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## **District Highlights**

Week of October 30, 2020

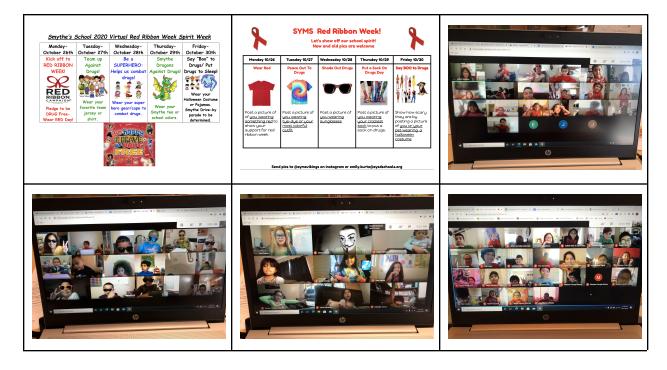


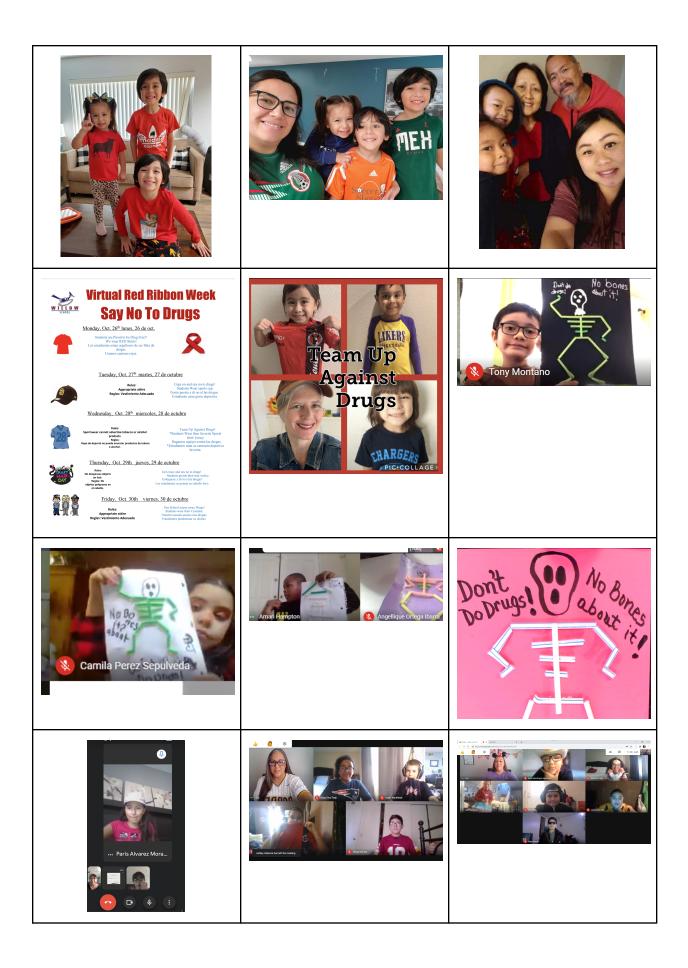
### **SUPERINTENDENT**

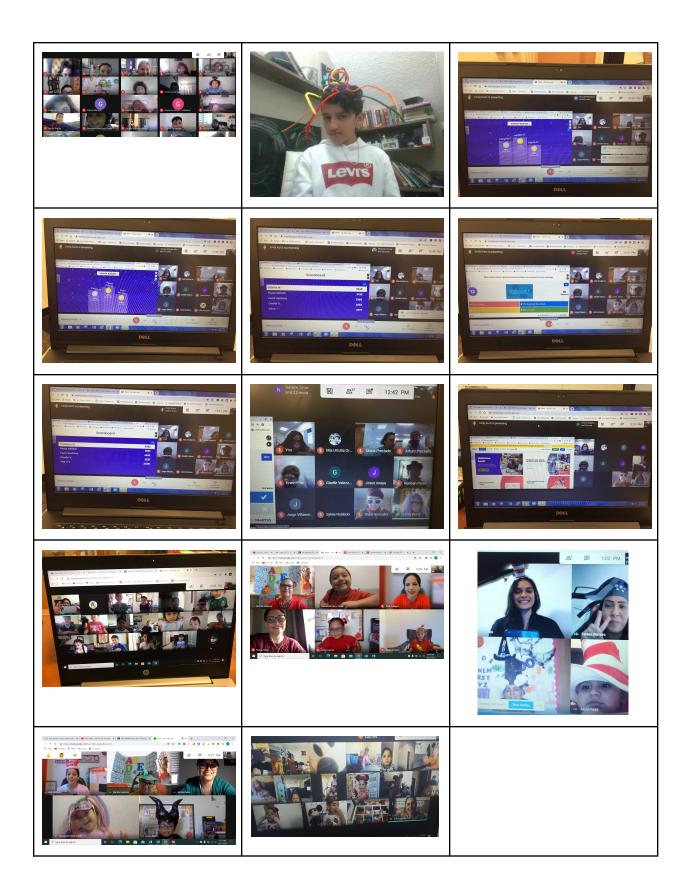
Gina Potter, Ed.D.

