



San Ysidro

School District **EST - 1887**

QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

Week of November 10, 2022



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.



Schools and District Office Closed Monday, November 21st through Friday, November 25th. School resumes Monday, November 28th.

May you enjoy a safe, restful and joyous Thanksgiving holiday with your family, loved ones and friends.

Escuelas y Oficinas del Distrito Cerradas del lunes, 21 de noviembre al viernes, 25 de noviembre. Clases resumen el lunes, 28 de noviembre.

Que disfruten seguras, tranquilas y alegres vacaciones de Acción de Gracias con su familia, seres queridos y amigos.

FLAG SALUTE

On Thursday, November 10th, Willow 6th grade student Elena Quintanilla Garcia led the pledge of allegiance during the Governing Board meeting.



BOARD RECOGNITION: WILLOW STUDENT PERFECT ATTENDANCE

On Thursday, November 10th, the Governing Board and Superintendent recognized two Willow students for perfect attendance. Principal Maria Connie Rodriguez shared remarks about each student's accomplishments. Ashley Lopez is a 6th grade student who has had perfect attendance this year and models the TRRFCC model which is Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Elena Quintanilla Garcia is a 6th grade student who has had perfect attendance since kindergarten. She recently reclassified as an English learner by increasing her score by 125 points in one month. Congratulations Ashley and Elena for your district recognition!





UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Thanksgiving Break	Monday, November 21st through Friday, November 25th	All Schools and District Office Closed
Students Return after Thanksgiving Break	Monday, November 28	All Schools Open
Teddy Bears for Kids Drive Through Event	Friday, December 9th	San Ysidro Middle School
End of First Semester	Friday, December 16th	San Ysidro Middle & Vista Del Mar Middle Schools
Winter Break	Monday, December 19th through Monday, January 9th	All Schools Closed
District Office Closed to the Public	Monday, December 19th through Monday, January 2nd	District Office Closed
Students Return after Winter Break	Tuesday, January 10th	All Schools Open

DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

SOUTHERN DIVISION: *School Safety*

On Wednesday, November 9th, San Diego Police Department representatives, Lieutenant Jimenez and Officer Lacarra (who has served with SDPD for 28 years with over 20 years in south San Diego county) met with the district's management team. During the meeting the district and SDPD shared information regarding *Lockdown* and *Secure Campus* procedures to ensure the safety of our schools.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Iniguez will provide an optional all staff virtual training on December 2nd to review the district's Lockdown and Secure Campus protocols.

TIPS FOR COLD, FLU AND COVID SEASON

This cold and flu season has been especially hard on families with the triple threat of the influenza virus or flu, respiratory syncytial virus (better known as RSV), or COVID-19. RSV infections are impacting emergency room wait times and hospital capacity, and health officials are warning the flu may be more severe for a longer period of time this year.

As a reminder, please do not send your child to school if they are feeling sick or experiencing symptoms of a virus. Keeping your sick child home will be a great benefit for the health and wellness of our students and staff. Also, reach out to your child's medical provider to ensure your student is up-to-date on vaccinations.

What Symptoms to Look For

The flu and COVID-19 are both spread from person-to-person, especially indoors and in crowded places. Symptoms for both viruses include fever, headache, and muscle and joint pain, as well as a sore throat and coughing.

RSV is a respiratory virus that has been detected in previous cold and flu seasons. Symptoms of RSV include cough, runny nose, and fever. Treatment consists of managing symptoms and, in severe cases, hospitalization.

Tips to Avoid Getting Sick

San Diego County health officials offer these tips to prevent getting sick:

- Consider wearing a well-fitting, quality mask, especially indoors or in crowded spaces
- Wash hands thoroughly and often
- Use hand sanitizers, if unable to wash hands
- Stay away from sick people
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Clean commonly touched surfaces
- [See more prevention tips from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

The influenza vaccine is available at doctors' offices and retail pharmacies and is covered by medical insurance. People with no health care coverage can get vaccinated at one of the County's six public health centers or a local community clinic. To find the

nearest location, [visit the County's Flu Vaccine Locations page](#) or call 2-1-1 San Diego. The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated every year.

