



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 30, 2018

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The California School Boards Association held their Annual Education Conference in San Francisco at the Moscone West from November 28th through December 1st. This comprehensive professional development program was attended by our district's Board Vice President Irene Lopez, our two new incoming Board Members Humberto Gurmilan and Rudy Lopez, and I. Both of our new incoming Board Members Humberto Gurmilan and Rudy Lopez attended the full day CSBA Orientation for New Trustees on November 28th. The incoming Board Members, Board Vice President Irene Lopez and I spent November 29th through November 30th attending workshops such as, but not limited to:

- Effectively Funding Your District's Priorities Utilizing the Smarter School Spending Approach to Strategic Budgeting and Planning
- FOCUS on Children Under Stress
- Pure Politics: The Political Landscape for Schools
- Collective Bargaining
- Addressing Disproportionality in Special Education
- MTSS: Maximizing Student Supports
- Voter Districts
- A Comprehensive PreK-12 Parent Engagement Program That Works
- California Latino School Boards Association (CLSBA) Keynote Speaker Ted Alejandro, the San Bernardino County Schools Superintendent

Our team was also able to participate in the CSBA general session wherein keynote speaker, Charles Duhigg who is the bestselling author of *The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business* explored the science of habit formation in our lives, companies and societies. He also shared highlights of his newest book *Smarter,*

Better, Faster: The Secrets of Being Productive in Life and Business which is an exploration of the science of productivity, and why managing how you think - rather than what you think - can transform your life. Duhigg is a Pulitzer prize-winning investigative reporter for The New York Times Magazine and a graduate of the Harvard Business School and Yale College.



COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL AT SYMS, VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE AND WILLOW SCHOOL

A special thanks to our school principals for their dedication and commitment to the district's LCAP Goal 3: Parent Engagement. All of our principals conduct regular Coffee with the Principal events to ensure that parents have access to communicating with our school leadership teams and to provide parents with the information and resources they need for their children to be successful in our schools.



CASA FAMILIAR'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Casa Familiar awarded the San Ysidro School District with a Certificate of Appreciation for supporting their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner event.



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 - Learning Walk
Wed, Dec 19	8:45-10:30am	Sunset

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
Mon., Dec. 3	Kinder 8:30AM-9:45AM 1st 10:00AM-11:15 AM	OVHS	Awards Assembly

	2nd 12:05 PM-1:15 PM 3rd 1:30PM-2:45 PM		
Wed., Dec. 5	9:40 a.m.	SYMS MCC	Presentation by Lou Pechi, child holocaust survivor
Wed., Dec. 5	2:15 p.m.	VDM	ELAC
Thurs., Dec. 6	4th Grade at 1:30 p.m.	OVHS	Awards Assembly
Thurs., Dec. 6	8:30 a.m.	Sunset	Coffee with the Principal
Thurs., Dec. 6	9:15 a.m.	Sunset	ELAC
Thurs., Dec. 12	8:30 a.m.	SYMS MCC	Spelling Bee
Thurs., Dec. 13	1:45 p.m.	OVHS	ELAC
Thurs., Dec. 13	5:00 p.m.	SYMS MCC	Organizational Meeting of the Governing Board
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
Tues., Dec. 18	9:00 a.m.	Smythe	Coffee with Principal
Tues., Dec. 18	5:00 p.m.	Willow	Love Thy Neighbor Dinner
Tues., Dec. 18	8:30 a.m.	OVHS	Tea with Principal
Wed., Dec. 19	8:30 a.m.	Willow	Coffee with the Principal
Wed., Dec. 19	6:00 p.m.	SYMS MCC	Winter Concert
Thurs., Dec. 20	1:00 p.m.	Sunset	Winter Program
Thurs., Dec. 20	8:30 a.m. & 9:40 a.m.	La Mirada	Winter Program

Thurs., Dec. 20	TK/K/1 8:30- 9:30 a.m. 2nd/3rd 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. 4th/5th/6th 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Smythe	Winter Program
Thurs., Dec. 20	8:30 a.m.	VDM	Coffee with Principal
Fri., Dec. 21	10:24 a.m.	VDM	Perfect Attendance Lunch
Fri., Dec. 21	8:30 a.m.	OVHS	Winter Program
Dec. 24-Jan 14		All Schools Closed	Winter Break
Mon., Feb. 11, 2019	6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Sacramento	Legislative Advocacy Trip Board Members & Superintendent