

San Ysidro School District EST - 1887 QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D. Week of October 26, 2018

SCHOOL VISIT: VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE

This week Board Vice President Irene Lopez, Board Member Rodolfo Linares, Ms. Colom and I were able to join Principal Nadia Avilas for a school visit to Vista Del Mar Middle. A special thanks to Principal Avilas and her staff for hosting our visit and for their dedication and commitment to student learning that was evident in every classroom we visited. Below are photos from our VDM school visit along with the district feedback.



Photos from VDM



17th ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR DRIVE

This Tuesday district administration (Potter, Colom, & Mata) met with former Superintendent Grace Kojima, former Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Alice De La Torre, and a retired SYSD teacher of 39 years Martha Jacobo to plan the launch of the San Ysidro Women's Club 17th Annual Teddy Bear Drive! The event this year will be held on **Friday, December 14th from 5-8pm at SYMS MCC**!

All schools and departments will receive a teddy bear collection box and teddy bear collections will begin the first week of November and run through December 11th. They kindly ask for donated teddy bears to be medium sized to large so children receiving them feel like they all get a similar sized teddy bear. Schools and departments will compete to see which school and which department can collect the most teddy bears. The top winning school and top winning department will be recognized with a breakfast hosted by the San Ysidro Women's Club. Let's make this year a success with our teddy bear collections!



COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL @ WILLOW

A special thanks to Principal Manuel Bojorquez welcoming Board Member Linares and I at his Coffee with the Principal this Wednesday. Principal Bojorquez spent an hour training parents during this event on important topics such as: What questions to ask during a parent teacher conference; Creating a structured daily schedule for children at home; Utilizing online learning programs at home; etc. As the year progresses I hope to be able to attend a Coffee with the Principal at each of our schools.



MEETING WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENT

On Wednesday Dr. Paul Gothold, the SDCOE Superintendent met with the superintendent to offer support to the district. She was able to share with him the district's Vision, Mission and Goals, along with several examples of the hard work the staff has been engaged in for student success. He expressed that he felt our district has made great progress in the last few months and that we are headed in the right direction. Dr. Gothold has accepted an invitation to visit one of our schools in the future.

ANNUAL BENEFITS FAIR - GREAT JOB DANIEL CHAVEZ!

I extend our district's gratitude to accounting technician Daniel Chavez who organized a very successful employee Benefits Fair this Wednesday! Numerous representatives from various benefits vendors attended to provide our staff members with up to date information on employee benefits such as: VEBA, Kaiser, Fringe Benefits Consortium, Mission Federal Credit Union, Sharp, and more. In addition, Mr. Chavez ensured that employees had access to free flu shots and biometric feedback at the Benefits Fair.



YMCA LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL

This week each of our school's YMCA programs celebrated Lights on After School with student performances! These events brought great joy and happiness to our families as they watched their children perform. A special thanks to Omar Calleros, Coordinator of Full Services Community Schools and Nestor, the YMCA Program Director for our district for helping to coordinate these celebrations.



FRIENDS OF SAN YSIDRO

It was wonderful to join Board Vice President Irene Lopez at this month's Friends of San Ysidro meeting! One of the incredible strengths of our San Ysidro community is how much the people of San Ysidro care for and constantly give to our children, families and community. It is such a privilege to be able to join the San Ysidro community because of the passion, spirit and joy of life that it truly embodies.



Photo of Friends of San Ysidro

SCHOOL FALL FESTIVALS

A very special thanks to all of our Principals and staff members for their hard work to bring to our schools the many Fall Festivals that are happening throughout our district! Pictured below are photos from the Smythe Fall Festival.



REGULAR BOARD MEETING - THURS, NOVEMBER 8 @ 5pm - WILLOW SCHOOL

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thurs, Nov 8th at 5pm.

SUPERINTENDENT, BOARD & CABINET SCHOOL VISITS

The next superintendent school visits are listed in the chart below.

DATE	TIME	SCHOOL
Tues, Oct 23	8:45 - 10:30am	VDM
Wed, Oct 24	8:30 - 9:30am Coffee with the Principal	Willow

Wed, Oct 31	8:30 - 10:30am	Smythe & 1-2 more Schools
Tues, Nov 6 Superintendent Coach Ernie Anastos will join School Visit	8:45 - 10:30am	OVH
Wed, Nov 14	8:45 - 10:30am	TBD

LOOKING AHEAD

Below is a chart of upcoming dates and events.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Tues, Oct. 30	8:30 a.m. Tk and Kinder 8:55 a.m. 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd 9:50 a.m. 4 th , 5 th , and 6 th	La Mirada	Awards/Attendance Assembly
Thurs., Oct. 25	8:30 a.m.	Sunset Preschool	Coffee with Director
Tues, Oct. 30		La Mirada	Awards/Attendance Assembly
Friday, Oct. 26	1:30-3:30 p.m.	OVHS	Fall Festival
Tues., Oct. 30	8:30 a.m.	VDM	Coffee with Principal
Tues., Oct. 30	6:00 p.m.	Willow	PIQE Graduation
Wed., Oct. 31	8:30 a.m.	Smythe	Halloween Parade
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Thurs., Nov. 1	6:00 p.m.	Smythe	PIQE Graduation
Mon., Nov. 5	TBD	OVHS	Awards Assembly
Tues., Nov. 6	TBD	OVHS	Awards Assembly
Wed., Nov. 7	TBD	OVHS	Perfect Attendance

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Wed., Nov. 7	8:30 a.m.	Sunset	Coffee with Principal
Wed., Nov. 7	8:30 a.m.	La Mirada	Coffee with Principal
Thurs., Nov. 8	5:00 p.m.	Willow	Board Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 15	7:00 p.m.	SYMS	Coco Performance
Thurs., Nov. 15	8:30 a.m. Tk and Kinder 8:55 a.m. 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd 9:50 a.m. 4 th , 5 th , and 6 th	La Mirada	Awards/Attendance Assembly
Fri., Nov. 16	TBD	Sunset	Awards Assembly
Mon., Nov. 26	Kinder 8:30AM-9:45AM 1st 10:00AM-11:15 AM 2nd 12:05 PM-1:15 PM 3rd 1:30PM-2:45 PM	OVHS	Awards Assembly
Wed., Nov. 27	9:00 a.m.	Smythe	Coffee with Principal
Wed., Nov. 28	TBD	Willow	Coffee with Principal
Wed., Nov. 28	TBD	SYMS	Coffee with Principal
Thurs., Nov. 29	4th 8:30AM-9:30AM 5th 10:10AM-11:10AM 6th 1:00 PM-2:00PM	OVHS	Awards Assembly
Thurs., Nov. 29	TBD	Smythe	Academic/Attendance Assembly