



District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina Potter, Ed.D.

Week of October 25, 2024

SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

BOARD MEMBERS RECOGNIZE OCEAN VIEW HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAR STUDENTS FROM THE SAFETY PATROL TEAM

An incredible group of students from Ocean View Hills Elementary School was recognized by our Board Vice President Zenaida Rosario, Board Member Rosaleah Pallasigue, Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter, Assistant Superintendent Manuel Bojorquez, and Principal Erika Meza for showcasing their commitment to fostering leadership and responsibility and for making it happen every day at their school to keep students safe during drop-off and pick-up times. Kudos to our one and only fabulous OVH Student Safety Patrol!!!

As members of the San Ysidro School District, we congratulate and celebrate the following Star Students: Alexandra Panos, Demariana Sivila-M, Mayte Noriega, Isabella Cantero, Justin Lynne Patriarca, Aranza Rodriguez, Aiden Barthuly, Ariana Moreno, Isaia Raddatz, Davina Diaz, Maximiliano Biggs, Jeanessa Moreno, Arianna Murillo, Janette Portillo, Kacie Escobal, Dylan Macabulit, Victoria Sanchez, Peyton Tirey, Viviana Chavez, Eithan Uribe, Isabella Zendejas, Daniella Zendejas, Leo Navarro, Kevin Afokpa, Nicolle Trujillo, Chloe Beason, Annette Duran Gonzalez, Sofia Cenicerros, Nikko Konosoy, Danna Orozco, Sky Aldair, Mia Velazquez, Aaron Covarrubias, Sofia Cochey, Francesaca Holland, Nicole R. Osuna, Romina Gonzalez, and Victor Villanueva.

We would also like to recognize their remarkable Student Safety Patrol Coordinator Marely Navarro. Thank you for teaching our students teamwork, responsibility, leadership, and the importance of keeping our community safe.





NEWS CONFERENCE: NEW SCHOOL DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM HOSTED BY THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD, AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY SUBSTANCE USE AND OVERDOSE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

The San Diego District Attorney's Office, in collaboration with different law and drug enforcement organizations, including the California National Guard Counterdrug Task Force, and in partnership with the San Diego County Office of Education, presented a news conference at Vista Del Mar Middle School on October 21st, where a new report was released outlining programs identified for drug prevention education in schools. Nearly two dozen schools across San Diego County have already begun adopting and implementing recommendations from the working group that produced the report. The curriculum shows the commitment of our school district to drug education and prevention. We are so proud to stand united as partners with these organizations to ensure our student safety and well-being.

Schools and organizations that have embraced educational programs recommended by the report include Mar Vista High School, Mar Vista Academy, Sweetwater High School, Barbara Worth Jr. High School, Vista Del Mar Middle School, San Ysidro Middle School, La Mirada Elementary School, Olympian High School, Saburo Murakoa Elementary School, All Tribes Charter School, Southwest High School, Maie Ellis Elementary School, La Paloma Elementary School, Mission Meadows Elementary School, Oceanside High School, Valle Lindo Elementary School, San Pasqual Academy, Smythe Elementary School, The Rock Academy, Ocean View Hills Elementary School, Vista Boys & Girls Club, and Imperial Beach Boys & Girls Club.

Five effective drug abuse prevention programs were highlighted for schools based on their grade levels: Life Skills Training, Positive Action, Project Towards No Drug Abuse, DARE's Keepin' It Real, and Project Alert.







RIVIERA DEL SOL NEIGHBORHOOD PARK RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

On Thursday, October 24, 2024, San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria invited students from Vista Del Mar Middle School to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the Riviera Del Sol Neighborhood Park in Otay Mesa. Special guests included Board President Irene Lopez, Vice President Zenaida Rosario, Board Member Rudy Lopez, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jose Iniguez, Vista Del Mar Middle School Principal Irene Herrera-Cevallos, and student leaders from Vista Del Mar Middle School: Elliana Ruiz, Daniel Hernandez, Jennalyn Alipio, Luka Tsipuria, Megan Paborian, Kylie Escobal, Daniel Herrera, and Viha Dayrit, all of whom joined in celebrating the park's grand opening.

The new park features open lawn areas, picnic shelters, restrooms, security lighting, benches, a monument sign, on-street accessible parking, and a crosswalk on Riviera Shores Street for added safety. Also in attendance were other dignitaries such as Assemblymember David Alvarez and Councilmember Vivian Moreno.





