

### **District Highlights**

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D. Week of November 9, 2018

## BOARD RECOGNIZES OUR SYSD RECLASSIFIED FLUENT ENGLISH PROFICIENT STUDENTS

During the November 8th Board Meeting our Governing Board recognized almost 100 English Language Learner students that have been newly designated as Reclassified Fluent English Proficient students from the following schools: Willow, Sunset, Smythe and La Mirada. We are so very proud of these students!



## BOARD DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARDS PRESENTED TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PARENT PRESIDENTS

Governing Board Members honored the parent Presidents of the district's English Language Advisory Committees (ELAC) from the following schools: Willow, Sunset, Smythe and La Mirada! Our district thanks these parents for the important leadership role they are fulfilling within their schools to ensure the success of our English Language Learning (ELL) students!



# BOARD DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARDS PRESENTED TO THE PATHWAYS: VISTA DEL MAR CHEER TEAM

Governing Board Members honored the cheerleading team from Vista Del Mar Middle. A special thanks to the Cheer Team coach, Principal Aviles and our Coordinator of Full Services Community Schools, Omar Calleros for bringing this new program to VDM!



## BOARD DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARDS PRESENTED TO JUAN PEDRAJA AND BELINDA MEZA FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO STUDENTS

Governing Board Members honored the Preschool Teacher Belinda Meza for her 40 years of service as a teacher and Teacher Mr. Pedraja for his dedicated and creative teaching commitment to students.



## GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION & SYSD BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DEC 13TH

The Gubernatorial General Election was held this past Tuesday, November 6th. California public education has a new state Governor, Gavin Newsom and a new State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Please see the web link below for the Capitol Advisors Group Election legislative analysis:

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Here is an article regarding the status of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction election:

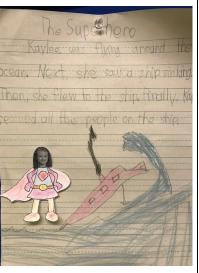
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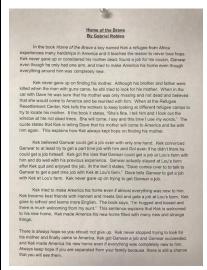
This General Election our school district had 3 Governing Board seats open and 5 candidates running. During the December 13th Board Meeting the Governing Board will conduct their Annual Organizational Meeting wherein the district will express our

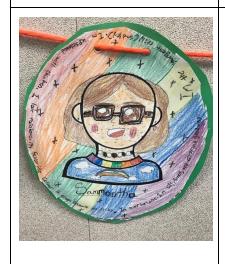
gratitude for the dedicated service and leadership to our district provided by Board Members who are ending their terms. We also will welcome any new Board Members that will be joining our district and they will be sworn in during the oath of office. After the oath, the new Board members will take their seats at the dais and we will conduct the Board organization where the President, Vice-President and Clerk will be elected. The Board will also appoint the Secretary to the Board, which is the Superintendent.

#### PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS OF OBSERVATION



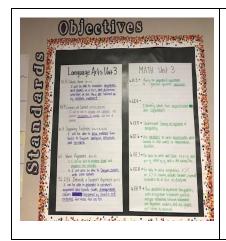












#### 17th ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR DRIVE

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, Nov 27	8:45-10:30am	Vist Del Mar Middle
Tues, Dec 4	8:45-10:30am	La Mirada
Wed, Dec 5	8:45-10:30am	Sunset & OVHS CDC (visit will begin at 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	2) September 19, 2018 3) October 24, 2018 (Coffee with the Principal)	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)	Parade)	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., Nov. 12		All Schools Closed	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 9:50 a.m10:40 a.m. 4-6	Sunset	Awards Assembly
Nov 19-Nov. 23		All Schools Closed	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

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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.  1st, 2nd, and 3rd 9:50 a.m.  4th, 5th, and 6th	La Mirada	Awards/Attendance Assembly
Thurs., Dec. 13	9:00 a.m.	SYMS MCC	Spelling Bee
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
Wed., Dec. 19	6:00 p.m.	SYMS MCC	Winter Concert
Dec. 24-Jan 14		All Schools Closed	Winter Break