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School District **EST - 1887**

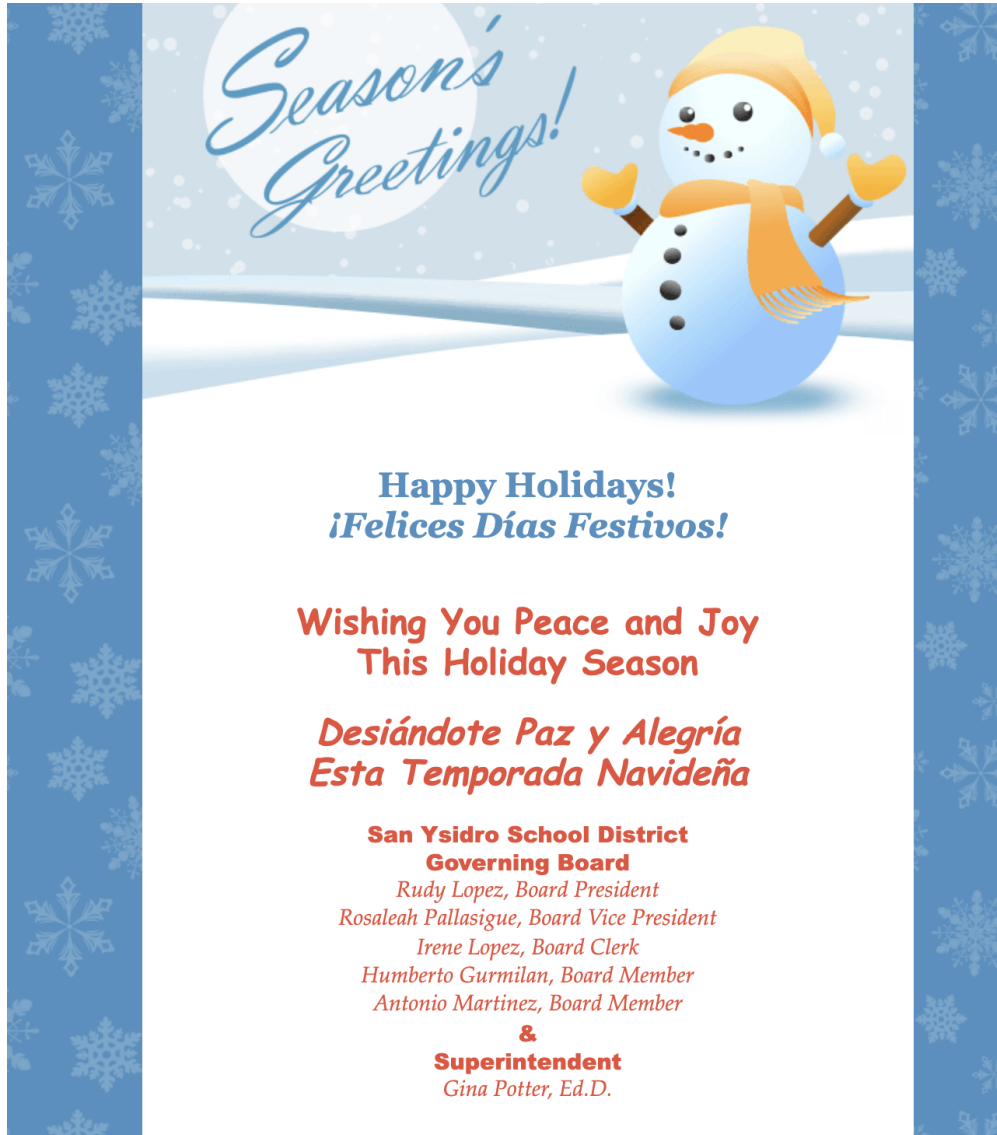
QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

Weeks of December 10 & 17, 2021



Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter & Santa Claus wish our SYSD family a wonderful winter holiday season!



