



San Ysidro

School District

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QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

Week of November 18, 2022



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

SUPERINTENDENT MEETS WITH STUDENT LEADERS TO LISTEN TO THEIR SUCCESSES, CONCERNS AND IDEAS

On Wednesday, November 16th Superintendent, Dr. Gina Potter led the first meeting this year with student leaders from each school to listen to their ideas and value their student voices. These students were chosen by their principals as school leaders. They represent their schools and fellow students, and share ideas and feedback for improving their educational environment and increasing student success.

Each student was asked 2 questions: What is helping student success at your school; What ideas do you have that your school/district can work on to support student success? They were encouraged to provide their thoughts, suggestions and feedback. In regards to the question about “helping student success”, the dedication and hard work that the teachers exhibit each day, our pathways program and after school sports were mentioned by most of the student leaders. Answers to the question regarding “ideas that the school or district can work on to support student success” included: new lunch meals, more sports and academic help after school, and more assemblies highlighting student accomplishments aside from academics. At the end of the meeting students were asked to pick 1 of their ideas and work with their principal to implement that 1 idea at their respective school. The purpose of these meetings is to value our students’ voices and make sure they are heard.



VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

Congratulations to the Vista Del Mar Middle School girls team who placed 2nd overall and the boys team who placed 3rd overall in the track & field meet! The track and field meets took place in October/November with other schools from Sweetwater Union High School District. Coach Nikole Scarlett helped train the boys and girls team for the competitions. Thank you to Coach Scarlett for your dedication, commitment and going the extra mile! The Middle School Sports League which we participate in with Sweetwater Union High School Districts is part of our Pathways Program which is coordinated and overseen by Director of Educational Services, Luis Ramos.

- Boys Track & Field Team:** Andrew Apatiga, Sebastian Alvarez, Damian Barnes, Christian Castro, Justice Dominguez, Luis Espinoza, Joshua Jiles, Dario Licon, Ezekiel Rodriguez, Jordan Taylor, Dylan Uribe, Ali Yusuf, Brian Iverson, Isaac Bankhead, Vincent Canapi, Andre Figueroa, Aleksander Gonzalez, Esteban Hernandez, Jaime Licon, Julian Martinez and Luis Palacios
- Girls Track & Field Team:** Camila Bravo, Sofia Frias, Anahi Gonzalez, Angelina Lopez, Elena Martinez, Nathalia Mendoza, Gianni Meza, Sofia Millan, Amaiha Millard, Daniella Picos, Abril Ponce, Aneesah Roberts, Itzel Tirado, Nathalia Vallarde, Eva Quinonez, Kamilah Cone, Christina Gonzalez, Isabella Larson and Nevaeh Thammakhotvongxay



VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL VISIT

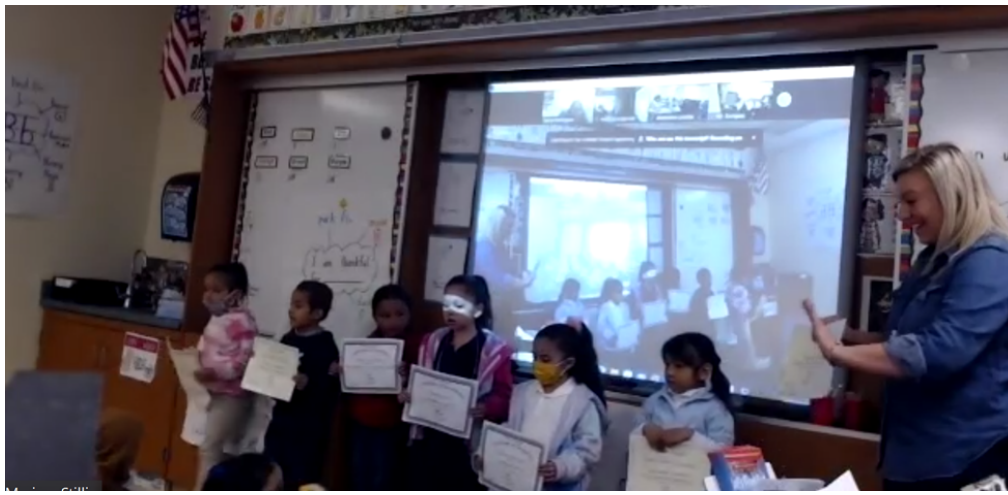
On Monday, November 14th, Board President Rudy Lopez, Board Member Irene Lopez, Superintendent Potter and Cabinet (Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, School Support and Safety Dr. Jose Iniguez, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Leadership and Pupil Services Russell Little, Chief Business Official Marilyn Adrianzen, Executive Director of Educational Services Cynthia Monreal González and Executive Director of Human Resources Linda Olea) had a great school visit to Vista Del Mar Middle School. They were hosted by Principal Irene Herrera-Cevallos and Assistant Principal Matthew Bandy who facilitated classroom visits. Overall, Vista Del Mar Middle School is commended for having strong instructional strategies such as collaboration, partner talk, reading strategies during instruction (pausing, allowing students to read certain words, read alongs, etc.), and implementation of AVID strategies. Thank you VDM administrators and staff for all your hard work and dedication to our students!





