student - Alejandra Ramirez and Vista Del Mar Middle Student - Frida Mosquera.



### **CLSEI - San Ysidro Education Association (SYEA) - District Teacher Leadership Team**

Thank you to our San Ysidro Education Association (SYEA) - District Teacher Leadership Team for meeting with the K-12 Education Cohort. SYEA panel participants consisted of: President (Smythe) - Natalie La Rosa, Grievance Chair (VDM) - Jennifer Cuestas, 2nd Vice President & Political Action Committee Chair (Willow) - Martin Galante, Membership Chair (Willow) - Elizabeth Gomez, Bargaining Chair (VDM) - Guillermina Sandez, Vice President (OVHS) - Katina De Leon, Secretary (OVHS) - Erica Vitug and Treasurer (OVHS) - Vikki Viramontes-Castorena.



**DAY 3: OCTOBER 25, 2019**

**CLSEI - School Visits**

On Day 3, the K-12 Education Cohort & CLSEI staff split into four groups to visit Willow Elementary, Sunset Elementary, Vista Del Mar Middle School and San Ysidro Middle School. Each group met with the school principal and visited classrooms.



*School Visit at Vista Del Mar Middle School*



*School Visit at Willow Elementary*



*School Visit at Sunset School*



*School Visit at San Ysidro Middle School*

**CLSEI Day 3: Debrief & Lunch with Superintendent Potter, Board President Irene Lopez & Board Vice President Humberto Gurmilan**

The K-12 Education Cohort & CLSEI staff debriefed with Superintendent Potter, Board President Lopez and Board Vice President Humberto Gurmilan. Overall, the CLSEI team commended our district for the great teaching and learning they observed in each of our schools, for our incredible hospitality with the amazing painting and beautification of the district office, the wonderful Day 2 program with outstanding panels and the Celebration Luncheon, and for our district’s focus on student achievement. All in all, the CLSEI team was so happy with their professional development visit that they inquired if they might visit our district again in a few years! Way to go TEAM SYSD!!!

Afterwards, the K-12 Education Cohort, CLSEI staff, and District Office staff took a group picture.



**CASA FAMILIAR’S ANNUAL SAN YSIDRO COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER 2019**

For over 29 years, Cas Familiar has been serving Thanksgiving Dinner to San Ysidro families. On November 21, 2019, the community will come together once again with a crew of nearly 100 volunteers including professional chiefs, elected officials, police, teachers, business owners and many other community leaders to serve over 1,000 meals to San Ysidro families.





**Announcing Casa Familiar's Annual  
San Ysidro Community Thanksgiving Dinner 2019**

August 2019

Dear Friend of the Community:

The holidays will soon be upon us, which for many of us means getting together with the family, nice dinners, and good times. Unfortunately, for too many families in our community this is not always possible.

For over 29 years, Casa Familiar has been serving Thanksgiving Dinner to San Ysidro families. On November 21, 2019, our community will come together once again with a crew of nearly 100 volunteers including professional chefs, elected officials, police, teachers, business owners and many other community leaders to serve over 1,000 meals to San Ysidro families. It is a community-wide event with families sharing a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with other local families. In our largely Latino community, this traditional Thanksgiving dinner is also often an adventure in culture.

Casa Familiar relies on the generous donations from local businesses to make this dinner possible. This is why we are reaching out to you today. Many of your loyal patrons will be guests at our dinner, as such, we ask that you please consider donating and invite you to be a part of the celebration.

We are in need of turkeys, canned foods, paper goods, and other in-kind or cash donations. Anything you can contribute will be greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible and donors will be recognized through signage during the event. If you are able to make a donation please contact our office at 619-428-1115. Your donation is tax exempt; our non-profit ID number is 23-7237898. Thank you in advance for your support in making the holidays a joyful time for all San Ysidro families.