UPCOMING DATES

Event	Day/Date	Time	Location
Winter Break	Monday, December 20th - Monday, January 10th	Schools Closed	
District Office Closed to the Public	Monday, December 20th - Monday, January 3rd		
Teachers & Several Classified Staff Return to Work	Monday, January 10th	❖ Staff Work Calendars	
Students Return to School	Tuesday, January 11th		
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	Monday, January 17th	District Office & Schools	

		Closed
Lincoln Holiday	Friday, February 18th	District Office & Schools Closed
Presidents Day	Monday, February 21st	District Office & Schools Closed

SCHOOL WINTER PERFORMANCE CELEBRATIONS

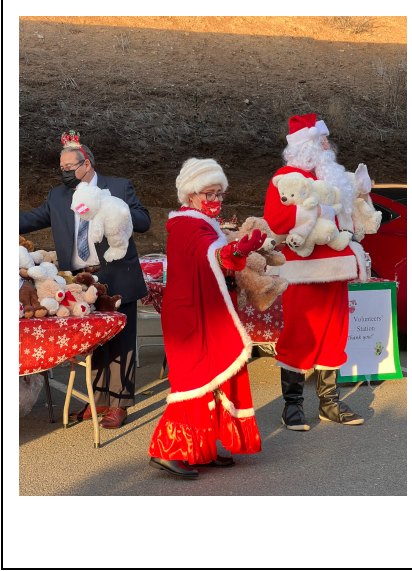
During the week of December 13th San Ysidro School District schools celebrated the holiday season with winter performances and festive holiday spirit week activities. A special thank you goes out to our incredible teachers and staff for making this last week of school before the winter holiday such a joyous one for our students!





SAN YSIDRO WOMEN’S CLUB - 20TH ANNUAL “TEDDY BEAR FOR KIDS” DRIVE THRU AT LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY & SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOLS

On Friday, December 10th the San Ysidro Women’s Club hosted their annual “Teddy Bears For Kids” Event in a Drive Thru format. Hundreds of families in their cars with very excited kids lined up at San Ysidro Middle School and La Mirada Elementary to pick up a teddy bear, candy cane, book and blanket from one of the many volunteers working at the event. Santa and Mrs. Claus were on hand to wave and wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season! One thousand three hundred teddy bears & hundreds of blankets were given away! Thank you to all the school staff and departments who made donations to make this event a huge success. A very special heartfelt “Thank you” to Alice De La Torre, Grace Kojima, Martha Jacobo, Magdalena Pulham, all the ladies from the San Ysidro Women’s Club and the many volunteers for bringing a little joy to the faces of our San Ysidro children.





RECOGNITION OF 2021 BOARD PRESIDENT ANTONIO MARTINEZ & CONGRATULATIONS TO BOARD MEMBERS WITH NEW POSITIONS

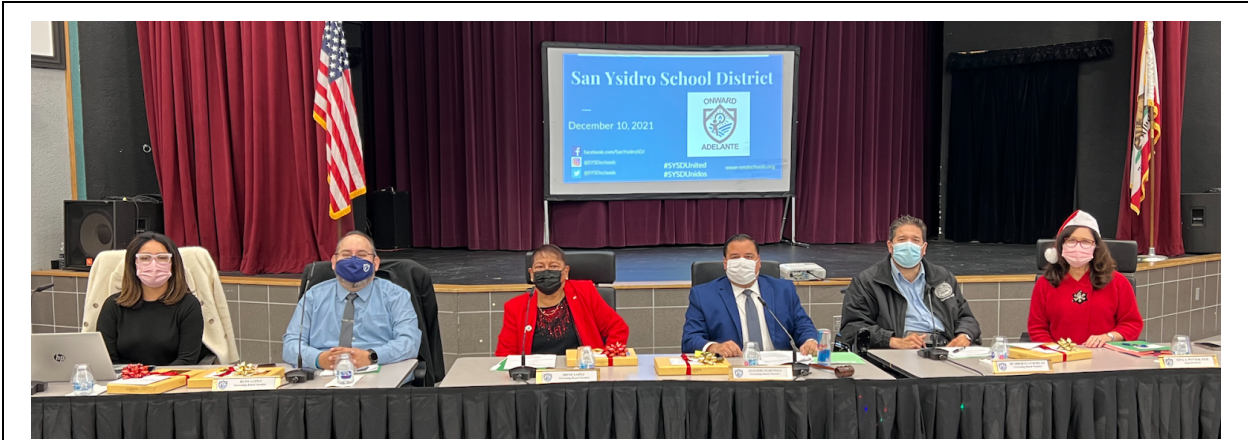
During the December 10th Organizational Meeting Board Members and Dr. Potter recognized former Board President Antonio Martinez for his many accomplishments during his tenure.

