



San Ysidro

School District

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QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

Week of November 19, 2021



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Schools and District Office Closed Week of November 22nd

May you enjoy a safe, restful and joyous Thanksgiving holiday with your family and loved ones.



Dear Families & Colleagues,

Our district wishes you a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Now is the season to be grateful for the blessings life brings. This upcoming Thanksgiving week gives each of us a much needed opportunity to rest. May you enjoy this time with your loved ones and friends.

Estimadas familias y colegas:

Nuestro distrito les desea unas maravillosas vacaciones de Acción de Gracias. Ahora es el momento de estar agradecido por las bendiciones que trae la vida. Esta próxima semana de Acción de Gracias nos da a cada uno de nosotros una oportunidad muy necesaria para descansar. Que disfruten este tiempo con sus seres queridos y amigos.

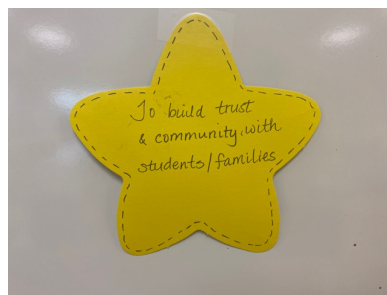
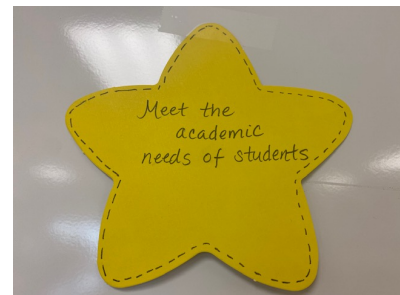
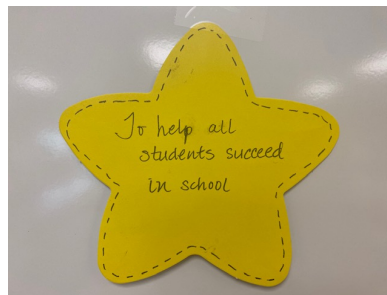
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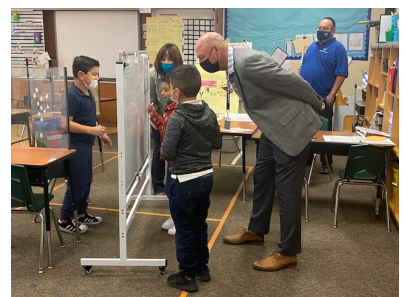
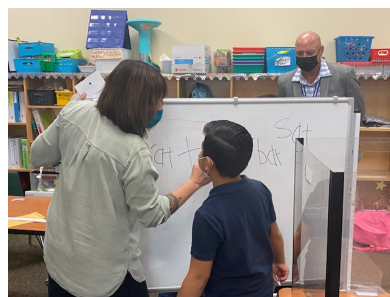
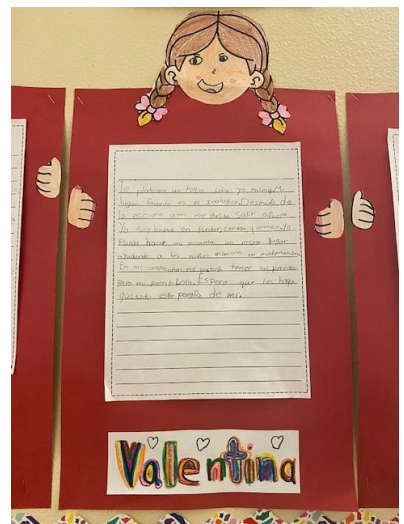
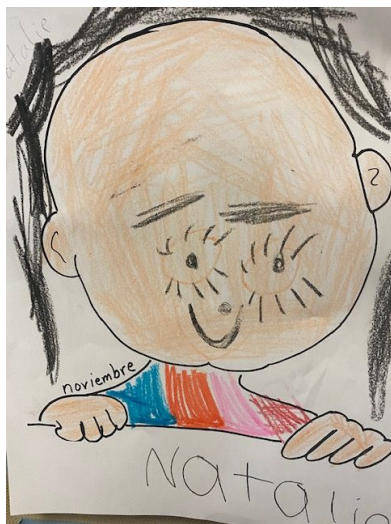
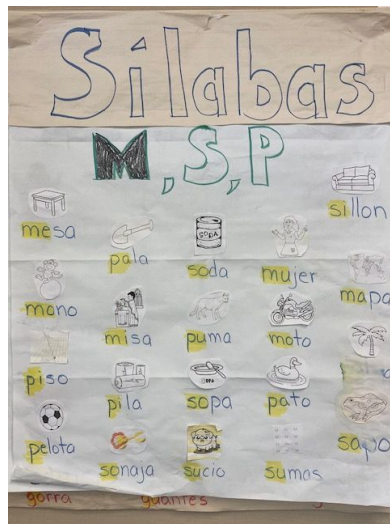
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Rudy Lopez, Board Vice President
Rosaleah Pallasigue, Board Clerk
Humberto Gurmilan, Board Member
Irene Lopez, Board Member
Dr. Gina A. Potter, Superintendent