#### **RED RIBBON WEEK**

This year's theme was Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free. Red Ribbon week began "virtually" on Friday October 23rd and was celebrated in many of our schools. Red Ribbon Week's theme helped reinforce the campaign's mission, which is "to encourage children, families and communities to live healthy, happy and drug-free lives. It also serves as a reminder that we are all empowered with shaping the communities around us through positivity, bravery and strength." SYSD students fully embraced the event and it's theme by participating and enjoying each day's activities virtually!







# SAN YSIDRO WOMEN'S CLUB STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP

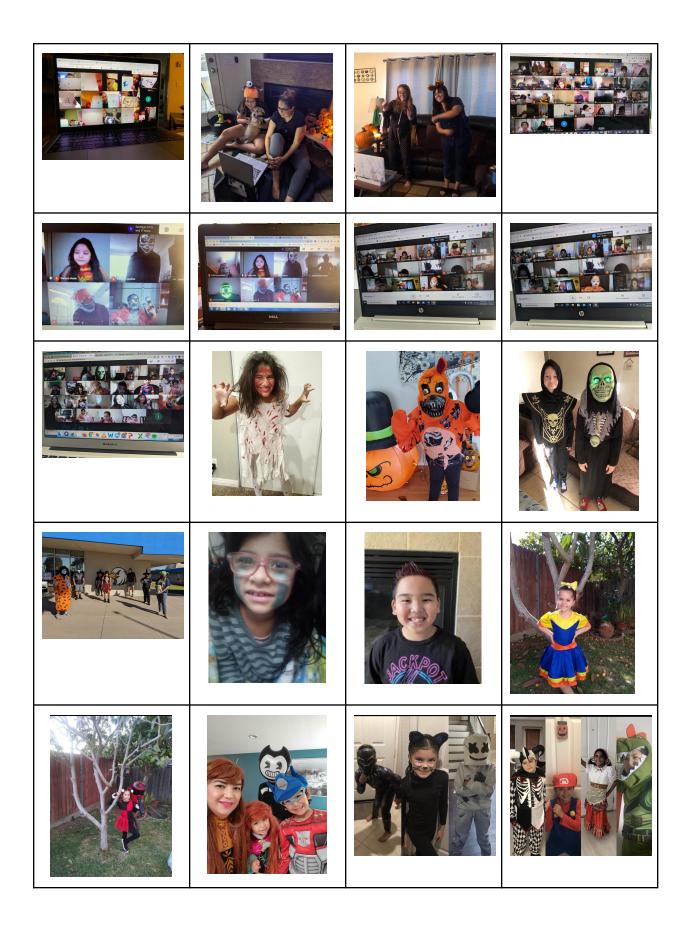
On Thursday, October 29th SYSD administrators, Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter, Assistant Superintendent Dr. David Farkas and Coordinator of Public Relations & Community Services Francisco Mata, met with representatives of the San Ysidro Women's Club to discuss and initiate a partnership with our District to help with their annual Scholarship and Incentive Awards event. The annual event, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary, provides \$500 scholarships to San Ysidro High School Seniors and a \$100 incentive award to San Ysidro School District 8th graders. At the end of the 2019-20 school year 23 deserving SYHS seniors each received a \$500 scholarship and 26 SYSD 8th graders received a brand new, crisp \$100 dollar bill as an Incentive Award to help with their transition to high school.

