



# 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 November 16, 2018

#### **AMAZING COCO PERFORMANCE BY MR. PEDRAJA'S STUDENTS AT SYMS!!!**

An absolutely incredible performance of COCO was orchestrated by the SYMS performing arts teacher Mr. Pedraja and shared with a packed auditorium of parents, family members, staff, administration and Board Members this Thursday, November 16th! A very special thanks to Mr. Pedraja, SYMS Principal Rodriguez, Assistant Principal Vasquez and SYMS staff for the art work, stage lighting, props, sound effects, guitar accompaniment, and more! Our district could not be more proud of the SYMS student Coco performers!





### BOOK GIVEAWAY

This Wednesday, November 14th there was a **Book Give Away Event** for our SYSD families that was created in partnership with San Ysidro Library with help from the San Diego Housing Commission. Over 283 attendees including 192 students, came to the SYSD District Parent Community Center to pick out a new book. More than 500 books were given away! Thank you Mr. Francisco Mata for helping to coordinate this event!



### CODE TO THE FUTURE AT SUNSET

**Code to the Future** is a computer science immersion program comprised of a comprehensive curriculum and training system for teachers to engage students in computer science. During the event on Thursday, November 15th Sunset students presented the history of coding and the importance of it in today's world. Students explained how they use SCRATCH,

which is a program students use to learn coding. After the presentations visitors went to classrooms from grades K-6 to see the progression of the computer science instruction.



### **CASA FAMILIAR'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER**

On Thursday, November 15th **Casa Familiar hosted their Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner!** Pictured below are all of our SYSD administrators, Board Member Irene Lopez, former Superintendent Grace Kojima and former Assistant Superintendent Alice De La Torre who all came out to support this remarkable San Ysidro community gathering.



**GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION & SYSD BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DEC 13TH**

The Gubernatorial General Election was held Tues, Nov 6th. California public education has a new state Governor, Gavin Newsom and a new State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Please see the web link below for the Capitol Advisors Group Election legislative analysis:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/WhctKJVBDfNzpnqFVjNZtPkNqcJTQsRpKFrgWkGhRjdLDfZzbWIWHDjwQsHICISSkDjVdcV>

Here is an article regarding the status of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction election:

<https://edsource.org/2018/millions-of-votes-still-uncounted-in-californias-tight-state-superintendent-race/604674>

This General Election our school district had 3 Governing Board seats open and 5 candidates running. During the December 13th Board Meeting the Governing Board will conduct their Annual Organizational Meeting wherein the district will express our gratitude for the dedicated service and leadership to our district provided by Board Members who are ending their terms. We will also welcome new Board Members that will be joining our district and they will be sworn in during the oath of office. After the oath, the new Board members will take their seats at the dais and we will conduct the Board organization where the President, Vice-President and Clerk will be elected. The Board will also appoint the Secretary to the Board, which is the Superintendent.

### **THANKSGIVING BREAK - SCHOOLS & DISTRICT CLOSED NOV 26 - 30**

We wish our San Ysidro School District family a wonderful Thanksgiving! The San Ysidro School District will be closed Monday, November 19th through Friday, November 23rd for Thanksgiving Break. Schools and the district office will open again to the public on Monday, November 26th.

### **17th ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR DRIVE**

Former Superintendent Grace Kojima, former Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Alice De La Torre, and a retired SYSD teacher of 39 years Martha Jacobo are leading 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! The teddy bear collection goal this year is about 1,200 teddy bears!