WILLOW AWARDS ASSEMBLY

On Friday, November 18th Willow Elementary staff held a virtual awards assembly. Students were recognized for their character, attendance, and academic performance. Congratulations to all the students who received awards! GO ROADRUNNERS!



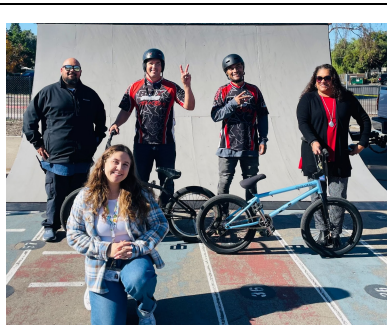
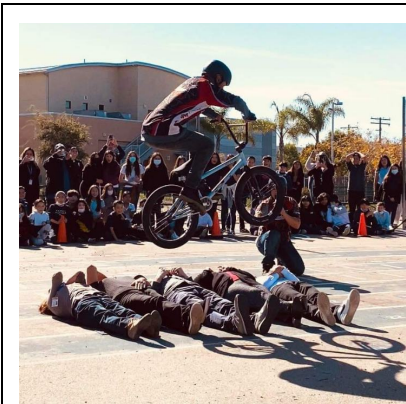
DISTRICT TEAM THANKSGIVING EVENT: SELF CARE STRATEGIES AND TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY

On Thursday, November 17th, the district office team came together for a Thanksgiving team building and self care event. A special thank you to Monica Yrineo and Miguel Ortega for coordinating the celebration, Ana Bush for warming up all the food, MOTF/Sadeer Sahib, Elmy Flores, Sara Almeida and Pat Caro for helping with setup and decorating.



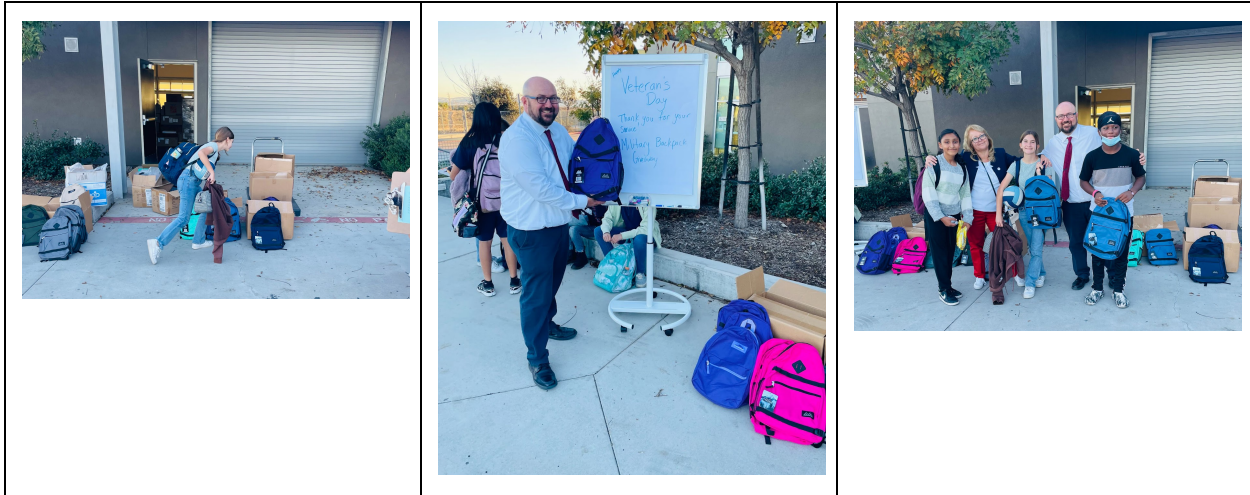
BMX PRO TRICK TEAM AT WILLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The BMX Pros Trick Team was invited to Willow Elementary on Monday, November 14th for 2 exhilarating outdoor assemblies. The students of Willow were challenged to improve their attendance as a school for 10 days with the prize of a performance by the BMX Pros. The performers, Frank Albino and Erick Soto, wowed the students with tricks while additionally teaching the students about bicycle safety and attaining perfection in anything through practice.



MILITARY FAMILIES BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

On November 10th, 2022 San Ysidro School District held an event to honor all students of all Veterans, Dependents, and Active Duty Military to receive a backpack filled with school supplies at Vista Del Mar Middle School. We gave over 80 backpacks to students from La Mirada, Ocean View Hills, San Ysidro Middle School, Smythe, Sunset and Willow.



UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Teddy Bears for Kids Drive Through Event	Friday, December 9th 2:00 to 4:00 pm.	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

22ND ANNUAL "TEDDY BEARS FOR KIDS" DEPARTMENTS AND SCHOOLS DONATIONS DUE MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH!

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.

Employee donations due Monday, December 5th. Please see your site rep.

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