NATIONAL CENTER FOR URBAN SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION (NCUST) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST) under the leadership of Executive Director Dr. Francisco Escobedo (and current California State Board of Education Member) provided a professional development training to district cabinet members on the two primary NCUST areas of focus for the 2024-2025 school year:

1. Making Students Feel Valued and Capable
2. Building Fluency with Gatekeeper Vocabulary

The National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST) focuses on creating environments where students feel genuinely valued and capable, recognizing that a strong sense of belonging and confidence can significantly boost academic engagement and success. To foster this, educators work to acknowledge each student's unique contributions and build a positive, inclusive classroom culture. Another key area is

helping students build fluency with gatekeeper vocabulary—essential academic language that often determines students' success in critical subjects. By equipping students with a deep understanding of these terms, NCUST empowers them to engage more fully in academic discourse, giving them the tools to succeed in assessments and real-world applications.



OCEAN VIEW HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VISIT

On Tuesday, October 22, 2024, Principal Erika Meza hosted a vibrant visit to Ocean View Hills School, featuring wonderful classroom visits. Visitors observed learning environments where students were highly engaged in the learning process. The school showcased its strong commitment to academic excellence and social-emotional learning, with a special focus on student well-being and community building. It was an inspiring glimpse into the dedicated efforts at Ocean View Hills to foster growth and a positive school culture.

OVH is also commended for earning the California Assembly Honor Roll Award from Assemblymember David Alvarez for their excellence in student academic achievement in language arts and mathematics! Go Sharks!!!

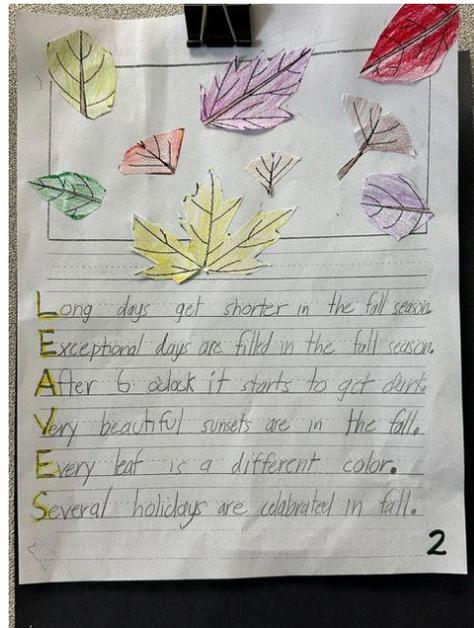
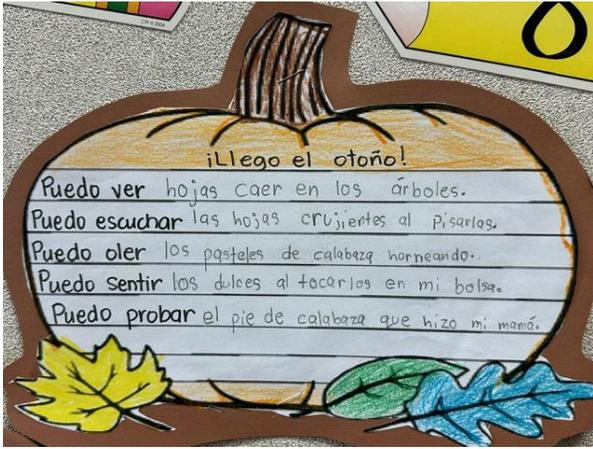
A very special thank you to the following teachers whose classrooms we visited:

Huerta, Hernandez, Franco-Lopez, Arias, Hills, Raygoza, Piggee, Daen, Ruvalcaba, DeLeon, Gross, Cruz, Gacuya, Hernandez, Godoy, and Villanueva.