Board President Martinez served as president during an unprecedented and challenging time for our district with perseverance, foresight and compassion. He has collaboratively led our district throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Board President Martinez led the charge to assure that our students and parents had an option for in person and distance learning. Safety for students and staff has always been a priority for him. Also, he helped navigate the development and approval of a Long Range Master Facility Plan and ensured we were among the leading school districts in the country to commit to transitioning to electric school buses and followed through with that commitment by purchasing four electric school buses.

Board President Martinez has worked to strengthen support services for at-risk students, transitional unhoused youth and is a strong supporter of our valuable staff and community. Notably, Board President Martinez has been a member of the Governing Board since 2012.

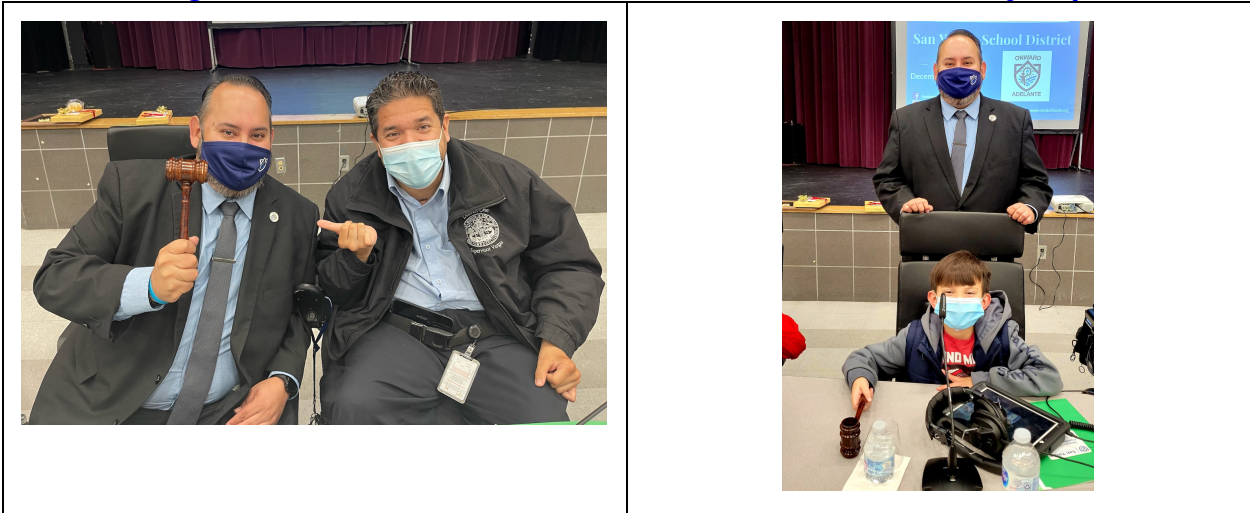
For many years he has supported our community partners such as Hearts & Hands, Casa Familiar and South Bay Community Services who have a long history of providing social services to our students and families.

Our district thanks Board President Martinez for his leadership, dedication and commitment to our district and community during this very challenging year.