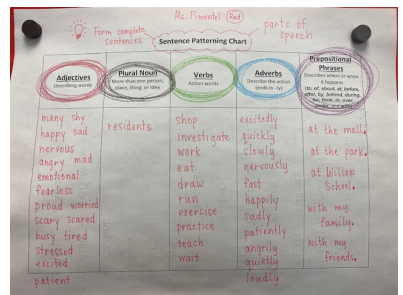
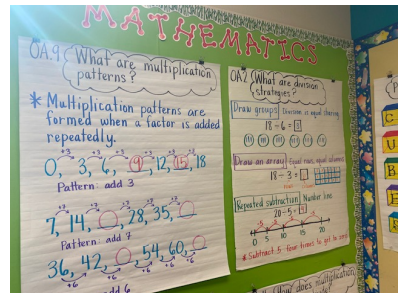
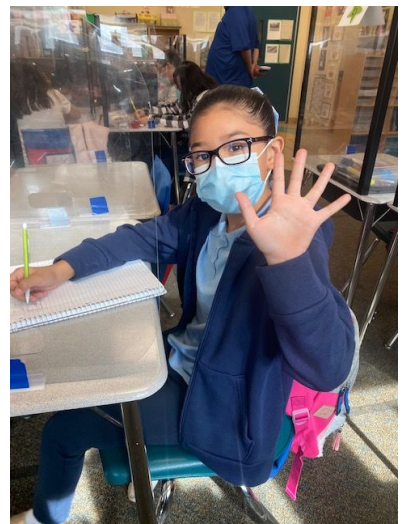
WILLOW SCHOOL VISIT