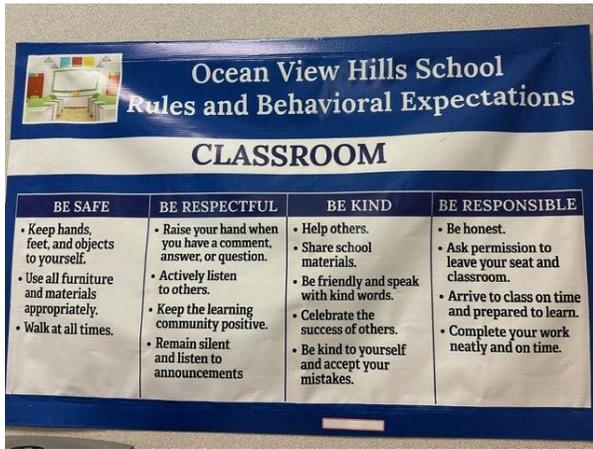


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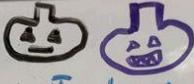






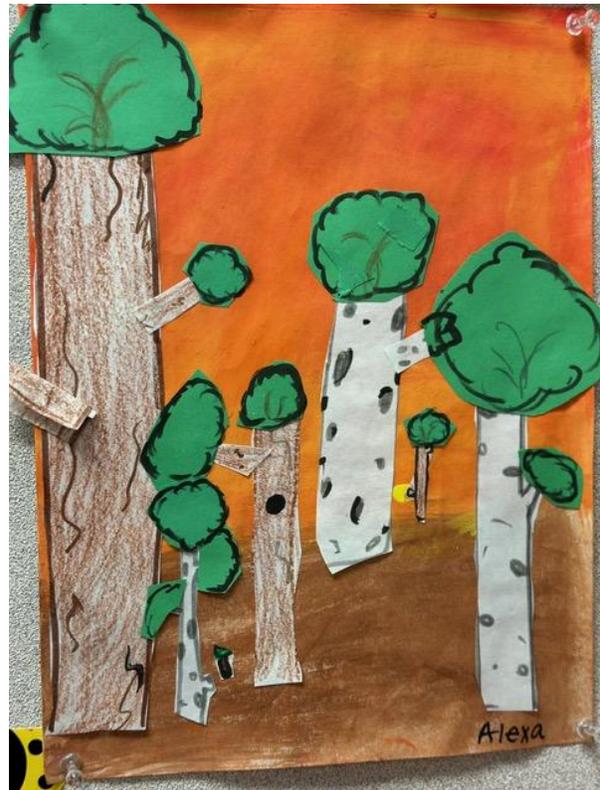
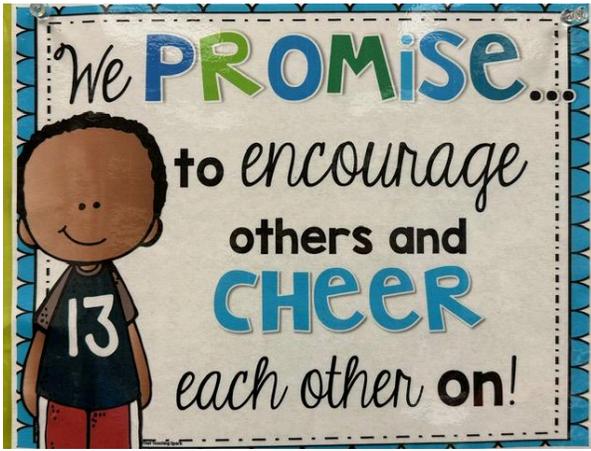