The representatives from the San Ysidro Women's Club included City Council Member Vivian Moreno and her assistant Christopher Gris, Alice De La Torre, Martha Jacobo and Magdalena Pulham. A big heartfelt "thank you" to the San Ysidro Women's Club for their dedication, commitment and their relentless pursuit of ensuring the success of our students and future leaders of San Ysidro.



### HAPPY HALLOWEEN SCHOOL EVENTS

Virtual Halloween celebrations were abundant at many of our schools on Friday, October 30th. While this pandemic may prevent our children from going door-to-door and trick or treating, it didn't stop them from dressing up in their costumes and participating virtually with their classmates. Teachers, principals and staff also got in on the fun by dressing up and joining the festivities! We hope you enjoyed a fun and safe Halloween!







Please click on the link to watch the SYMS JibJab Happy Halloween video: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ylkuW5wn6CkiJXhoPobQaYMezGbvY5bw/view?usp=sharing

# LONG RANGE MASTER FACILITY PLAN (LRMFP) - VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The district hosted its second Virtual Town Hall on Tuesday, October 6th and focused on Willow, Sunset & Beyer facility needs. These meetings are scheduled to gather input from parents, staff and the community which will assist us in the development of the Long Range Master Facility Plan. These meetings will be conducted as special board meetings in the event we reach a quorum. *An additional virtual town hall meeting specifically to discuss the Beyer School Site is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1st at 5:00 pm.* 

To view October 1st, October 6th and October 29th meetings please click on links below:

**Smythe, La Mirada & Preschool** - Long Range Master Facility Plan Virtual Town Hall -YouTube Link: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRIRCHNx-z8</u>

Willow, Sunset & Beyer - Long Range Master Facility Plan Virtual Town Hall -YouTube Link: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQfRoFr8fp8</u>

OVH, VDM and SYMS - Long Range Master Facility Plan Virtual Town Hall -YouTube Link: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tl1c2BbvzWk</u>

Please see the schedule below of LRMFP Virtual Town Hall dates.

LRMFP	Date	Time
Smythe, La Mirada & Preschool - Long Range Master Facility Plan Virtual Town Hall Via Zoom with public comments	Thursday, October 1, 2020	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Please click on the link to view the board presentation for this meeting: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vSEBHR n0rAo2FJw50HZieHAiNZdix8VsE5H-a5VSV78Vt5Zlws3veq IUQmQPIGuuyVD43NIKJehm3du/pub?start=false&loop=fal se&delayms=3000		
Willow, Sunset & Beyer - Long Range Master Facility Plan Virtual Town Hall Via Zoom with public comments	Tuesday, October 6th, 2020	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Please click on the link to view the board presentation for this meeting: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQ9EVa Z2QQg6MhgV-K6sKWWDEOfJDQNvOm1MsGPPYq3AwR hFERJTX_hnL-venmVh7uQMslfr2q3KAiM/pub?start=false& loop=false&delayms=3000		
Ocean View Hills, Vista Del Mar & San Ysidro Middle School - Long Range Master Facility Plan Virtual Town Hall Via Zoom with public comments	Thursday, October 29, 2020	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
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<b>Beyer</b> - Long Range Master Facility Plan Virtual Town Hall <i>Via Zoom with public comments</i>	Tuesday, December 1, 2020	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

## EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, PUPIL SERVICES AND SAFETY

### **COVID-19 TESTING FOR SCHOOL STAFF**

As our district moves into phase two of our reopening plan, we would like to share with you the progress being made in COVID-19 testing for school staff. Thanks to the County of San Diego and San Diego County Office of Education, our district staff will be able to be tested for COVID-19 safely, and at no cost. As of October 1st, testing sites were opened for school district employees throughout the county. These sites aim to produce results sooner than 48 hours after an individual is tested. This is helpful as it supports our number one priority of keeping all SYSD schools and facilities safe. All district employees working onsite shall test for COVID-19 every other month. All school districts

countywide now have access to these COVID school personnel testing locations. This past week our SYSD managers tested for COVID-19. Our new SYSD testing process is working well and has been well received by everyone.

### **Testing Site Locations For School District Employees:**

#### South County School Personnel Testing Site

Sweetwater Special Services (650 L St., Chula Vista, CA 91911) Hours: Monday-Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.



