

District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D. Week of November 2, 2018

SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARADES & MORE!

A special thanks to all of our school staff who coordinated joyous Halloween celebrations for students and their families. Thank you to Board Vice President Irene Lopez and Board Member Rodolfo Linares for joining cabinet and Francisco Mata in costume during visits to a few schools for their Halloween parades and more!







DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ALTARS - SYMS & Smythe Teacher Zenaida Rosario

Great job SYMS staff for hosting a student Dia De Los Muertos Altar competition! Also, a shout out to Smythe Teacher Zenaida Rosario for her classroom Dia De Los Muertos altar. Photos shown below.











PARENT INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION (PIQE) - WILLOW & SMYTHE

Congratulations to the 57 parents from Willow and the 37 parents from Smythe who graduated this week from the PIQE Institute!!! A special thanks to PIQE Associate Director Ms. Andre Hernandez for coordinating the PIQE Institute within our schools and to their teachers/facilitators: Lourdes Arrizon, Maria Gastelum, & Brenda Olivas. To the Willow and Smythe Principals Mr. Bojorquez and Mr. Little - THANK YOU helping parents create a "College-Going Culture!"









SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY 7TH GRADE TRIP - COMPACT FOR SUCCESS

Our middle school Principals Connie Rodriguez and Nadia Avilas along with their wonderful 7th grade teachers did an incredible job this past Saturday bringing approximately 120 students and their parents to the SDSU Compact for Success event! 'Sweetwater Union High School Superintendent Dr. Karen Janney organized the event along with SDSU Professor Dr. Johnson and the new SDSU President Dr. Adela de la Torre. South San Diego districts invited to participate were: Sweetwater Union High School District, South Bay Union School District, Chula Vista Elementary School District, and our very own San Ysidro School District!

Here is the program information shared with students at this SDSU Compact for Success campus visit:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1yAsg3s7jIRN3hPVWpQenpNaGYxMEZ0Z003VVNya1dXSG5z/view?usp=sharing

This is the California State University "How to Get to College" informational brochure provided to students during this event:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1yAsg3s7jIRN3IySnBGa0loNmwtYIM5eDM4dmpLVmd hSXBB/view?usp=sharing













SCHOOL FALL FESTIVALS - OCEAN VIEW HILLS

Most of our schools have been hosting Fall Festivals for students and their families! It was wonderful to see Board Clerk Marcos Diaz at the Ocean View Hills Fall Festival running the BBQ and making delicious carne asada tacos for the event! Accompanying Board Member Diaz at the OVH Fall Festival was his son who attends OVH and his wife pictured below. Many thanks to Ana Bush, the district's child nutrition Area Production Manager and one of her staff members who both stepped in to help with the BBQ.

Thank you Principal Dr. Diane Steele, Assistant Principal Catalina Jauregui and OVH staff who did such a wonderful job coordinating and working a their school Fall Festival! Additionally, the district extends our appreciation to all of the principals, teachers and staff members at each of our schools who held Fall Festivals for their hard work, dedication and commitment to making school such a joyous place of learning for our students and their families!











HEARTS & HANDS ANNUAL DINNER, DANCING & AUCTION FUNDRAISING EVENT

Our SYSD team was well represented last Friday evening at the Hearts & Hands Annual Dinner, Dancing & Auction Fundraising Event. A very special thank you to Board Vice President Irene Lopez and Board Member Antonio Martinez for attending the event along with staff members Monica Yrineo and Veronica Medina. School staff also attended this event to show community support for San Ysidro. Hearts & Hands generously feeds hundreds of San Ysidro community members each week.









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!



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

Superintendent School Visits					
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
Wed., Nov. 7	9:00 a.m.	OVHS	Perfect Attendance Breakfast
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. 8	3:00 p.m.	Sunset	Movie Night
Mon., Nov. 12			Veteran's Day Holiday
Thurs., Nov. 15	4:00 -5:45 p.m.	Civic Center	Casa Familiar Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Thurs., Nov. 15	6:00 p.m.	SYMS	Coco Performance
Fri., Nov. 16	8:45 a.m9:45 a.m . K-3	Sunset	Awards Assembly
	9:50 a.m10:40 a.m. 4-6		
Nov 19-Nov. 23			Non Instructional Days/Thanksgiving Holiday
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
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	4th 8:30AM-9:30AM 5th 10:10AM-11:10AM 6th 1:00 PM-2:00PM	OVHS	Awards Assembly
Thurs., Nov. 29	8:45 a.m. TK/K & RM. 1 9:20 a.m. 1st, 2nd & Rm. 33 1:20 p.m. 3rd, 4th 2:00 p.m. 5th, 6th & Rm. 35	Smythe	Academic/Attendance Assembly
Thurs., Nov. 29	8:30 a.m.	Vista Del Mar	Coffee with Principal
Thurs., Nov. 29	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., Dec. 14	1:30 -2:30 p.m.	Smythe	IGT Grant Dedication
Dec. 24-Jan 14			Winter Break