

# **District Highlights**

Superintendent - Gina Potter, Ed.D. Week of November 22, 2024

## SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

#### PRESCHOOL THANKSGIVING ARTWORK

We are so proud of our preschool students for creating such beautiful "Thanksgiving inspired" masterpieces. Their artwork shows their fine motor skill development and their wonderful talent! The vibrant colors and different shapes and textures make each piece special. Thank you to our teachers who found fun ways for our students to express their creativity and the things that they are most grateful for.

















San Ysidro Middle School students create a "Thankful Turkey"
San Ysidro Middle School students and staff created a Thanksgiving-inspired beautiful bulletin board showcasing all of the things that they are grateful for. Each feather represents a note of gratitude from our SYMS community.



### LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT AND SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

La Mirada Elementary School students had the opportunity to watch the movie "Inside Out 2" for their movie night! Thank you to La Mirada's staff for making this night possible and extra special. Speaking of La Mirada staff, their fabulous Sunshine Committee brought joy straight to our colleagues' work place with a delicious Thanksgiving meal and snacks as a way of expressing their gratitude for everything they do year round.











#### LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACE AWARDS

We would also like to congratulate our Eagles ACE Award recipients for their Academic Citizenship, Effort, and Superstar Attendance! We are so proud of you for all of your hard work and dedication.



# VISTA DEL MAR RUNNERS AT SAN DIEGO'S CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION FOR XC!

We are thrilled and so proud to share that our amazing Vista Del Mar alumni runners who are now in high school and were formerly coached by Coach Nikole Scarlett, are now running at San Diego's California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) for Cross-Country XC!!!

Congratulations to the following students on this grand accomplishment: Martin Orozco, Pedro Cano, Riad Ali, Nathan Flores, Josiah Williams-Harrison, Elijah Brackens, Christian Rodriguez, Axel Reynoso, Adam Ali, Cristofer Rincon, Javier Olivarria, Braylon Randall, Izaiah Orta, Susana Orzco, Kianna He, Jai Toliver, Giselle Garcia, Ariana Escorcia, Hazel Navarro, Samara Picos, and Paulette Armenta.

A special thank you to Coach Nikole Scarlett for her outstanding leadership as their middle school trainer!







# ANNUAL LOS ANGELES CHARGERS OUTREACH PROGRAM TURKEY MEAL HAND OUT TO SYSD FAMILIES

The Los Angeles Chargers Outreach Program, Chula Vista Mortgage Capital Corporation Mr. Mortgage owner Mike Esquivel and his partner Christopher Obregon,

as well as the Chula Vista Police Department donated 17 turkey meals to 12 San Ysidro School District families and 5 of our military families.

We would like to thank all of them for their generous donation to our wonderful families as well as San Ysidro School District Pupil Services Coordinator Veronica Medina and Los Angeles Chargers Foundation Outreach Consultant Rito Arciaga for their support and hard work in organizing this turkey meal hand out year after year.









# PARENT INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION (PIQE) GRADUATION AT SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We are happy to share that 34 of our Sunset Elementary School parents graduated from a series of 6 workshops on Social Emotional practices presented by PIQE (Parent Institute for Quality Education).

The program focuses on helping parents acquire the necessary tools and skills on how to identify, recognize, manage their emotions and of their children. As well as the ability to effectively model and replicate emotional management. Other included topics are Self Awareness, Self Management, Social and Cultural Awareness, Empathy, Building Positive Relationships and Responsible Decision Making. Our parents actively participated in these workshops and the results are reflected in a stronger, successful social emotional society and in enhanced academic achievement.

A BIG congratulations to Sunset Elementary School Parents for their grand accomplishment of graduating from their PIQE Program! Thank you to our Governing Board of Education for always supporting this incredible learning opportunity for our parents. We would also like to thank Sunset Elementary School Principal Mathew Bandy, Outreach Consultant Rodrigo Amezquita, Instructional Media Resource Aide Maria del Rosario Castro, PIQE Leadership Rose Elena McAuliffe, Gloria Corral, Monica Griego, Melissa Basso, PIQE Facilitators Xochitl Jimenez and Claudia DeWitt, class speakers Ana Granados and Susana Pulido, and keynote speaker District Translator and Interpreter Pablo Sainz.

Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) engages, empowers and transforms families by providing the knowledge and skills to partner with schools and

# communities to ensure their students achieve their full potential. - PIQE













### **DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF MEETING**

On Thursday, November 22, 2024, the San Ysidro School District Office team came together to celebrate this year's Thanksgiving and District Office Staff Meeting with joy and enthusiasm! A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who contributed to planning in the team building activities that made the day special.

A special shoutout to our exceptional host and event visionary, Miguel Ortega, and our amazing "Iron Chef," Ana Bush! Your dedication and creativity made the event truly memorable.













### BEAUTIFUL SOCCER TURF AT SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sunset Elementary School's turf is looking beautiful as we completed the striping process on our soccer fields. Thank you to our Maintenance, Operations, Transportation, and Facilities staff for making this possible for our students.





# SAN YSIDRO WOMEN'S CLUB 24TH ANNUAL TEDDY BEARS FOR KIDS DRIVE-THRU EVENT

The San Ysidro Women's Club is hosting its 24th Annual Teddy Bear for Kids Event on Friday, December 13th, 2024, at San Ysidro Middle School. This cherished holiday drive-thru event is designed to bring warmth and joy to the students and families in the district, spreading festive cheer and community support.

During the event, students will have the opportunity to receive teddy bears and other treats, ensuring that children feel the holiday spirit and the care of their community. By hosting this event, the San Ysidro Women's Club continues its tradition of bringing joy and holiday magic to local families, making the season special for everyone involved.



### **UPCOMING DATES**

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
End of First Semester	December 20, 2024 (87 days middle schools)	
Winter Break	December 23, 2024 - January 13, 2024	
Students Return from Winter Break	Tuesday, January 14, 2024	

### **SYSD SCHOOLS WEEKLY BULLETINS**

Link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sKiLpBSZmxlqnhLTJTE1eF6k2kP2Rb7l

#### **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