Additionally, San Ysidro School District will provide all families with a COVID-19 home testing kits during the Thanksgiving break and continue to work with local health officials to share helpful information.

Thank you for your partnership in helping us keep our students and staff healthy and safe. If you have questions about these topics, please contact me, Dr. Jose Iniguez, Assistant Superintendent, at jose.iniguez@sysdschools.org. We thank you for your cooperation and support.

**27th ANNUAL MINI-CABE CONFERENCE:
"RESILIENCE THROUGH HOPE & EDUCATIONAL EQUITY"**

On Saturday, November 5th the South County Chapter 65 of CABA (California Association of Bilingual Educators) hosted their annual fall Mini-CABA conference. This conference is focused on professional learning for parents, teachers, para-educators, and administrators. San Ysidro School District proudly sent a contingent to the event. We want to offer a special thank you to Board Clerk Irene Lopez, and Board Member Zenaida Rosario who attended the event, as well as the parents, teachers, staff, and administrators who were present at the conference.

The event provided an inspirational keynote speech by Francisco Lopez, Principal of Kimball School in the National School District. As well as opportunities to learn about topics on mental health, preparing for university, English as a second language for adults, IEP support, community resources, classroom tools, and NGSS science with an ELD lens. Additionally, the group enjoyed breakfast, lunch and entertainment. The morning was motivational, culturally affirming, and a wonderful opportunity for learning.





SDCOE CALIFORNIA ELEVATION BY ACCELERATING READING, OR PROJECT CLEAR

Source: [SDCOE Project Clear Webpage](#)

“Project CLEAR is a grant-funded opportunity to provide professional development to educators interested in becoming a Teacher Leader with expertise in reading intervention. These Teacher Leaders can expand availability and access to literacy acceleration, prevention, and intervention for diverse students in their district or school, including students who are English learners, students in dual language programs, and students with disabilities, including those with dyslexia and/or phonological processing issues.

Through this two-year program, participants will become Teacher Leaders who can train and coach teachers to implement comprehensive literacy strategies in schools and K-12 interventions for students who have reading, writing, and language-based needs.”

“The five Teacher Leaders in Project CLEAR began classes at Saint Mary’s College as they started the 2022-23 school year at their sites. These Teacher Leaders are very committed and meet for two full days of class every three weeks, while working with students every day. Two are from San Ysidro School District, two are from West Contra Costa School District, and one is from Saint Mary’s College. The training classes are held in the Kalmanovitz School of Education. Saint Mary’s College aims to empower students to lead change according to the principles of social justice and the common good through shared inquiry, collaborative learning, and community engagements: “Our graduates become highly effective teachers, administrators, leaders, and counselors.”

Please help us welcome this inaugural cohort!”

Meet the Inaugural Cohort Members

San Ysidro School District, San Diego County



Sandra Guzman



Carolina Hernandez

West Contra Costa Unified School District, West Contra Costa County



Nancy Ramos



Ben Ley

Saint Mary's College, West Contra Costa County



Mary Kay Moskal

22ND ANNUAL "TEDDY BEARS FOR KIDS" DONATION LETTER TO DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS AND SCHOOLS

The San Ysidro Women's Club is asking for your help to make this year's "Teddy Bear For Kids" event a huge success for our San Ysidro children. Your generosity ensures that each child receives a teddy bear, blanket, book and candy cane at the Friday, December 9th event taking place at San Ysidro Middle School.

Please see your school site donation representative to make your donations.

The most generous school and district department will receive a special treat from the San Ysidro Women's Club! Let the competition begin!!



"TEDDY BEARS FOR KIDS"

2022



Dear San Ysidro School District Employees:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The San Ysidro Women's Club, once again, invites each one of you, to participate in our

22nd annual "TEDDY BEARS FOR KIDS"

**It will be a DRIVE-THRU event which
will take place on Friday, December 9, 2022
at San Ysidro Middle School**

From 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Each child in attendance will receive a **TEDDY BEAR**,
a **BLANKET**, a **BOOK**, and a **CANDY** cane!

We look forward to your participation.

Again, we are asking for your generous
Cash donations!

The top school and department will receive a special treat!

*Thank you for making this Holiday Season
a happy one for our kids in San Ysidro*