**SUPERINTENDENT, BOARD & CABINET SCHOOL VISITS**

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

DATE	TIME	SCHOOL
Tues, Dec 4	8:45-10:30am	La Mirada
Wed, Dec 5	8:45-10:30am	Sunset & OVHS CDC (visit will begin at Sunset)
Tues, Dec 11	8:45-10:30am	Willow
Tues, Dec 18	8:00-12:00	SYMS - Leaning Walk
Wed, Dec 19	8:45-10:30am	Sunset

**Below is a chart of all school visits from Aug 2018 through January 2019:**

<b>Superintendent School Visits</b>			
School Name	Visit Date	Visit Time	Notes

La Mirada School	1) August 21, 2018 2) October 16, 2018 3) December 4, 2018	8:45-10:30 a.m. 8:30-11:00 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m.	Learning Walk scheduled for 3/21/19
Ocean View Hills School	1) August 22, 2018 2) November 6, 2018 3) January 23, 2019 (Learning Walk)	8:45-10:30 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	
Smythe School	1) August 22, 2018 2) September 4, 2018 3) October 31, 2018 (Halloween Parade) 4) January 15, 2019	8:45-10:30 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m. 8:30-9:00 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m.	
Sunset School	1) October 17, 2018 2) October 31, 2018 (Halloween Visit) 3) December 19, 2018	8:45-10:30 a.m. 10:00-10:30 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m.	
San Ysidro Middle School	1) October 9, 2018 2) December 18, 2018 (Learning Walk) 3) January 16, 2019	8:45-10:30 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m.	
Vista Del Mar Middle School	1) October 23, 2018 2) November 27, 2018	8:45-10:30 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m.	Learning Walk scheduled for 4/11/19
Willow School	1) September 4, 2018 2) September 19, 2018 3) October 24, 2018 (Coffee with the Principal) 4) December 11, 2018	8:45-10:30 a.m. 9:30-11:00 a.m. 8:30-9:30 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m.	
Child Development Center (CDC)	1) October 10, 2018 2) October 31, 2018 (Halloween Parade) 3) December 5, 2018 (Sunset & OVHS)	8:45-10:30 a.m. 9:00-9:30 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m.	

## LOOKING AHEAD

Below is a chart of upcoming dates and events.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
<b>Nov 19-Nov. 23</b>		<b>All Schools Closed</b>	<b>Non Instructional Days/Thanksgiving Holiday</b>

Tues., Nov. 27	9:00 a.m.	Smythe	Coffee with Principal
Tues., Nov. 27	8:30 a.m.	OVHS	Tea with Principal
Wed., Nov. 28	8:30 a.m.	Willow	Coffee with Principal
Thurs., Nov. 29	9:00 a.m.	SYMS	Coffee with Principal
Thurs., Nov. 29	<b>4th</b> 8:30AM-9:30AM <b>5th</b> 10:10AM-11:10AM <b>6th</b> 1:00 PM-2:00PM	OVHS	Awards Assembly
Thurs., Nov. 29	<b>8:45 a.m.</b> TK/K & Rm. 1 <b>9:20 a.m.</b> 1st, 2nd & Rm. 33 <b>1:20 p.m.</b> 3rd, 4th <b>2:00 p.m.</b> 5th, 6th & Rm. 35	Smythe	Academic/Attendance Assembly
Thurs., Nov. 29	8:30 a.m.	Vista Del Mar	Coffee with Principal
Thurs., Nov. 29	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Tk and Kinder <b>8:55 a.m.</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>9:50 a.m.</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , and 6 <sup>th</sup>	La Mirada	Awards/Attendance Assembly
Mon., Dec. 3	<b>Kinder</b> 8:30AM-9:45AM <b>1st</b> 10:00AM-11:15 AM <b>2nd</b> 12:05 PM-1:15 PM <b>3rd</b> 1:30PM-2:45 PM	OVHS	Awards Assembly
Thurs., Dec. 13	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	SYMS MCC	Spelling Bee



Fri., Dec. 14	1:30 -2:30 p.m.	Smythe	IGT Grant Dedication
Fri., Dec. 14	5:00 p.m.	SYMS MCC	Teddy Bears for Kids
Wed., Dec. 19	6:00 p.m.	SYMS MCC	Winter Concert
<b>Dec. 24-Jan 14</b>		<b>All Schools Closed</b>	<b>Winter Break</b>
Mon., Feb. 11, 2019	6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Sacramento	Legislative Advocacy Trip Board Members & Superintendent