



# San Ysidro

## School District

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QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

### District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina Potter, Ed.D.  
Week of December 1, 2023



### SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

#### OCEAN VIEW HILLS ELEMENTARY STUDENT DERICK MOTT HAS BOOK SIGNING AT BARNES & NOBLE

There's a new star writer and published author in town ready to sign autographs! Ocean View Hills School student, Derick Mott and his aunt Toshua Cornwell-Clark, are the authors of a new children's book titled: "The Adventures of Camp Pallo." Derick Mott is a 2nd grade student at OVH, his teacher is Ms. Hills. In "The Adventures of Camp Pallo," young friends experience an unforgettable summer filled with fun, friendship, and life lessons. This captivating tale for readers aged 6-12, beautifully illustrates the charm of sixth grade camp and the importance of friendship. Congratulations to both Derick and his aunt Toshua for this amazing accomplishment, we are so proud of you!



## SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT LITERARY ANTHOLOGY

Speaking of writing.....The San Ysidro School District is inviting all students to share their writings with us! The Student Literary Anthology is a book in the works that will feature our talented students' writing and art work. It is intended to highlight our students' creativity and love for storytelling. Another one of the goals of this project is to show students that their stories are valuable and important as individuals and in a society. A very special thank you to Pablo Sainz for leading this wonderful effort to reignite the publishing of student writing and art work in our district!

**SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LITERARY ANTHOLOGY**


San Ysidro School District students: share your writing!

**Selected texts will be included in a book**  
Send your short stories, poems, personal essays or plays  
to Pablo Ferretti at [pablo.sainz@sysdschools.org](mailto:pablo.sainz@sysdschools.org)

More information  
**619-428-4476**

You can also submit your  
art work for publication!

Deadline: December 15, 2023



## ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP, EFFORT, AND ATTENDANCE AWARD ASSEMBLY AT OCEAN VIEW HILLS ELEMENTARY

This week Ocean View Hills Elementary School recognized students for their outstanding academic efforts and attendance records. Congratulations to all students honored during this assembly for going the extra mile this school year and working hard in achieving academic excellence.







### **SYSD STUDENTS RECEIVE SHOES FROM RACK ROOM AT LAS AMERICAS OUTLETS**

150 pairs of shoes were graciously donated by Rack Room Shoes at Las Americas Premium Outlets to our San Ysidro School District students. We would like to thank Rack Room Shoes for providing this wonderful and helpful donation through the "Shoes That Fit Program" to all of our seven schools.

It is thanks to this program that customers are able to donate directly to the store after each purchase throughout the year. During the month of October, Store Manager, Mrs. Lori Nakaya contacted our San Ysidro School District Coordinator of Pupil Services, Ms. Veronica Medina, to set up a date for their distribution. It was on November 29th that 6 Outreach Consultants, 1 School Social Worker, and 1 Attendance Specialist, were able to select the shoes for our students.







## CSBA's 2023 ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

San Ysidro School District Governing Board Members, Antonio Martinez and Rudy Lopez, as well as Superintendent Dr. Potter attended the AEC 2023 Education Conference in San Francisco this week.

AEC is CSBA's premier continuing education program—delivering practical solutions to help governance teams from districts and county offices of education improve student learning and achievement. Whether it's issues related to budget and finance, student achievement, governance, school safety, common core, community engagement, communication or collaboration, this premier event focuses on key areas to guide governance teams through tough fiscal times.

Superintendent Potter served on a panel session reflecting on the *10th Year of the Local Control Funding Formula* alongside the Deputy Director of the Legislative Analyst Office, Edgar Cabral.



CSBA Pacer, Michael Inzunza, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, and our SYSD Governing Board Member, Rudy Lopez.



San Ysidro School District Superintendent, Gina Potter Ed.D., SYSD Governing Board Member, Antonio Martinez, Retired Assistant Superintendent SUHSD, Karl Bradley, and former San Diego City Council Member & Television Journalist, Marti Emerald.





Scientist, School Board President and longtime trustee of Poway Unified School District, Darshana Patel Ph.D. and Director of External Affairs for the California School Board Association, Raquel Maden.



CSBA Education Policy Analyst, Jeremy Anderson Ph.D. and Deputy Legislative Analyst at the Legislative Analyst's Office, Edgar Cabral.



Senior Associate Hazard Young Attea Associates and former Whittier City School District Superintendent, Dr. Carmella Franco and ACSA President, Parvin Ahmadi.



San Lorenzo Unified School District Superintendent and Association of California School Administrators Board of Directors Member, Daryl Camp.



Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director  
for the California School Boards Association,  
Vernon Billy.

### **CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS GRANT AT IMPLEMENTATION PHASE**

San Ysidro School District is the proud recipient of the California Community Schools Grant. We are very grateful and excited to begin this journey as we create a vision for Community Schools in our district.

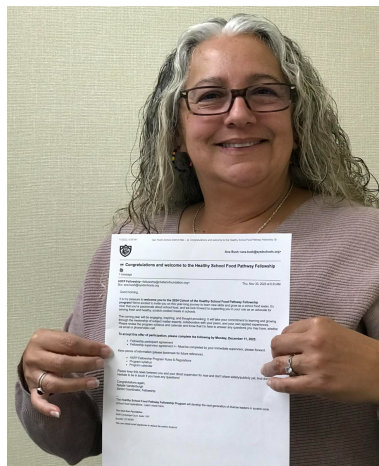
A community school is a “whole-child” school improvement strategy where the school district and schools work closely with teachers, students, and families. Community schools partner with community agencies and local governments to align community resources to improve student outcomes. These partnerships provide a major focus on academics, health, social services, youth and community development, and community engagement. Our Coordinator of Pupil Services, Veronica Medina welcomed our SDCOE support provider, Dr. Monica Loyce and our collaboration remains in the implementation phase.

## UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	WHO
<b>Teddy Bears for Kids Drive Through Event</b>	Friday, December 8, 2023 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.	San Ysidro Middle School
<b>End of First Semester</b>	Friday, December 15, 2023	San Ysidro Middle & Vista Del Mar Middle Schools
<b>Winter Break</b>	Monday, December 18, 2023 through Monday, January 8, 2023	All Schools Closed
<b>District Office Closed to the Public</b>	Monday, December 18, 2023 through	District Office Closed
<b>Students Return after Winter Break</b>	Tuesday, January 9th, 2024	All Schools Open

## HEALTHY SCHOOL FOOD PATHWAY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Congratulations to our very own CNS Coordinator, Ana Bush, on her recent acceptance into the prestigious Healthy School Food Pathway Fellowship Program! This program focuses on developing the next generation of scratch-cook leaders to grow their skills, knowledge, and abilities to develop and serve fresh and healthy meals to students. Ana will share her new skills and knowledge with all CNS staff to improve the quality of our student meals. Only 30 applicants nationwide are selected for this program annually following a rigorous application procedure, including an extensive written application, a video submission, and a Zoom interview. Way to go Ana!





## PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Our playground construction project progress continues.

### La Mirada



### Smythe



## WILLOW PROJECT

The Single Point of Entry Project at Willow is in the final stages of state Department of State Architects approval. This project includes a secure entrance and exit during the instructional day and includes a new perimeter fence. We anticipate bidding out this project in Spring 2024 and beginning construction in Summer 2024.



## DISTRICT JOB OPENINGS



**Please click on the link to access our current district job openings:**  
<https://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?countyID=37&districtID=650>