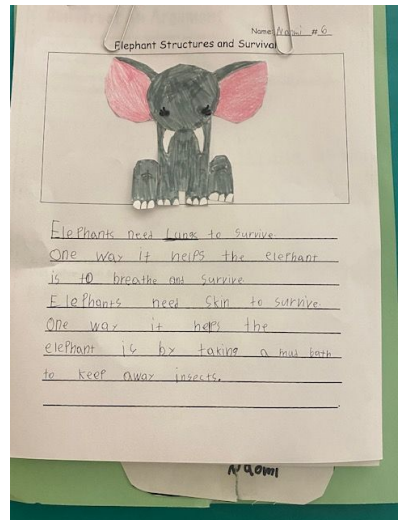
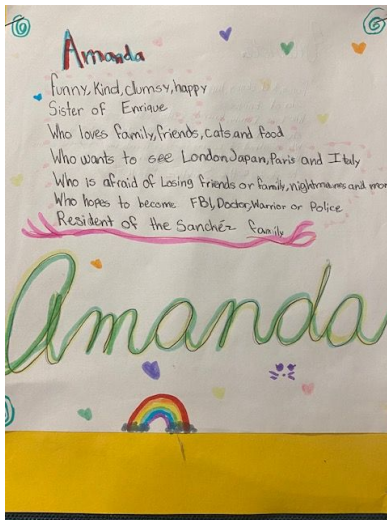
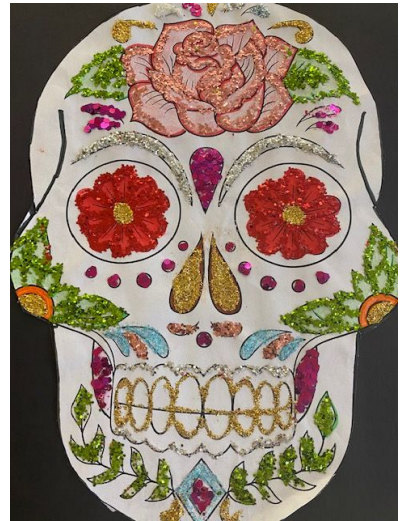
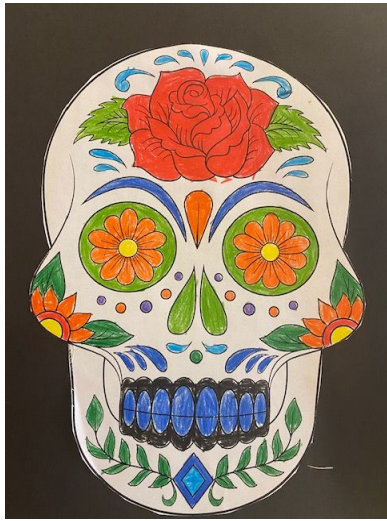
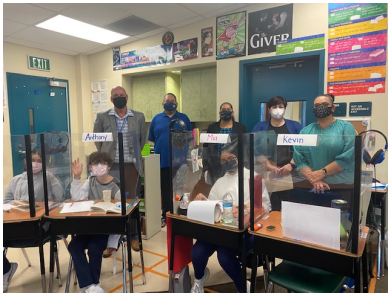
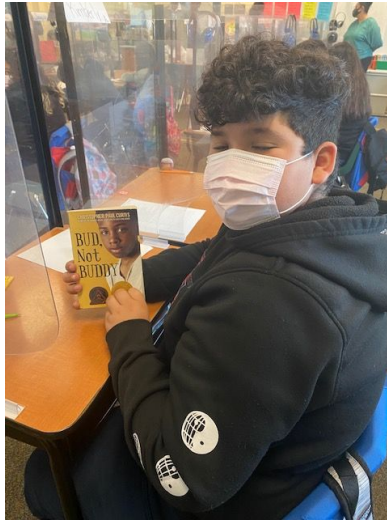
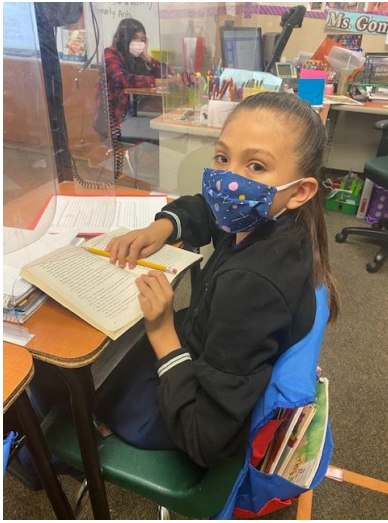
On Tuesday, November 16th Board Vice President Rudy Lopez, Board Member Irene Lopez, Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter, Executive Director of Educational Services Cynthia Gonzalez, and Sub Executive Director of Human Resources Glenn Heath had a great school visit to Willow Elementary. They were hosted by Principal Maria Connie Rodriguez who provided a school data presentation and facilitated classroom visits within each grade level. Overall, Willow Elementary is commended for their them of the year “Hope” and for their academic goals which includes strategic instructional planning with a grade level data wall, backwards mapping, professional learning community and data review session meetings, before and after school intervention, a staff book study with Teaching Practices from America’s Best Urban Schools, Promise Neighbor Tutors, and more.