Congratulations to our new Board President for 2022, Rudy Lopez



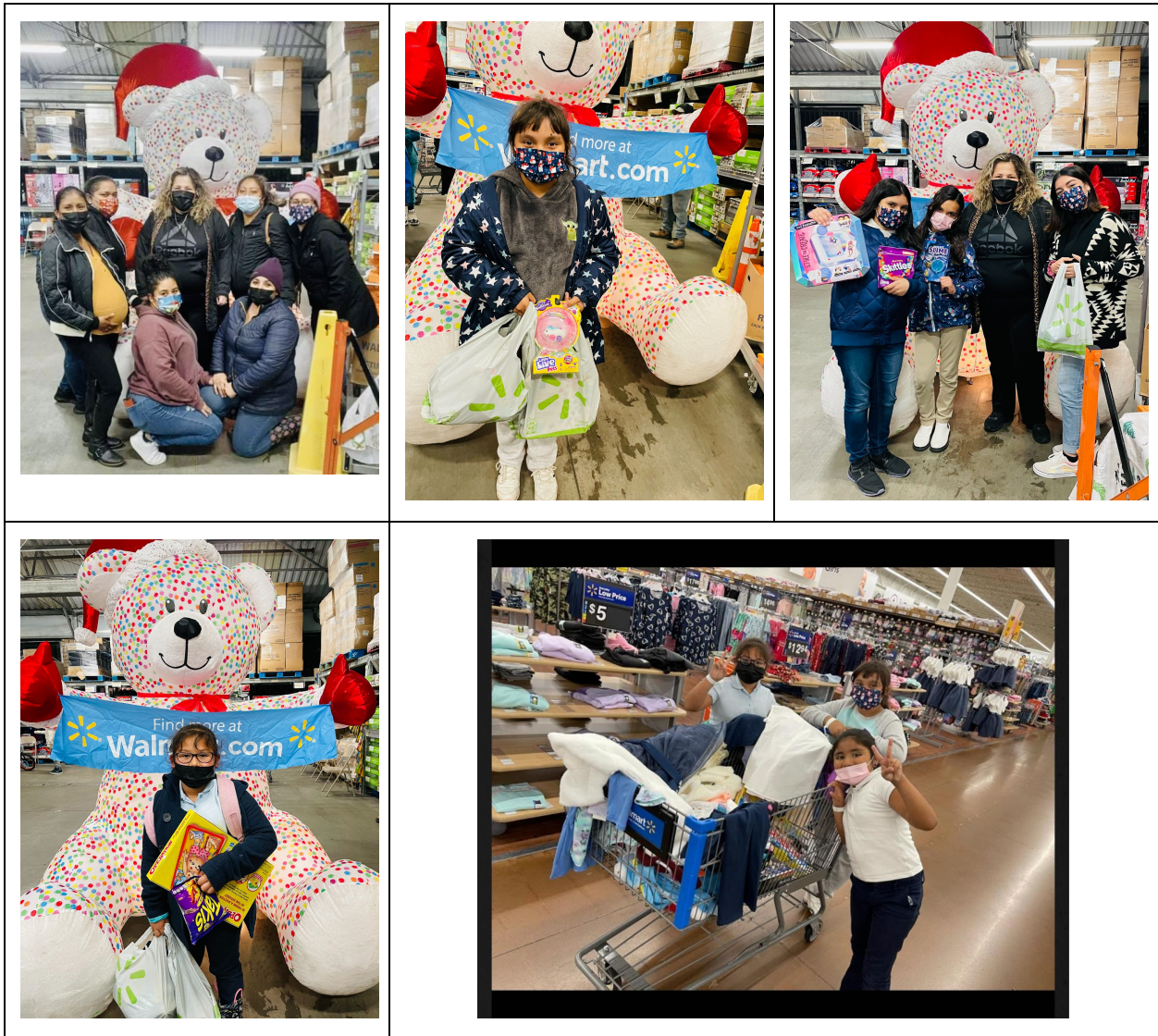
Congratulations to our board members with new 2022 positions!

President
 Board Vice President
 Board Clerk

Rudy Lopez
 Rosaleah Pallasigue
 Irene Lopez

CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN WALMART SHOPPING SPREE!

Making San Diego Smile, a nonprofit organization founded by Tony Castro, invited 70 children from the San Ysidro School District to participate in a shopping spree at the Walmart in Chula Vista. Each student received \$100 or more to select toys, bikes, shoes, and clothing. There were many happy and smiling faces!



U.S. HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE JUAN VARGAS RECOGNIZES TEACHER ELVA DE BACA
 Elva De Baca, Lead Sci Phy Teachers was recognized by Juan Vargas, United States House of Representative from California’s 51st Congressional District as Constituent of the Month.

Elva leads a program that provides Project Lead the Way based STEM modules and physical education for all students in K - 6th grade at each of our elementary school sites. While this work is incredibly important on its own, she has worked with her team to incorporate SEL (Social Emotional Learning activities into every session at every grade district wide (Check-Ins & Mindfulness Activities); as well as to include scaffolding and language acquisition strategies to ensure access to all learners.

As the lead teacher, she provides support, teaches, provides training, manages scheduling, and takes care of a multitude of other details. During COVID closures and then our transition back to in person learning, Elva and her team were able to transition this vital program from in person to virtual and back to in person instruction seamlessly.

