



# San Ysidro

School District **EST - 1887**

QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

## District Highlights

Week of November 5, 2021



### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

### **VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11th: "THANK YOU" TO ALL OF OUR MILITARY VETERANS!**

The San Ysidro School District would like to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to all our veterans, active duty military and dependents for your dedication and the sacrifices that are endured while protecting and serving our country. The freedom and liberty that the United States of America stands for would not be possible without your commitment and loyalty.

*The District Office and Schools will be closed on Thursday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.*



## **VETERANS DAY BACKPACK GIVEAWAY FOR STUDENTS OF MILITARY VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY AND DEPENDENTS**

To honor our veterans and military families the district is providing appreciative backpacks to students of military families with various supplies on Wednesday, November 10th at Ocean View Hills Elementary from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The distribution details are on this event flier: [2021 Veterans Day](#)

## **SYMS 7TH GRADER PLACES AGAINST 8TH GRADERS IN CROSS COUNTRY MEET**

On Saturday, October 30th SYMS 7th grader, Cassidy Olivera, competed against 8th graders in a cross country meet at Otay Ranch High School. She placed in the finals of the race against the older competitors! Congratulations Cassidy on a great race and thank you Coach & SYMS teacher Mr. David Alvarado for your hard work, dedication and encouragement! GO VIKINGS!!





### **SCI PHY PROGRAM CONTINUES TO INSPIRE AND ENGAGE**

The district's Sci Phy program continues to serve students at all 5 of our elementary school sites. Students are engaged in developing as thoughtful engineers who persevere through the engineering design process to solve problems. The team uses Project Lead the Way (PLTW) modules to engage students in the high academic rigor of NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) with scaffolded supports for language development that support access for all students. They also engage students in physical education and social emotional learning through check-ins and mindfulness activities. Please find some snapshots of the team and students in action learning about robotics, potential & kinetic energy, using the engineer design process to solve problems and working together as a team with distinct roles to resolve problems through exceptional communication and teamwork.





**UPCOMING DATES**

Event	Day/Date	Time	Location
Veterans Day Holiday	Thurs. Nov 11th	District Office & Schools Closed	
Parent Conferences (All grades)	Mon. Nov 15th - Fr. Nov 19th		
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		

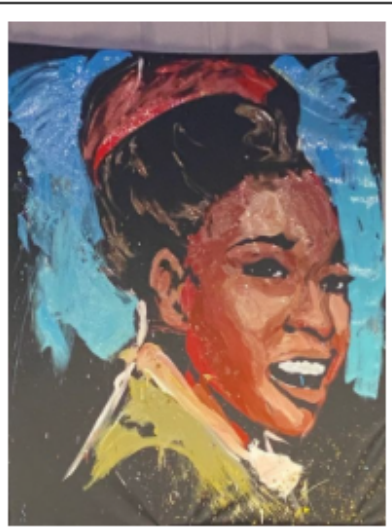
**GURMILAN FOUNDATION WALK & ROLL 5K EVENT**

On Saturday, October 30th Superintendent Potter joined Board Member Humberto Gurmilan for the Gurmilan Foundation Walk & Roll 5K event. The event raised funds for scholarships and grants for students with disabilities. The event was sponsored by Radio Latina, Mossy Nissan, and Sharp HealthCare. Casa Familiar leaders and Miss Chula Vista attended to support the event.