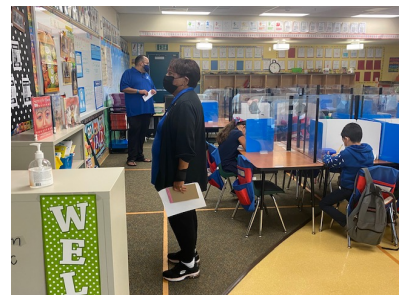
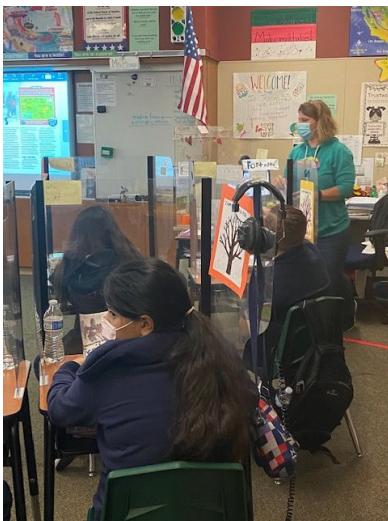
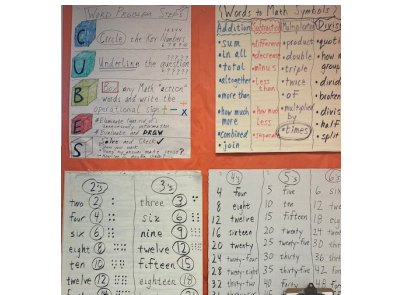
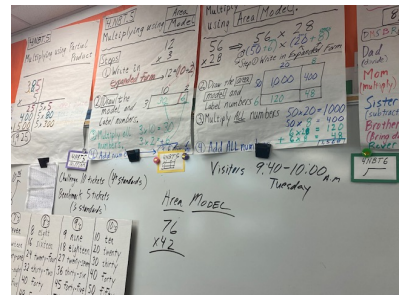
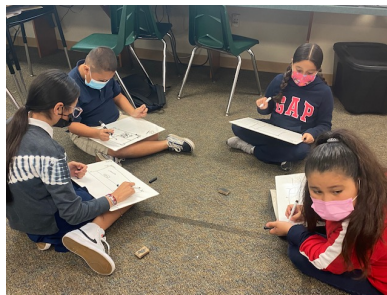
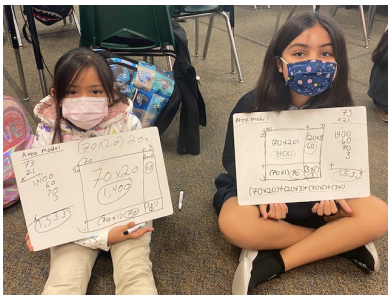
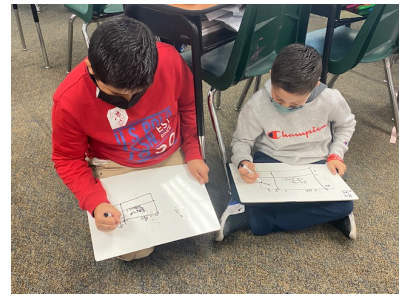
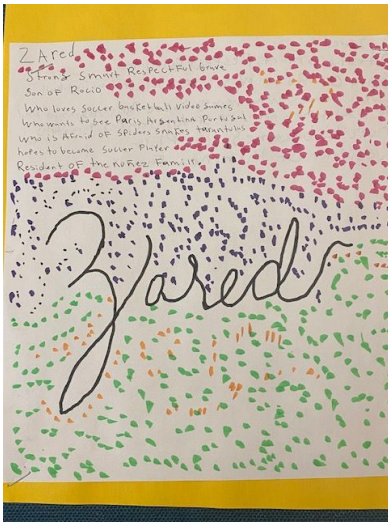
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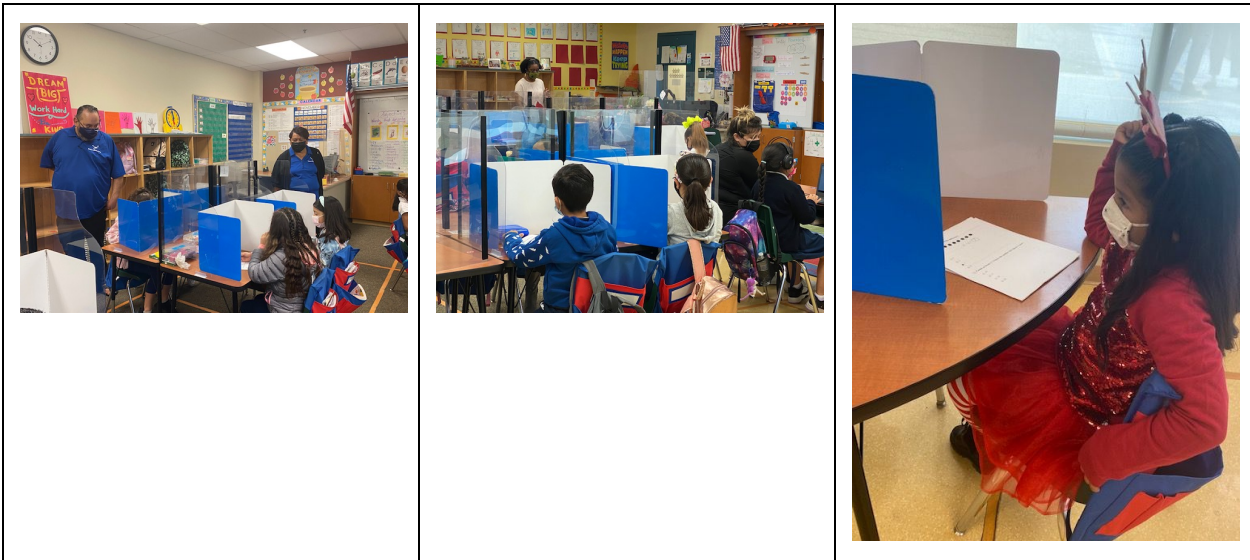












WILLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE BREAKFAST WITH THE PRINCIPAL

On Thursday, November 18th, Principal Maria Connie Rodriguez treated 49 students with perfect attendance to breakfast. Principal Rodriguez thanked parents for sending their children to school and on time everyday. She mentioned understanding that these are unforeseen times and was really appreciative to the Willow community. GO ROADRUNNERS!





GOVERNING BOARD DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION RECOGNITIONS

On Thursday, November 18th the SYSD Governing Board recognized the following students, staff and organizations:

- Sunset Elementary School student Kimberly Ramos virtually read her writing assignment titled, “Frida Kahlo” out loud to the Governing Board and Superintendent. Thank you Kimberly for sharing your creative writing assignment with us and for being a Distinguished Champion!
- Principal Efrain Burciaga recognized Ailany Garcia in regard to her writing assignment titled, “My After Life.” Thank you Ailany for your creative writing and for being a Distinguished Champion!
- Each School Principals shared some remarks about their respective ASB Student Body President or Class Representatives for being leaders of their schools.
 - Carol Cabrera (La Mirada, 6th grade, Class Representative), Ronaldo Tapia (Sunset, 6th grade, Class Representative), Griz Montes (Smythe, 5th grade, Class Representative), Martin Orozco (Ocean View Hills, 5th grade, Safety Patrol Student Representative), Nahomi Arreola Magana (Willow, 6th grade, Class Representative), Paola Atfield (San Ysidro Middle, 8th grade, ASB Student Body President) and Dario Lara Garcia (Vista Del Mar Middle, 8th grade, ASB Student Body President)
- Chief Business Official Marilyn Adrianzen shared thankful remarks about Mothers Out Front during the governing board meeting. Mothers Out Front helped the district obtain a grant to purchase 4 zero emission buses. Thank you Sandy Narano, Lauran Lokey, Jaqueline Zenona Reynoso Marquez, Alicia Nichols Gonzales, Linda Hutchins-Knowles and LaTisha Harris for your advocacy and support.
- Assistant Superintendent Dr. David Farkas shared some remarks of the incredible work school office support staff provided throughout the pandemic year, with the virtual learning academy, keeping track of student attendance and for the day-to-day office operations. Thank you for all you do!
 - School Administrative Assistants: Jorge Cervantes (La Mirada), Sylvia Lugo (Smythe), Elizabeth Moreno (Ocean View Hills), Maria Gomez (San Ysidro Middle), Cristina D’Oleire (Vista Del Mar Middle)
 - Administrative Clerk I: Jovana Montes (La Mirada), Silvia Mendoza (Sunset), Thelma Valenzuela (Smythe), Juanita Murillo (Ocean View Hills), Guillermina Rodriguez (Ocean View Hills), Erika Aviles (Willow), Maricela Talamantes (Willow), Maria Del Rosario Mendez (San Ysidro Middle), Dolores Preciado (Vista Del Mar Middle)
 - Administrative Secretary I: Maria Elena Hernandez (Sunset)
 - Administrative Secretary II: Eugenia Teodoro (CDC)