The district is so proud of the work that she leads and supports for the students of San Ysidro, and expresses our sincere gratitude to Mr. Vargas for recognizing the work that

San Ysidro teachers are doing on behalf of our students and families across the district.



United States House of Representatives
CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

Elva De Baca
*Lead Sci-Phy Teacher,
San Ysidro School District*

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the residents of California's 51st Congressional District, I would like to extend my thanks and recognition to you for your unwavering commitment to teach students the skills needed to thrive in life beyond the classroom. We appreciate all your efforts - especially during the pandemic - for creating an innovative program incorporating science and physical fitness and making a positive impact to both students and families.

Dated this 9th of December, 2021

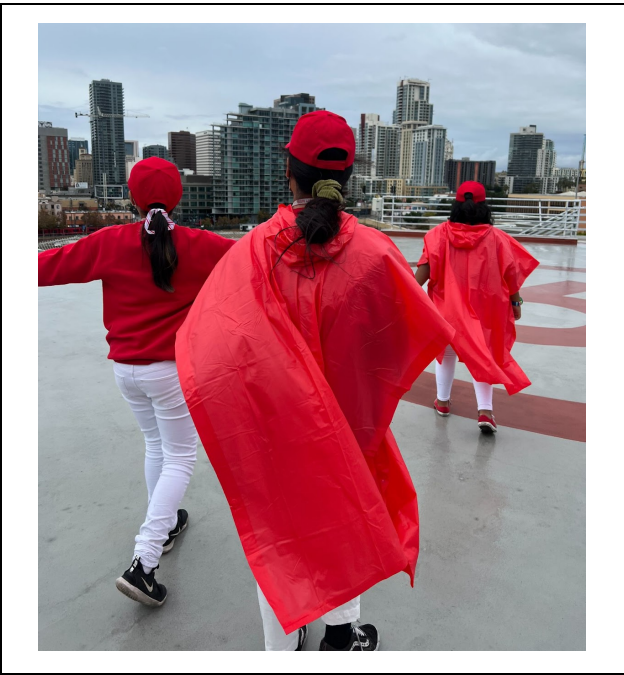


Juan Vargas
JEAN VARGAS
Member of Congress

SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL COLONEL CANDIDATE DAY

Ocean View Hills 5th grade student, Jamie Ferrer, was taken by the San Diego Police Department to her interview for Colonel, the highest ranking officer for the School Safety Patrol. She competed against other 5th and 6th graders throughout San Diego County. There is only one Colonel selected for the city of San Diego. The announcement for the Colonel position will be made on Saturday, December 19th at 10am at Madison High School! Congratulations and good luck Jamie! We are very proud of you!