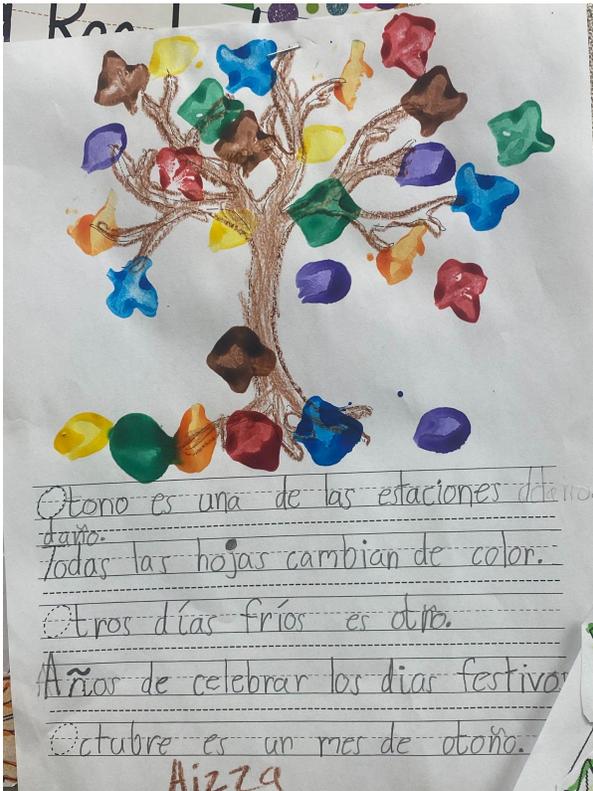
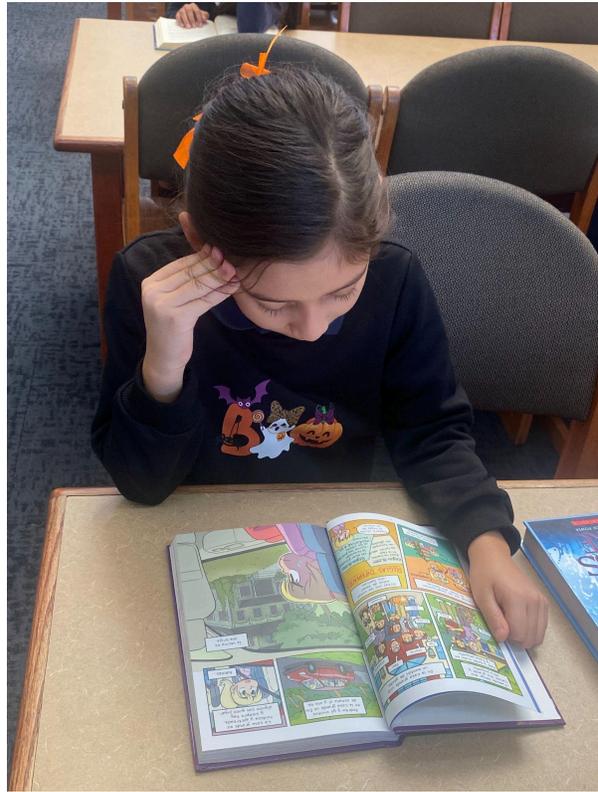
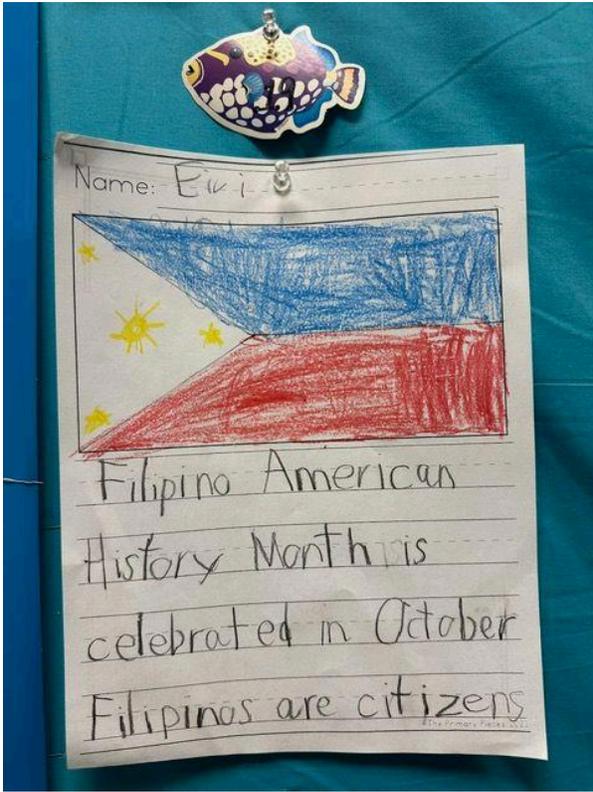
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