#### Free COVID-19 Testing Guide School District Employees

If you have no symptoms of COVID, you may get a free test. No appointment required.

- Use cell phone to access the barcode with phone's camera
- Complete information on personal phone and submit registration
- No need for SYSD ID badge
- Provide Driver's License
- Receive document stating testing has been completed
- Email document to david.farkas@sysdschools.org

#### South County School Personnel Testing Site

Sweetwater Special Services 650 L St Chula Vista, CA 91911 Hours: Monday – Friday 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

#### **Metro Region School Personnel Testing Site**

Harold J. Ballard Parent Center 2375 Congress St San Diego, CA 92110 Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM

#### East County School Personnel Testing Site

Mollison Complex 301 N. Mollison Ave El Cajon, CA 92021 Hours: Monday - Friday 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

#### North County School Personnel Testing Site

Del Mar Fairgrounds 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd Del Mar, CA 92014 Hours: Monday – Friday 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

## **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

### **INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM PHASE III PLANNING**

In preparation for the launch of Phase III in January, school sites continue to reach out to families who have not yet completed their Family Survey #3 communicating their choice for distance and blended learning. We will be sending a letter to families who have still not responded to the Family Survey #3 and the multiple attempts to contact them to record their preference for Distance or Blended Learning to let them know that by default they will be placed in the Distance Learning Academy if no survey response is submitted by Friday, November 6th.

As we launch phase III in the middle of the 2nd Trimester, we have surveyed families, principals, and teachers to determine if the preference is to make class changes on November 30th or in January at the launch of Phase III. The preliminary survey data shows a preference for the January change, with 78% of families, 72% of teachers, and 100% of principals indicating that January would be the best time for the change.

### FAMILY SUPPORT FOR DIGITAL PLATFORMS

As we make our way through the school year, we have continued to provide support for families with various aspects of navigating our digital platforms. Support for digital platforms can be found on our district website under the student TAB at the top of the page.

The direct links for these support pages can be found here by clicking on the capitalized title of the support page:

- 1. <u>STUDENT RESOURCES INFORMATION</u>, which includes information on CLEVER, which is a portal that allows students to access digital curriculum and educational technology programs.
- 2. <u>GOOGLE CLASSROOM SUPPORT</u>, includes a guide to navigating Google Classroom and support documents for turning in work on Google Classroom.
- 3. <u>ILLUMINATE TESTING SUPPORT</u>, includes documents to help families navigate the Illuminate testing platform that we are using for district assessments.

Chromebook and distance learning support through our Information Technology Department can be found on our district website by clicking <u>HERE</u>.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### SYSD OFFICE SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 6

All SYSD offices will be open this upcoming week on a part time basis. Each site's office hours can be found on the following document. SYSD managers will work full time on-site the entire week.

District & School Offices Open for Family Support					
	Campus Hours of Operation				
Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
District					
Office	8am - 12pm	8am - 12pm	8am - 12pm	8am - 12pm	8am - 12pm
CDC	8am - 12:30pm	8am - 12:30pm	8am - 12:30pm	8am - 12:30pm	8am - 12:30pm
VDM	9am - 1pm	9am - 1pm	9am - 1pm	9am - 1pm	9am - 1pm
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SYMS	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm
Willow	8am - 12pm	8am - 12pm	8am - 12pm	8am - 12pm	8am - 12pm
Smythe	8am - 2pm	8am - 2pm	8am - 2pm	8am - 2pm	8am - 2pm
La	8:30am -	8:30am -	8:30am -	8:30am -	8:30am -
Mirada	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm
Sunset	7:30am - 1pm	7:30am - 1pm	7:30am - 1pm	7:30am - 1pm	7:30am - 1pm
OVHS	8am - 12:20pm	8am - 12:20pm	8am - 12:20pm	8am - 12:20pm	8am - 12:20pm

## **BUSINESS SERVICES**

#### **NEW MEAL SERVICE SCHEDULE BEGINNING OCTOBER 21, 2020**

## FREE MEAL PROGRAM FOR ALL CHILDREN 1 TO 18 YEARS OLD IN SAN YSIDRO

Free breakfast & lunch will be distributed for **ALL CHILDREN** 1 to 18 years old **EVERY WEDNESDAY at 3 school sites.** Multiple days' worth of meals will be distributed each week. The schedule will be as follows:

#### Date & Time School Sites

Every Wednesday

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Willow Elementary	
	La Mirada Elementary	

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. San Ysidro Middle School

Meals for each child will include breakfast and lunch for multiple days. *Student is NOT required to be present to pick up their meals.* 

Meals will be served in a "Grab and Go" style. Please wear a face covering when picking up your meals.