BOARD RECOGNITION/ DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION



Kimberly Ramos
Topic: Frida Kahlo

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Ailany Garcia
Topic: My After Life

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Carol Cabrera
La Mirada Elementary School,
6th grade, Class Representative

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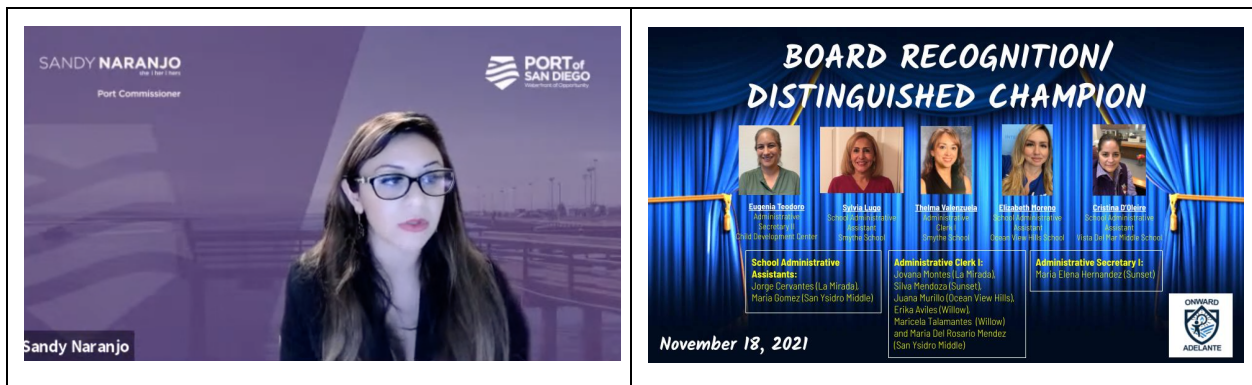
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Thank you for helping the district get a grant to
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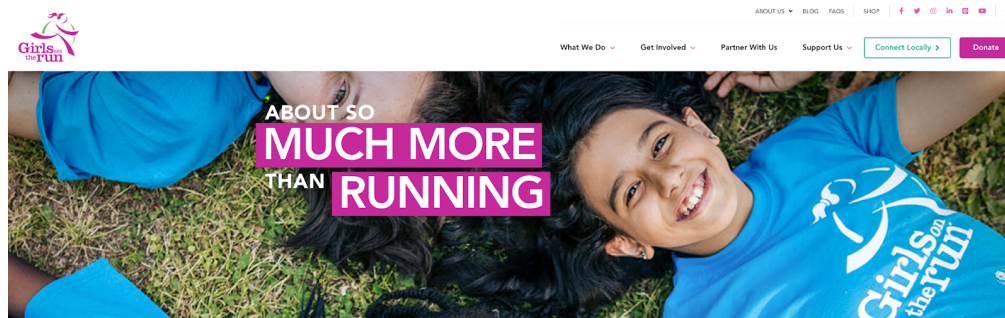


GIRLS ON THE RUN AWARD

Smythe Elementary School Principal Russell Little was informed on Nov. 19th that Smythe was awarded a sponsorship to field a "Girls on the Run" team. Students will participate in a 5K in the spring. The sponsorship includes the curriculum (training guidelines, snacks for practice, running shoes, and transportation to the race). The designated coach will be Ms. Jed Herron with Sylvia Lugo and Principal Little being assistant coaches. The official program begins in March. Smythe will begin a girls empowerment running club to gauge interest.