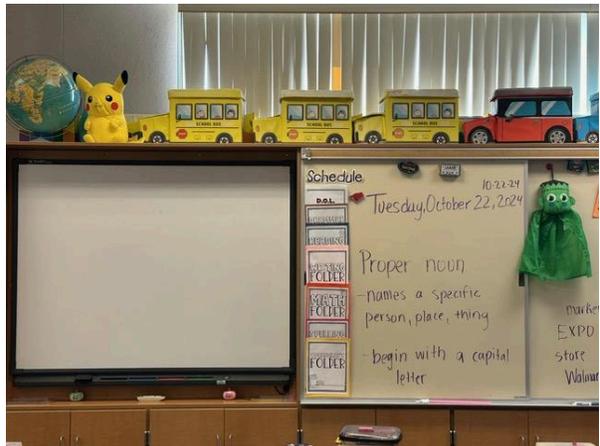
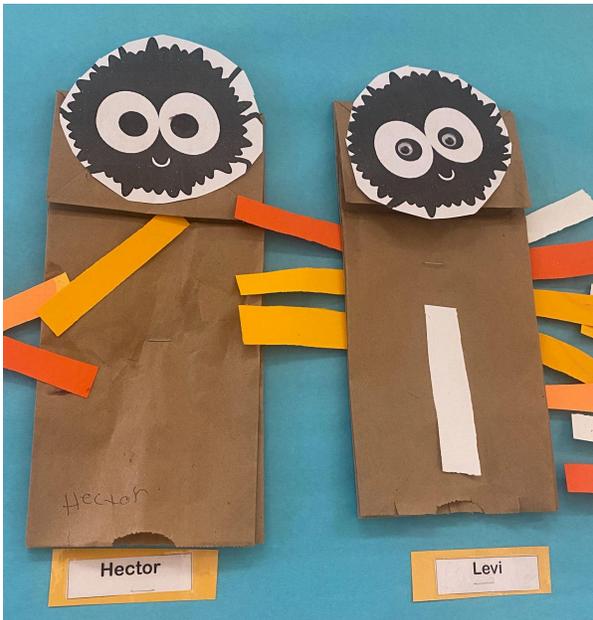
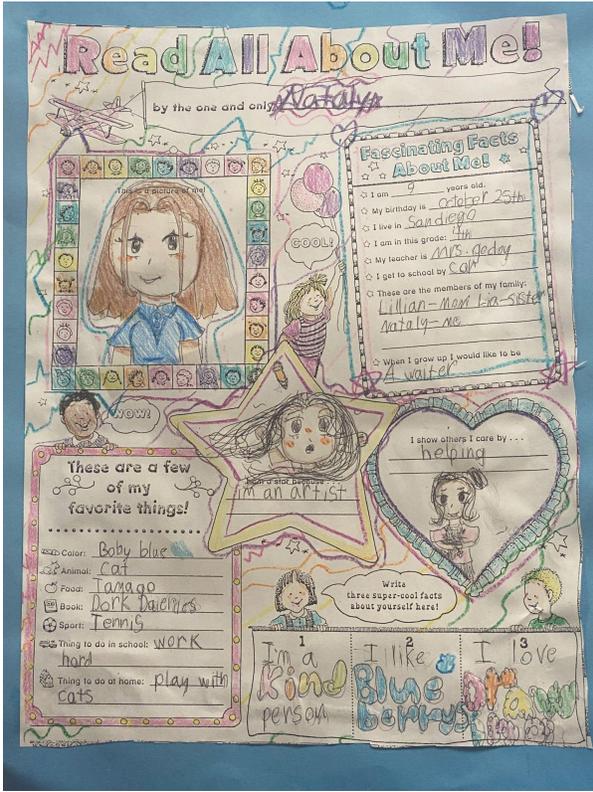