#### SERVICIO DE COMIDAS GRATIS PARA NIÑOS DE 1 A 18 AÑOS EN SAN YSIDRO

El desayuno y almuerzo gratis se distribuirán a **TODOS LOS NIÑOS** de 1 a 18 años **CADA MIÉRCOLES en 3 escuelas**. Se distribuirán comidas para varios días cada semana. El horario será el siguiente:

#### Día y Hora Sitio de la escuela

Cada miércoles

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Willow Elementary La Mirada Elementary

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. San Ysidro Middle School

## Las comidas para cada niño incluirán desayuno y almuerzo por varios días. *NO se requiere que el estudiante esté presente para recoger sus comidas.*

Las comidas se servirán al estilo "Grab and Go", donde la persona recoge los alimentos y se retira. Favor de usar un cubrebocas al recoger su comida.

## **NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

### AID TO HUMANITY EVENT FOR WILLOW & SUNSET FAMILIES

On Friday, October 30th, The annual Aid to Humanity event was located at Vista Del Mar Middle School. Aid to Humanity is a world-wide event that takes place annually through the Church of Christ and provides much needed essentials to deserving families in many communities throughout the world. This year San Ysidro and our families from Willow and Sunset Elementary schools were chosen as recipients of the giveaway. They provided bags with essentials such as blue light blocking glasses, blankets, school supplies and snacks to 400 of our Willow and Sunset families.

Jose Alvarez District Representative for State Senator Ben Hueso, Governing Board President Humberto Gurmilan, Board Vice President Antonio Martinez, Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter and Assistant Superintendent Dr. David Farkas were on hand to welcome and thank the representatives from the Church of Christ for their generosity and commitment to our community and communities throughout the world. A very special thank you to the representatives from the Church of Christ, Executive Minister Brother Eduardo V Manalo, District Minister Brother Serginio N Bayani and Jewell Buenavista for bringing this event to San Ysidro.





### **MEDIA UPDATE**

 India West: Hindu Organizations Extend Helping Hand to Hispanic Community in Southern California (Dated 10-27-20) <u>https://www.indiawest.com/news/global\_indian/hindu-organizations-extend-helping-hand-to-hispanic-community-in-southern-california/article\_67340b06-189e-11eb-820e-4f9aa38b297a.html</u>

### FREE COVID-19 TESTING INFORMATION/INFORMACIÓN SOBRE PRUEBA **GRATIS PARA COVID-19**







#### Free COVID-19 Testing Guide South Bay and Southeastern San Diego

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, please contact your healthcare provider first to get a free test. If you have no symptoms of COVID, you may get a free test through the SD County. Appointments are recommended. The following locations require appointments: Euclid Health Center and St. Anthony's of Padua Parking Lot



**Drive-Up Site** 



Book your appt

by calling 211

or online at 211sandiego.org

> San Ysidro Civic Center **212 West Park Ave** San Ysidro, CA 92173 Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM



**Kimball Senior Center** 1221 D Avenue National City, CA 91950 Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM



**292 Euclid Avenue** San Diego, CA 92114 **Hours: Saturdays** 

Chula Vista (Old Sears building) **565 Broadway** Chula Vista, CA 91910 Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM



**Aquatica San Diego 2052 Entertainment Cir** Chula Vista, CA 91911 **Hours: Monday – Friday** 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM



Mar Vista High School 505 Elm Avenue **Imperial Beach, CA 91932** Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 3:30 PM

St. Anthony's of Padua Parking Lot 410 W 18th St National City, CA 91950 **Hours: Sunday** 



South Chula Vista Branch Library **389 Orange Ave** Chula Vista, CA 91911 Hours: Sunday - Thursday 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM



**Tubman-Chavez Community Center 415 Euclid Avenue** San Diego, CA 92114 Hours: Monday – Sunday 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM



San Ysidro Port of Entry PedEast 795 E San Ysidro Blvd San Ysidro, CA 92173 **Hours: Monday – Friday** 6:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Euclid Health Center** 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