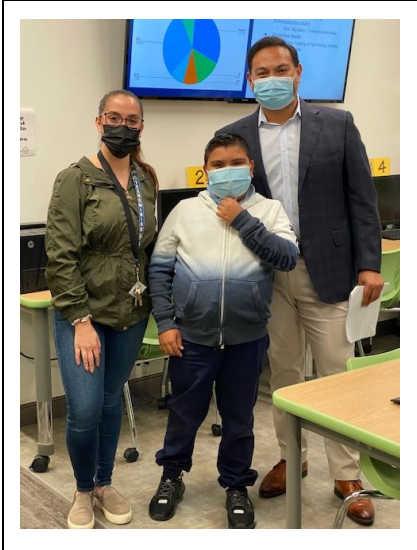


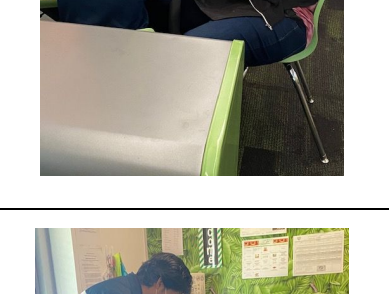
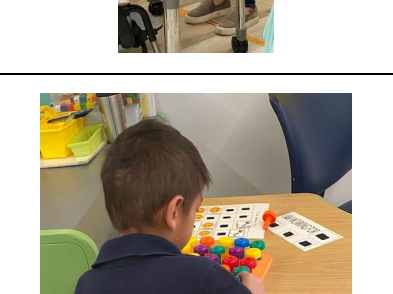
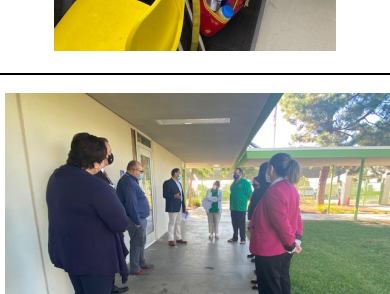
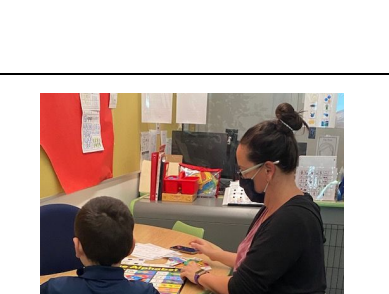
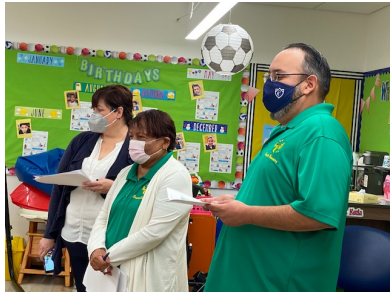


SMYTHE ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL VISIT

On Tuesday, November 30th, Board Vice President, Board Member Irene Lopez, Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter, Executive Director of Educational Services Cynthia Monreal González, Director of Special Education Oscar Madera, Smythe Principal Russell Little, School Psychologist M. Murillo, Resource Teacher Josefina Villegas, Lead School Psychologist Denise Villezcas, Lead School Psychologist Rick Quintana and Psychologist Intern Mary Jo Mullin had a great school visit to Smythe Elementary. They were hosted by the Director of Special Education Oscar Madera and his lead department team who provided a detailed special education school data presentation and facilitated special education classroom visits. Overall, the Special Education Department is commended for serving students as a strong, united team and for developing department vision and mission statements that are student centered.

Photo Highlights of School Visit







DISTRICT OFFICE HOLIDAY CHEER

The district office team celebrated with holiday cheer for the winter break season. A special thanks to our valuable district office colleagues for their dedication to student success.





BOARD RECOGNITION: DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

On Friday, December 10th, the Governing Board recognized the San Ysidro School School Site Council Student Representatives: Andrea Loza, Yuliana Garcia Avina and Eduardo Perez Lopez for being student leaders.



CALIFORNIA MANDATE - MASKS NOW REQUIRED INDOORS

Please click on the link to access the district letter:

[California Mandate - Masks Now Required Indoors](#)

MANDATO DE CALIFORNIA - AHORA SE REQUIEREN CUBREBOCAS EN INTERIORES

Haga clic en el enlace para acceder a la carta del distrito:

[Mandato de California - Ahora Se Requieren Cubrebocas En Interiores](#)

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 December 17, there have been a total of 140 cases of which 134 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 2.8%, 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](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS LEAGUE

Under the leadership of Omar Calleros, Coordinator, San Ysidro Middle School and Vista Del Mar are participating in the Middle School Sports League with the Sweetwater High School District. The winter season is focused on soccer and each of our middle schools have a boys and girls team participating in the league this season. The student athletes have been practicing and had their first opportunity to play in scrimmages on Saturday, December 11th at Southwest High School.

Date	Type of Game	Time
December 11th	Scrimmages	To Be Determined
December 18th	Regular Season	
January 15th, 22nd, & 29th	Regular Season	
February 5th	Play-Off Games	
February 12th	Championship Games	

BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE VACANT SEATS

The district will be accepting BOC applications for the following vacant seat:

Parent: One (1) member shall be the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District.

Parent: One (1) member shall be both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the P.T.A. or a school site council.

At-Large Community: One (1) member who is actively involved in the San Ysidro Community

Note: Applicants can not be SYSD employees.