Sincerely,

Lisa Cuestas  
Chief Executive Officer



Coordinating team for 2019 Community Thanksgiving Dinner-  
Ana Chiquete, Susana Torres, Elsa Escalante, Alberto Sanchez,  
Bertha Rodriguez, Bertha Banda, Maria Cervantes & Tiernan Seaver

**VISTA DEL MAR BOYS BASEBALL TEAM**

On Saturday, October 19, 2019, the Vista Del Mar Middle School Baseball Team advanced to the championship game in the Sweetwater Middle School League. They played a double header and defeated Hilltop Middle 6-2 & Nestor Charter School 13-1. Congratulations to Coach George Aceves and Assistant Coach Juan Guerrero. A special thanks to Jose Herrera for helping coach the playoff games. The Vista Del Mar Middle School Boys Baseball Team will play the championship game on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. against Arroyo Vista Charter School at Olympian High School. Good luck!



## **SYSD PATHWAYS SUMMER PROGRAM - SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS** (Omar Calleros)

The goal of the SYSD Pathways Summer Program is to connect elementary and middle school students with industry professionals which have obtained their career through college or Career Technical Education. SYSD has partnered with SDCOE to create these industry connections. This 4-week program focused on one sector per week, allowing students to conduct career exploration through classroom activities, industry guest speakers and site visits with industry partners. The sectors highlighted were Science, Healthcare, Information & Communication Technology (ICT), Building & Construction and College & Career Readiness. Our kids had a great time learning about a variety of industry traits.

On October 22, 2019 board of governance member Mr. Antonio Martinez organized a meeting between SYSD administration team members and Micheal Labruno, Outreach Specialist of Career Connections from the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters to discuss the possibility of offering carpentry flagship programs to our middle school students. There is a strong consideration offering these programs during the Pathways Program, after school hours or during a Summer Pathways program. To generate excitement and interest in carpentry, the Council of Carpenters will participate in the SYMS Elective Fair on March 17, 2020. We are looking forward to collaborating with them for the betterment of our students.





### 2019 ANNUAL BENEFITS FAIR

The District held its Annual Benefits Fair on Friday, October 25th. Many thanks to Daniel Chavez, Senior Payroll and Benefits Accountant who organized and facilitated the fair! The fair was well attended by staff and many vendors were represented as well. Such vendors included San Ysidro Health, MetLife, American Fidelity, and many others.



**NEW VISION & FUTURE OF SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL** (Manuela Colom)

Under the leadership of Connie Rodriguez and Omar Calleros a visioneering committee has been formed to plan the new vision and future of San Ysidro Middle School. The committee is comprised of staff, parents, students, and administrators. The first meeting took place on September 10, 2019, and the second meeting will take place on November 12, 2019.

**HOMEWORK CLUBS AT MIDDLE SCHOOLS** (Manuela Colom)

VDM as well as SYMS are currently holding after school homework clubs.

VDM has it Monday through Thursday from 2:04 to 3:15 p.m. and Friday from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in the school library. Students go to complete homework assignments, catch up or just wait until parents pick up in a quiet and safe environment.

SYMS- Just began their homework club and after school tutoring, it is offered Monday through Thursday, from 2:15-3:15pm. Students are also being offered credit recovery during this time. Mrs. Simpson is tutoring English and Mrs. Patterson is tutoring Math.

**BOC MEETING SCHEDULE**

Please see link below to access the BOC meeting schedule:

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**LOOKING AHEAD** (by Monica Yrineo & Miguel Ortega)

Below is a chart of upcoming dates and events.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
10-28-19	8:30 a.m.	OVHS	Coffee with the Principal
10-30-19	3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Smythe	Fall Carnival

10-30-19	3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.	La Mirada	Fall Festival
10-31-19	8:30 a.m.	La Mirada	Costume Parade
10-31-19	8:30 a.m.	Smythe	Costume Parade
10-31-19	9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m.	OVHS	Costume Parades
10-31-19	8:45 a.m.	Sunset	Costume Parade
10-31-19	9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.	CDC	Costume Parade
10-31-19	8:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.	Willow	Costume Parade