More information about Girl on the Run can be found by clicking on the link:

<https://www.girlsontherun.org/>



UPCOMING DATES

	Day/Date	Time	Location
Thanksgiving Break	Mon., Nov 22nd - Fri., Nov 26th	District Office & Schools Closed	
End of first semester (88 days - Middle Schools)	Fri., Dec. 17th		
District Office Closed to the Public	Mon., Dec 20th - Mon., Jan 3rd		
Winter Break	Mon., Dec. 20th - Mon., Jan 10th	District Office & Schools	
Students Return	Tues., Jan. 11th		

COVID VACCINATION LOCATIONS & INFORMATION

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/vaccines.html

SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE: AS WINTER LOOMS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND RESEARCHERS URGE SAN DIEGANS TO GET COVID-19 BOOSTERS

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/business/biotech/story/2021-11-12/as-winter-looms-public-officials-and-researchers-urge-san-diegans-to-get-covid-boosters>

PLEXI-GLASS MESSAGE TO SYSD FAMILIES

Last school year as an additional layer of safety, the District installed plexi-glass in all classrooms in preparation for the opening of the school year. The California Department of Health guidelines for COVID school safety removed the recommendation for plexi-glass barriers in schools this past summer 2021. Due to new research regarding the benefits of maintaining consistent and uninterrupted air circulation and filtration indoors, the district is in the process of removing plexi-glass from all student desks. If you prefer your child to continue to have plexi-glass on their student desk please email this written request to your school principal.

The plexi-glass removal process will begin after school hours and will be completed between the Thanksgiving and winter breaks.

UNION TRIBUNE: KID VACCINATIONS SPIKE IN SAN DIEGO ECHOING NATIONAL TREND

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/health/story/2021-11-17/kid-vaccinations-spike-in-san-diego-echoing-national-trend>

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 18TH ANNUAL INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AWARDS EVENT

Source: [Classroom of the Future Website](#)

“Surrounded by students, penguins, teachers, dolphins, school administrators, and a variety of aquatic life, the Classroom of the Future Foundation (CFF) hosted the 18th Annual “Innovation in Education Awards” at [SeaWorld San Diego](#) on September 23, 2021.

The professional photos below were spotlighted by the event media release which shows our district’s wonderful sci-phy teachers who were recognized with an Innovation in Education Award for their exemplary program.



CASA FAMILIAR'S THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO SAN YSIDRO FAMILIES 2021: A MESSAGE FROM LISA CUESTA, CEO OF CASA FAMILIAR

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Please consider a donation to Casa's Community Thanksgiving effort. A \$25 grocery gift card will be hand delivered to 1,000+ families that reside in our affordable housing sites in San Ysidro and National City. These gift cards help ease the burden of putting a festive dinner together but most importantly it helps us connect with families in a personal way to foster community building, uplift the spirit of giving, and remind residents of the various services Casa continues to offer. No donation is too small - give a little, help a lot!

Thank you in advance, please share with those you think can support our Year End Giving Campaign - more info is provided on our website. This month we are focused on the Thanksgiving effort, and next month we will highlight our senior services. To donate online please visit www.casafamiliar.org

MEDIA ARTICLE

- EdSource: University of California sticks with test-free admissions, won't replace SAT and ACT with new standardized test
<https://edsource.org/2021/university-of-california-sticks-with-test-free-admissions-wont-replace-sat-and-act-with-new-standardized-test/663870>

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION/DISTRIBUCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS GRATIS:

San Diego Food Bank: <https://sandiegofoodbank.org/gethelp/>

Feeding San Diego: <https://feedingsandiego.org/find-food/#locate>

COMMUNITY COVID RESOURCES

Please click on the link to access the COVID Community Resources:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRHa3eSXww70KLcnAro21nIFBAdB1BPDL5cLTwBD5J3UYdUhY17DHNMAzYRD7sgVmagg3IUALM9oLF_c/pub

JOBS AVAILABLE IN SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT

San Ysidro School District is looking to hire substitute teachers, instructional aids, Classified and Certificated personnel to fill a variety of positions at our schools. Please, if you or someone you know is interested in working at the San Ysidro School District here is the link with the positions available and to apply: [San Ysidro School District Careers](#).

TRABAJOS DISPONIBLES EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE SAN YSIDRO

El Distrito Escolar de San Ysidro está buscando contratar maestros sustitutos, auxiliares educativos, personal clasificado y certificado para cubrir una variedad de puestos en nuestras escuelas. Por favor, si usted o alguien que conoce está interesado en trabajar en el Distrito Escolar de San Ysidro, aquí está el enlace con los puestos disponibles y para solicitar: [Carreras del Distrito Escolar de San Ysidro](#).