



# San Ysidro

## School District

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QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

### District Highlights

Week of October 27, 2023



### SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

#### LA MIRADA 6TH GRADERS GO TO CAMP CUYAMACA

This week the La Mirada Eagles participated in “Sixth Grade Camp” through the San Diego County of Education (SDCOE) outdoor education program. They had a wonderful time including the famous “All day hike”. Students were able to engage in several hands-on Science and Social Studies activities, and the food, as reported by the students, was delicious!





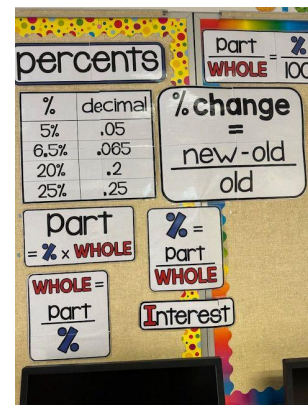
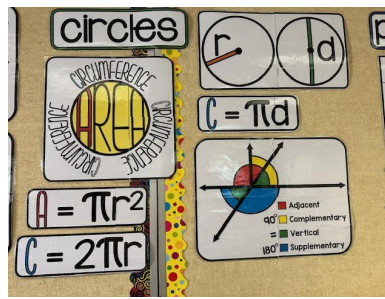
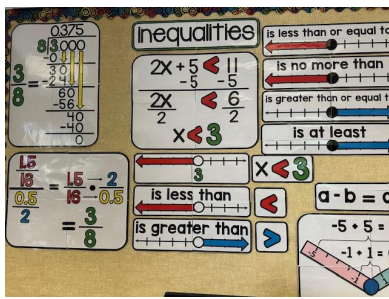
### 6th Grade Camp Dates for School Year 2023-2024/Cuyamaca Outdoor School

La Mirada	October 23 2023
Smythe	January 8 2024
Sunset	April 29/2024
Vista del Mar	February 5 2024
Willow	May 28 2024

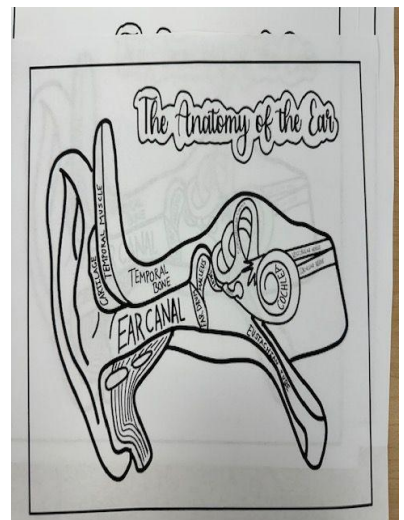
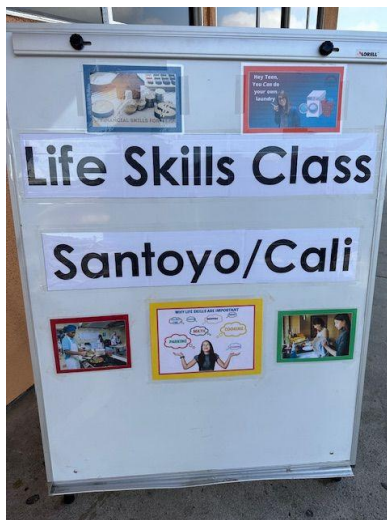
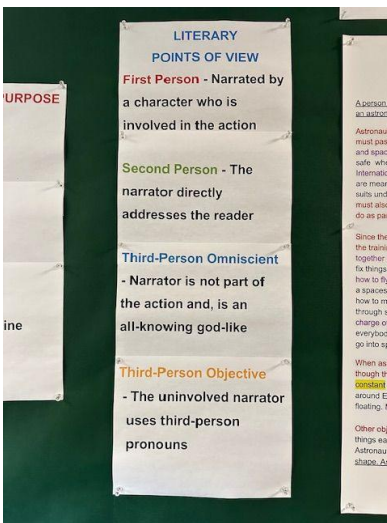
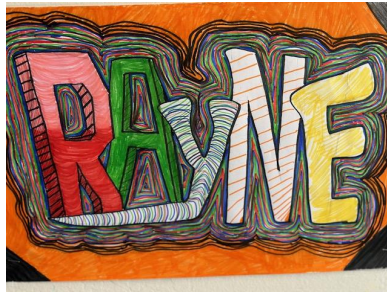
### SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL VISIT

On Friday, Oct 27th, Board Clerk Zenaida Rosario, Board Member Rudy Lopez, Superintendent Potter, and Assistant Superintendent of Educational Leadership and Pupil Services Russell Little had a great school visit to San Ysidro Middle School. They were hosted by Principal Manuel Bojorquez and Teacher David Alvarado who facilitated classroom visits. Overall, the SYMS team and students are recognized for high student engagement and focus on learning! The school environment is remarkably calm, nurturing, and centered around student success. The learning community of SYMS is warm, nurturing, and supportive to students.