1	Azael	17	Teacher Assistant
2	Leah	18	Pencil Sharpener
3	Joyce	19	Board Eraser
4	Max	20	Tech
5	Cameron	21	Lights
6	Anakin	22	Nurse
7	Emmalyn	23	Line leader
8	Michael	24	Chromebooks
9	Adrian	25	Temperature
10	Ian	26	Custodian
11	Damian	27	Door Opener
12	Leonel	28	Phone
13	Cameron	29	Schedule
14	Lorenzo	30	Sub
15	Sebastian	31	Reading Books
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“CLASSROOM OF THE FUTURE” SUPE TANK 4.0 PRESENTATIONS

On Thursday, October 24, 2024, “Classrooms of the Future” held the Supe Tank 4.0 Event where superintendents from three different teams pitched their ideas to potential sponsors to bring their visions of student success to life.

- **Team Dr. Ben Churchill**
 - Dr. Ben Churchill, Carlsbad Unified School District - Lead
 - Dr. Jill Vinson, Cardiff School District
 - Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez, Fallbrook Union High School District
 - Ron McCowan, Valley Center-Pauma Unified School District
- **Team Karl Mueller**
 - Karl Mueller, Coronado Unified School District - Lead
 - Dr. David Miyashiro, Cajon Valley Union School District
 - Dr. Jennifer Burks, Solana Beach School District
 - Greg Mizel, Poway Unified School District
- **Team Dr. Leighangela Brady**
 - Dr. Leighangela Brady, National School District - Lead
 - Andree Grey, Encinitas Union School District
 - Dr. Holly McClurg, Del Mar Union School District
 - Dr. Gina Potter, San Ysidro School District

1. Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter showcased the remarkable successes of our district by spotlighting:
 - ❖ San Ysidro School District won the CSBA State Golden Bell Award for our English Language Learner Program.
 - ❖ Sci-Phy Program won the National Project Lead The Way Award.
 - ❖ Ocean View Hills Elementary School and Vista Del Mar Middle School won a California Purple Star Award for assisting military children with school transition and developing programs that recognize the value of military service and civic responsibility.
 - ❖ Ocean View Hills Elementary won the California Assembly Honor Roll for Academic Excellence.
2. Team Leighangela, Dr. Potter’s team secured 6 sponsors to host a Global Goals Forum for 200 6th grade students to attend across 4 districts at the Balboa Park Fleet Science Center.
3. Special guest Dr. Gloria Ciriza, the new San Diego County Office of Education Superintendent, provided a keynote speech.
4. The district was grateful to have Assistant Superintendent Manuel Bojorquez, Sci-Phy Lead Liana Davis, and Bond Oversight Committee Member Gloria McKearney attend this special event.





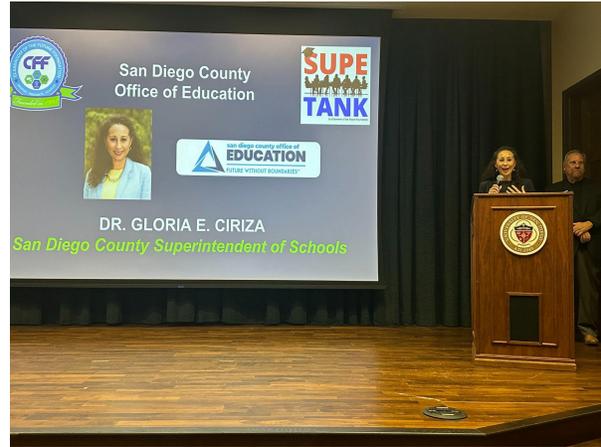
SUPE TANK DETAILS

SUPE TANK
by Commission of the Superior Education

- 9 superintendents present to an audience of potential partners
- 5-minute pitches about new idea or innovation in district
- Follow-up reception to meet with potential partners

IT'S TIME TO MEET OUR COACHES
LET'S GO TO THE TANK!

A woman in a black suit is on stage, gesturing towards a large image of a shark on the screen. Two men in suits are standing to her left.



SAVE THE DATE: SAN YSIDRO WOMEN’S CLUB 24TH ANNUAL TEDDY BEARS FOR KIDS DRIVE-THRU EVENT

The San Ysidro Women’s Club is hosting its 24th Annual Teddy Bear for Kids Event on Friday, December 8, 2024, at San Ysidro Middle School. This cherished holiday drive-thru event is designed to bring warmth and joy to the students and families in the district, spreading festive cheer and community support. During the event, students will have the opportunity to receive teddy bears and other treats, ensuring that children feel the holiday spirit and the care of their community. By hosting this event, the San Ysidro Women’s Club continues its tradition of bringing joy and holiday magic to local families, making the season special for everyone involved.

 **SAVE THE DATE!** 

Teddy Bears for Kids



Date: December 13, 2024
Time: 2:30 to 4:30
Place: San Ysidro Middle School



UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Veteran's Day - Holiday	Monday, November 11, 2024	District Office and Schools Closed
Progress Report #1 (Elementary Schools)	Week of November 18, 2024 - November 22, 2024	
End of First Semester	December 20, 2024 (87 days middle schools)	
Thanksgiving Holiday	Week of November 25, 2024 - November 29, 2024	
Winter Break	December 23, 2024 - January 13, 2024	
Students Return from Winter Break	Tuesday, January 14, 2024	

SYSD SCHOOLS WEEKLY BULLETINS

Link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sKiLpBSZmxlqnhLTJTE1eF6k2kP2Rb7I>

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>

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