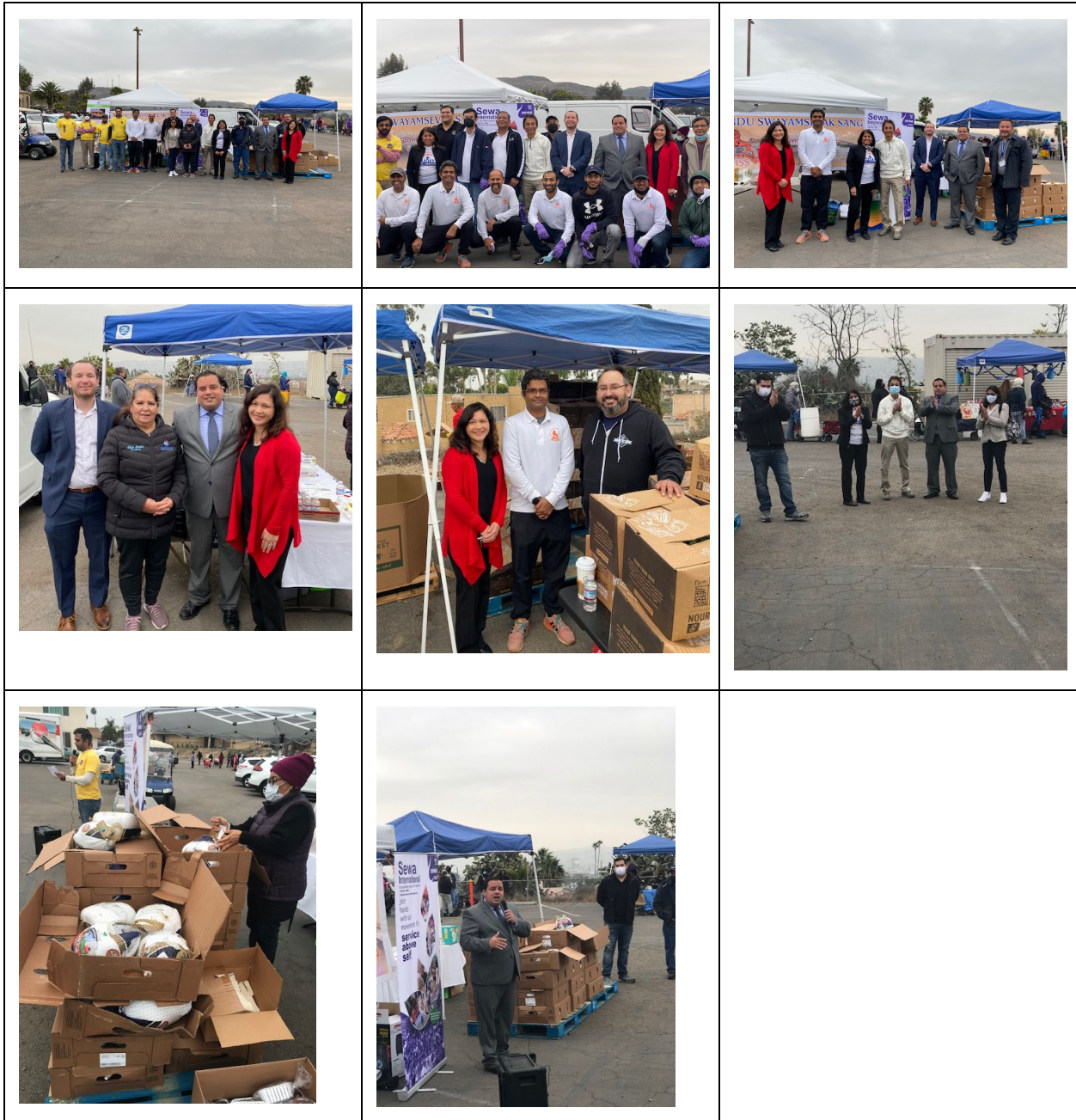
Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Marilyn Adrianzen or myself via email or at x3003 Your assistance is much appreciated. Thank you

For the BOC application, please click on the link below:

<https://www.sysdschools.org/cms/lib/CA02206824/Centricity/Domain/4/SYSD%20Bond%20Oversight%20Committee%20Application%203Vacancies.pdf>

HEARTS & HANDS FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENT

On Tuesday, December 6th, the Office of Congressman Scott Peters in partnership with SEWA International and Hearts & Hands distributed food to San Ysidro families. In attendance was Constituent Services Director, Jason Bercovitch, from the Office of Congressman Scott Peters, SYSD Board Members Antonio Martinez and Rudy Lopez, and Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter. A special thank you to everyone involved in making this food distribution event a success.



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-1vRHa3eSXww70KLcnAro21nIFBAdB1BPDL5cLTwBD5J3UYdUhY17DHNMAzYRD7sgVmagg3IUALM9oLF_c/pub

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](#).