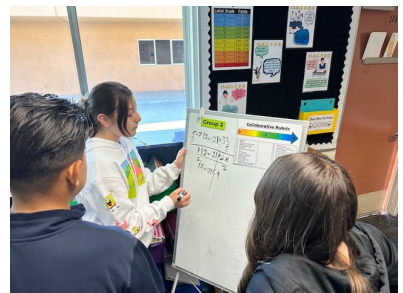
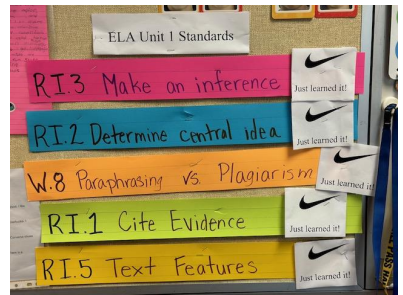
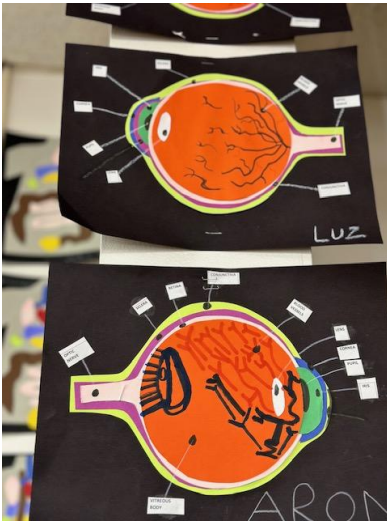
















**Collaborative Rubric**

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

On Wednesday, October 25th Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter, Assistant Superintendent Russell Little, and Acting Executive Director of Human Resources Glenn Heath participated in their first meeting with student leaders from each school to listen to their ideas and concerns.

The students were chosen by their principals as school leaders to represent their schools and fellow students to share ideas and feedback for improving their educational environment and increasing their academic potential. Each student was asked 2 questions regarding their respective schools and they provided their thoughts, suggestions, and feedback. Afterwards they were asked to work with their principal to survey their peers for ideas they might like to work on and implement this 2023-2024 school year.

The purpose of these meetings is to value our students' voices and ensure they are heard. There are 4 more meetings planned for this school year.

SCHOOL	STUDENT'S NAME/TITLE/GRADE
La Mirada	Emily Zuazo, 6th grade
	Adele Ramirez, 6th grade
Sunset	Carolina Perez Corral, Student Representative, 6th grade
Smythe	Sebastian Flores, Student Representative, 6th grade
	Jayden Chan, Student Representative
	Julieth Brizuela, 6th grade Representative
Ocean View Hills	Valentina Vasquez, 5th grade, Master Sergeant of Safety Patrol
	Yannuel Rodriguez, 5th grade, Master Sergeant of



	<p>Safety Patrol</p> <p>Emilia Salcido, 5th grade, Master Sergeant of Safety Patrol</p> <p>Ricardo Olague, 5th grade, Master Sergeant of Safety Patrol</p>
Willow	Noel Martinez Cuevas, 6th grade, ASB President
San Ysidro Middle	<p>Sebastian Vasquez, ASB President, 8th grade</p> <p>Layla A. Garcia, ASB Public Relations, 8th grade</p> <p>Ximena Orendain Amezcuita, 7th grade Representative</p>
Vista Del Mar Middle	<p>Ricardo Morales, ASB President, 8th grade</p> <p>Elliana Ruiz, Student Site Council President, 6th grade</p>



### **DRUG AWARENESS WEEK AT VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

San Diego County District Attorney, Summer Stephan, visited Vista Del Mar Middle School where she participated in a comprehensive and powerful presentation on how to stay safe from the drug fentanyl. This presentation is part of San Ysidro School District's Red Ribbon Week program.

All 7th grade middle schoolers from VDM got the opportunity to interact with presenters and ask questions regarding fentanyl, exposure to drugs, and safety tips.

A Prevention Specialist for the Institute for Public Strategies South Bay Program, formed part of this presentation, in which she spoke about the dangers and exposure to drugs and drug dealers via social media. She also talked to students about how they can reduce the risk of



being exposed to fentanyl, overcoming peer pressure, coping skills, and how to seek behavioral health resources.

San Diego County District Attorney, Summer Stephan, has dedicated her life to protecting children, families, and communities that are most vulnerable to drug and human trafficking.





## **AMAZON BEGINS COLLABORATING WITH SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Our Board President, Rosaleah Pallasigue, our Superintendent, Dr. Potter, and the Women's Club had the opportunity to tour Amazon's SAN5, a state of the art 550k square foot sort center located in Otay Mesa.

The mission of SAN5 is to build a culture and community where everyone is involved and has the opportunity to grow and develop. The site has helped export talent throughout the San Diego node and works closely with upstream and downstream partners to create a true nodal community.

Recognized as a national child-welfare and poverty expert and advocate, Emmy nominated, best-selling author and speaker, David Ambroz, who is now in charge of External Affairs Policy at Amazon, welcomed our group to the SAN5 sort center on Monday, October 23rd. As the head of community engagement for Amazon, Mr. Ambroz is looking forward to working closely with our San Ysidro communities and families.







### **ART CAFE @ SMYTHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Over 100 students from Kindergarten through 6h grade engaged in a fun painting café at Smythe Elementary School. Students were rewarded for their perfect attendance with this wonderful activity where they got to paint a pumpkin, just in time for their Halloween festivities.









### **STUDENT LISTENING CIRCLE @ VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

On Thursday, October 26th, Vista Del Mar students and staff participated in a student listening circle led by the Special Education team. Student listening circles meaningfully engage students in school climate efforts by providing them the opportunity to share their school experiences while staff listen and learn. Students and staff work together to develop action plans to improve school climate based on the areas of need shared by students.



## UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	WHO
<b>Veteran's Day</b>	Friday, November 10, 2023	No school for students. San Ysidro School District schools are closed. SYSD Office is also closed.
<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	Monday, November 20th, 2023 through Friday, November 24th, 2023	No school for students. San Ysidro School District schools are closed. SYSD Office is also closed.
<b>First Day back from Thanksgiving Break</b>	Monday, November 27th, 2023	All students return to school

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

## FAMILY RESOURCE PAGE

The Educational Services Department has launched a new resource for families. It is available in several languages which reflects the linguistic diversity of our community. This project is one of the ways that we are addressing LCAP Goal-Engaging Parents. We will be adding more and more links to this resource page. To get a preview of this page click [here](#).

## 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>