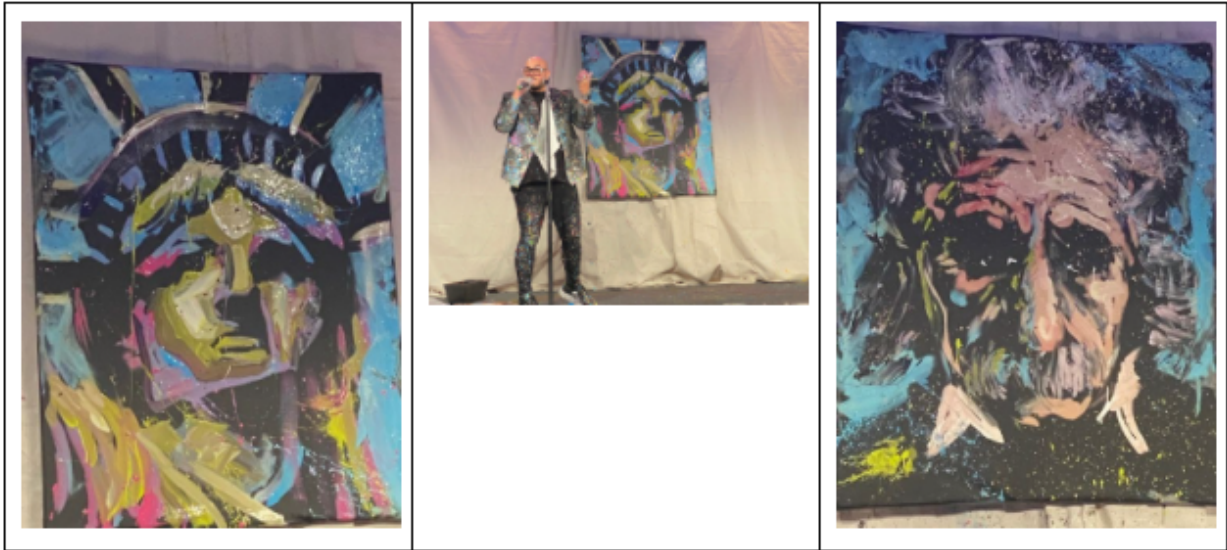


### ACSA LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Superintendent Potter was honored to serve on the ACSA Executive Board of Directors during the Annual ACSA Leadership Summit from November 4th - 6th. This is the most prominent statewide professional development program for educational leaders in California. The training included three full days of dynamic keynote speakers such as Rick Rigsby who spoke on “The Responsibility of Leaders in Times of Uncertainty”, and Willie Brown, the Former Assemblyman and Mayor of San Francisco who focused on the importance of leading with hope. The themes of equity, resilient leadership, and reimagining education were notable throughout the professional development program. In her role as the ACSA State Vice President of Legislative Action, Dr. Potter presented the *Valuing Diversity Award* during the ACSA Annual Awards Celebration.

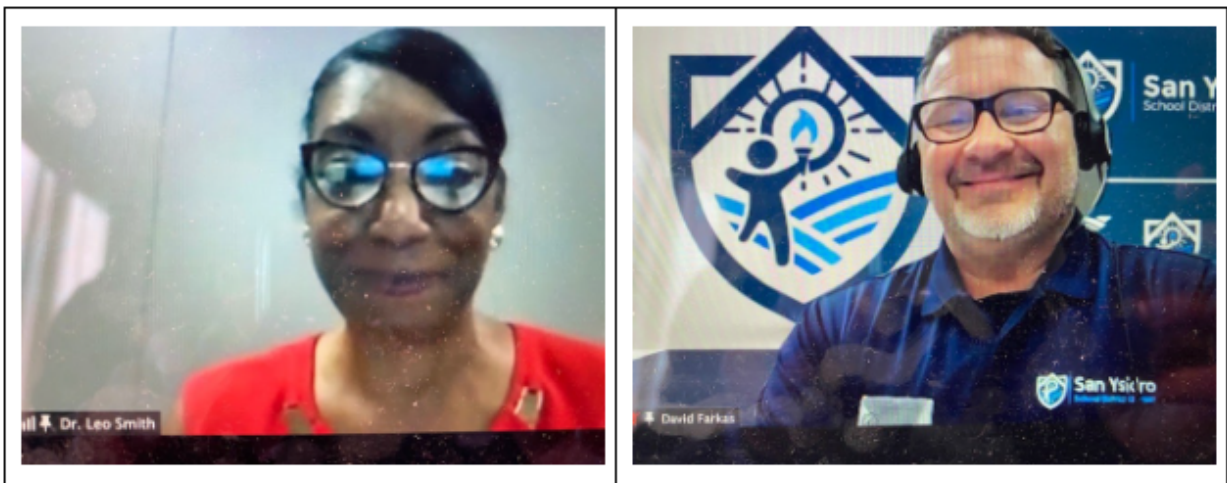






### STRENGTHSFINDER ALL STAFF TRAINING

On November 5th Dr. Leo Smith from SDCOE facilitated the Strengthsfinder Part II professional development for our SYSD team members. Over 200 employees participated in this virtual training event! The StrengthsFinder Champion lead for our district is Dr. David Farkas who is leading this multi-year effort to train and implement the StrengthsFinder program throughout our district. The Clifton StrengthsFinder survey is a talent assessment which helps people: 1) *discover what you naturally do best*; 2) *learn how to develop your greatest talents into strengths*; and 3) *use your personalized results and reports to maximize your potential*.



## **SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID-19 DASHBOARD**

This Dashboard is an effort for our district to be transparent regarding COVID cases. From July 26 through November 5, there have been a total of 110 cases of which 107 have been contact traced to outside community transmission, and not from within our schools. Thus, of our total student and staff population of just over 5,000, only 2.2%, have reported a positive COVID case. The district's multi-layered safety measures are proving highly effective in curbing the transmission of COVID within our schools.

[San Ysidro School District COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

## **COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO HHSA: COVID-19 VACCINES NOW AVAILABLE FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS**

Below is information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine for 5-11 year olds:

<https://mailchi.mp/6fa13a7ea0d4/children-ages-5-11-now-eligible-for-the-covid-19-vaccine?e=be76e7e206>

San Ysidro School District is in the process of scheduling vaccination events for 5-11 year olds. This will be for all SYSD students.

## **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](#).*

## **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-1vRHa3eSXww70KLCnAro21nIFBAdB1BPDL5cLTwBD5J3UYdUhY17DHNmazYRD7sgVmgg3IUALM9oLF\\_c/pub](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRHa3eSXww70KLCnAro21nIFBAdB1BPDL5cLTwBD5J3UYdUhY17DHNmazYRD7sgVmgg3IUALM9oLF_c/pub)