



San Ysidro

School District

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District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina Potter, Ed.D.

Week of November 3, 2023



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES ON DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

With ofrendas, calaveritas, alebrijes, papel picado, and flor de cempasúchil, our students, teachers, and San Ysidro School District staff, came out to honor our loved ones who have passed away and to celebrate their lives when they were amongst us.

This month of November, Ocean View Hills Elementary School displayed their beautiful altares de muerto in commemoration of our valuable Mexican tradition. On Día de los Muertos we believe that our loved ones who have passed away return home to be with us and nourish themselves through the ofrendas that we have left for them in our altars. It is a day of remembrance and prayer, but also a celebration of the lives of those we have lost.



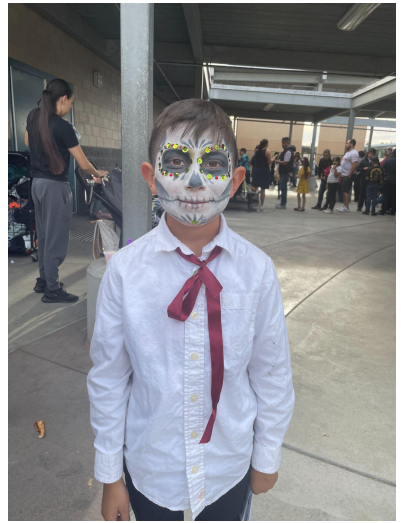


DIA DE LOS MUERTOS FESTIVAL AT WILLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Catrinatas, catrines and alebrijes came out to Willow Elementary School for their Festival de Día de los Muertos. On Wednesday, November 1st, 2023, students and staff from Willow Elementary dressed extra colorful to enjoy this commemoration.

All attendees enjoyed delicious food, snacks, refreshments, and played games such as cornhole. Thank you Board Member, Antonio Martinez, Principal, Ms. Connie Rodriguez, Instructional Media Resource Assistant, Ms. Claudia Montes, Teacher, Mr. Martin Galante, and all Willow Elementary School staff for keeping and making our traditions exciting for our students.



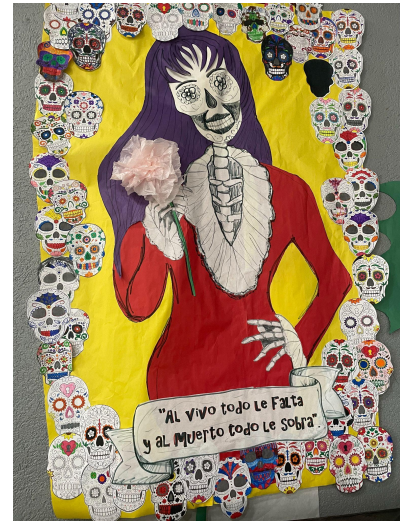


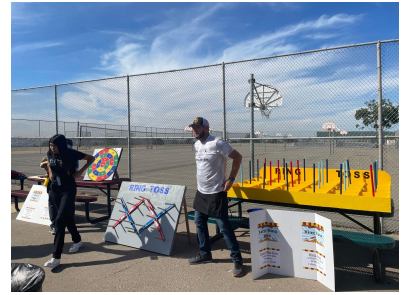
DIA DE LOS MUERTOS FALL FESTIVAL AT SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL

On Tuesday, October 31st, 2023, San Ysidro Middle School students came together to honor their loved ones who have passed away in many creative forms, such as with veladoras, papel picado, altares de muerto, ofrendas, crafts, special tokens of appreciation, and different types of artwork. We are in awe of your creativity and talent!

San Ysidro Middle School students also had the opportunity to play carnival games and engage in a little friendly competition. A special thank you to Ms. Mairén Ruiz, Ms. Buchanan, and all San Ysidro Middle School staff for helping with student team building and making this day so festive.

A special shout out to our Nutrition Department for making delicious tamales for our students.





HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE AT OCEAN VIEW HILLS ELEMENTARY

All of our students at San Ysidro Schools District were winners this Halloween because each and every costume was just spooktacular! Ocean View Hills Elementary held a costume parade, dance party, and fun activities for our students on Tuesday, October 31st, 2023.

A special shout out to Principal Ms. Erika Meza, Assistant Principal Vikki Viramontes-Castorena, and all Ocean View Hills Elementary School staff for their fabulous school decor and for making this day a special one for our students.









HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE AT SMYTHE ELEMENTARY

On Tuesday, October 31st, 2023, Smythe Elementary School welcomed all students for a festive Halloween parade. Students showcased their costumes by categories such as: inflatable costumes, home-made costumes, super mario brothers, barbies, superheroes, etc. Thank you to Principal Dr. Rebecca Bravo and all Smythe Elementary School staff for making this day extra memorable!





HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE AT WILLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On Tuesday, October 31st, 2023, Willow Elementary School welcomed all students to their joyful and colorful Halloween parade. The Sesame Street characters flooded the hallways with enthusiasm for their students....and while spooky red ribbon spirit week was over at Willow, now came the time to announce the results of their door decorating contest. The judges walked by the classrooms on Thursday morning to review their beautiful and creative designs.

Thank you to all Willow Elementary staff for participating in this fun day and for all the positive messages shared on your classroom doors!







HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE AT SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Singing to the tune of many wonderful Halloween songs, Sunset Elementary School students marched and celebrated this fun occasion early morning on Tuesday, October 31st, 2023. Students with the most original costumes were chosen by our judges and given a backpack filled with prizes. A special thank you to all Sunset Elementary School teachers and staff who participated in this parade!





HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE AT OUR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Families, teachers, and students enjoyed a special day of fall festivities on Tuesday, October 31st, 2023 at our Child Development Center. Students dressed up in their costumes and had a parade on the playground. Parents clapped and cheered them on. Afterwards, students got to dance with their families and classmates to some spooky music. There were some fun places to take pictures with family and friends. Lastly, students went from room to room and received small party favors from each teacher. We can't wait to do it again next year!!





SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE HALLOWEEN TEAM BUILDING

Our San Ysidro School District Office team brought the style and creativity to this year's Halloween team building gathering! Our judges had a tough job in choosing the winners of the costume contest because everyone made a big effort to stand out. Thank you to everyone who helped in the planning of this meeting and everyone who brought their Halloween spirit to our team building activity.







UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	WHO
Thanksgiving Break	Monday, November 20th, 2023 through Friday, November 24th, 2023	No school for students
First Day back from Thanksgiving Break	Monday, November 27th, 2023	All students return to school

CALIFORNIA INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL COMMUNITY UPDATE

Source: San Diego County Office of Education and California Indian Education for All

“Learn about SDCOE and CIEFA’s collaborative efforts to support American Indian Education and culturally responsive indigenized professional learning. This guide is an overview of all SDCOE American Indian Education projects, networking opportunities, and grants that are supporting in collaboration with tribal leaders and educators.”

Please click on the link to access the California Indian Education for All Community Update and Events:

https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Oct--16--2023--California-Indian-Education-for-All-Community-Update.html?soid=1138500242277&aid=A5Gn_nSKhMo

PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT SMYTHE & LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

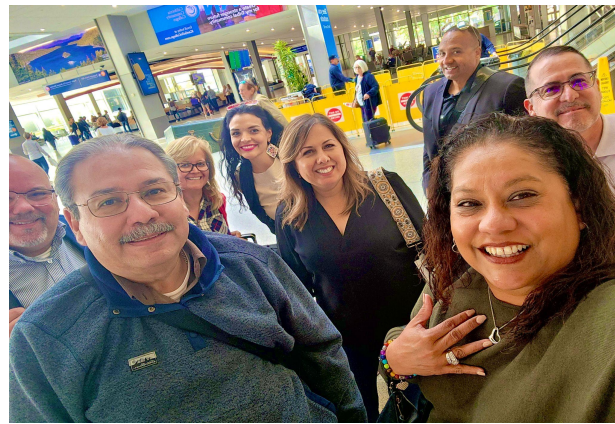
The playground projects initial stages of construction have begun at La Mirada and Smythe!



2023 ACSA LEADERSHIP SUMMIT “CHALLENGE ACCEPTED”

A team of SYSD District Administrators attended the 2023 ACSA Leadership Summit for professional development. The theme of the summit is “Challenge Accepted”. The keynote speakers focused on leading transformative change by challenging us to engage in self reflection of who we are as instructional leaders. Principal [Baruti Kafele](#) gave an excellent address while providing many resources. The team is very grateful for this professional development opportunity!

The attendees were Mr. Burciaga, Dr Bravo, Ms Irene Herrera-Cevallos, Russell Little, Ms. English, Ms. Rodriguez, and Mr. Bojorquez.



DISTRICT JOB OPENINGS



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