



San Ysidro

School District **EST - 1887**

QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D.

Week of December 20, 2019

SUPERINTENDENT

happy holidays



May your days be filled with peace, hope, and joy this holiday season.

Que sus días estén llenos de paz, esperanza y felicidad estos días festivos.

**San Ysidro School District
Governing Board**

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&

Superintendent
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WINTER HOLIDAY VACATION: DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 14

DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC: Winter Break

All schools in the district will be closed from December 23rd through January 13th for the winter holiday vacation. Schools will resume on Tuesday, January 14th. The district office will be closed to the public for the next two weeks and will reopen for business on Monday, January 6th.

SYSD Holiday Break	Dates District Office Open to the Public	Dates District Office Closed to the Public
Fall Break Sept 23 - Oct 7	Sept. 23 - 27; and will reopen to the public on October 7, 2019	Sept 30 - Oct 4
Thanksgiving Break Nov 25 - 29	Will reopen to the public on December 2, 2019	Nov 25 - 29
Winter Break Dec 23 - Jan 13	Will reopen to the public on January 6, 2020	Dec 23 - Jan 3
Spring Break March 23 - April 6	March 23 - 27; and will reopen to the public on April 6, 2020	March 30 - April 3

REGULAR BOARD MEETING: THURS, JANUARY 23 @ 5PM - La Mirada Elementary School

On Thursday, January 23rd beginning at 5 p.m. there will be a Regular Board Meeting.

RECOGNITION OF 2019 BOARD PRESIDENT IRENE LOPEZ & CONGRATULATIONS TO BOARD MEMBERS WITH NEW POSITIONS

During the December 19th board meeting Board Members and Dr. Potter recognized the former Board President Irene Lopez. Board Member Irene Lopez served as Board President in 2019. Thank you Board Member Irene Lopez for always advocating for the San Ysidro community and for genuinely caring about our SYSD family.



Congratulations to our board members with new 2020 positions!

Board President	Humberto Gurmilan
Board Vice President	Antonio Martinez
Board Clerk	Rudy Lopez
Board Member	Irene Lopez
Board Member	Rosaleah Pallasigue

SENATOR HUESO'S LEGISLATIVE MEETING

On Tuesday, December 17th our SYSD team met with California State Senator, Ben Hueso to discuss the district's legislative priorities which included the topics of: School Finance, Special Education, Student Mental Health and Chronic Absenteeism of students experiencing homelessness. The team representing the District included, Board President, Irene Lopez, Dr. Gina Potter, Manuela Colom, Cynthia Gonzalez, Dr. David Farkas, Francisco Mata and Eduardo Osuna, student at Vista Del Mar Middle School.



SAN YSIDRO LAND PORT OF ENTRY PROJECT COMPLETION - COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

The San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce hosted a Community Celebration for the dedication and ribbon cutting of the completion of the expansion at the San Ysidro port of entry. Dr. Potter and San Ysidro School District along with other community leaders and organizations were recognized for their contributions and support of this important and vital project.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

On December 19, 2019, Vista Del Mar Middle School students led the pledge of allegiance.



BOARD RECOGNITION: SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PERFORMANCES

On December 19, 2019, several San Ysidro Middle School performed winter holiday songs. Afterwards, the Board recognized each of them as a distinguished champion.



BOARD RECOGNITION: SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE & VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS

On December 19, 2019, the Board recognized the San Ysidro Middle & Vista Del Mar Middle School Football teams.



BOARD RECOGNITION: BRIAN CLAPPER - GIFT OF SIGHT PROGRAM

On December 19, 2019, the Board recognized Brian Clapper for being a community partner with the San Ysidro School District. The San Ysidro School District in conjunction with the OneSight program, the National School District, and the National City Host Lions Club have provided thousands of free eye exams and needed eyeglasses to children throughout San Diego County. We can proudly say that our students have been part of this amazing program since when it first started in 2006. This year we had a total of 251 students attend the One Sight Vision Clinic. Out of those 251 students that were screened, 220 students needed glasses. Mr. Clapper our children can now see, read, and learn because of great efforts and dedication year after year to the One Sight Vision Clinic.



BOARD RECOGNITION: ELAC & SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

On December 19, 2019, the Board recognized ELAC & School Site Council Presidents.



BOARD RECOGNITIONS: GLORIA BERMEA - RETIRED SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, DAVID ALKASS - 8TH GRADE SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER AND RAFAEL ESTRADA - SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL OUTREACH CONSULTANT

On December 19, 2019, the Board recognized Gloria Bermea, Retired Substitute Teacher, David Alkass, San Ysidro Middle School 8th grade Science Teacher and Rafael Estrada, San Ysidro Middle School Outreach Consultant for their contribution to the San Ysidro School District and their respective schools. Thank you for caring for our district students.



PARENT INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION (PIQE) - WILLOW SCHOOL

Congratulations to the 40 parents from Willow School who graduated this week from the PIQE Institute!!! The Parent Institute For Quality Education (PIQE) consists of 7 weeks of classes that provide parents with strategies on how to establish strong collaboration between home, school and community and help them better understand the school system. Some of the classes include fostering self-esteem in children and how it relates to academic achievement and social emotional learning. Parents have the opportunity to ask the principal questions regarding the school and its programs during the last class, which is called the Principal Dialogue. At the end of the sessions, the parents receive their diploma of completion in the PIQE graduation ceremony.



SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL CALENDARS AND/OR NEWSLETTERS TO PARENTS

All school principals are commended for communicating with families via a school newsletter. Below are links to the school newsletters published this week.

SCHOOL	SCHOOL CALENDARS AND/OR NEWSLETTERS
La Mirada	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monthly - December 2019 Calendar https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcYIZv_akVPY3Y2VklxaV94dIB5SkczcHVvSEXR/view?usp=sharing
Ocean View Hills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monthly - December 2019 Calendar https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcdVZ_QanFwYUZxenZ1MIQzMzZhcVA1VU9zY1VB/view?usp=sharingWinter Spirit Week Activities (Dec. 16th-20th) https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcd3k5_YkYwVXRZaS1zSGQwSWVLZ0tsQlk1TmtZ/view?usp=sharing

Smythe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly - December 2019 Calendar https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcb1tUVZhM2VnYmUzU05ZRVIUOXRaUV9IbWo0/view?usp=sharing
Sunset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly - December 2019 Calendar https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVccEtVMWYxdDJENkh1d2RyV3JZWfHxbUprc0E4/view?usp=sharing
San Ysidro Middle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly - December 2019 Calendar https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcZEhIdINwalNhZVdaZDhNcVvfQ2ttbnhhNlhF/view?usp=sharing
Vista Del Mar Middle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly - December 2019 Calendar https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcZDFuSkINQU1oVnBub216a2NKWXdWQXJyRGtn/view?usp=sharing
Willow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly - December 2019 Calendar https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcWDQtRXpSMVvtR0NLVjvZU9pTzhyMIBYaDAw/view?usp=sharing
Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly - December 2019 -Calendar https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcblhydF9QN3i1ODd5RmpGM19nLVM4SVNKZjhv/view?usp=sharing Monthly - December 2019 - Newsletter https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcQ05jVVlySk1tNnozDWxwajJ1bUJ1anJCNXVF/view?usp=sharing Weekly Newsletter for the Week of December 16, 2019 https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcTUI5SW5Pb1h3dWZ4RVgzNXNNM0RjaWVFam9N/view?usp=sharing

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

SCHOOL WINTER HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES

The final week before Winter break our schools were in festive mode. The winter holiday performances were beautiful, and fun. Our students, staff and parents came together to celebrate this magical time of year.

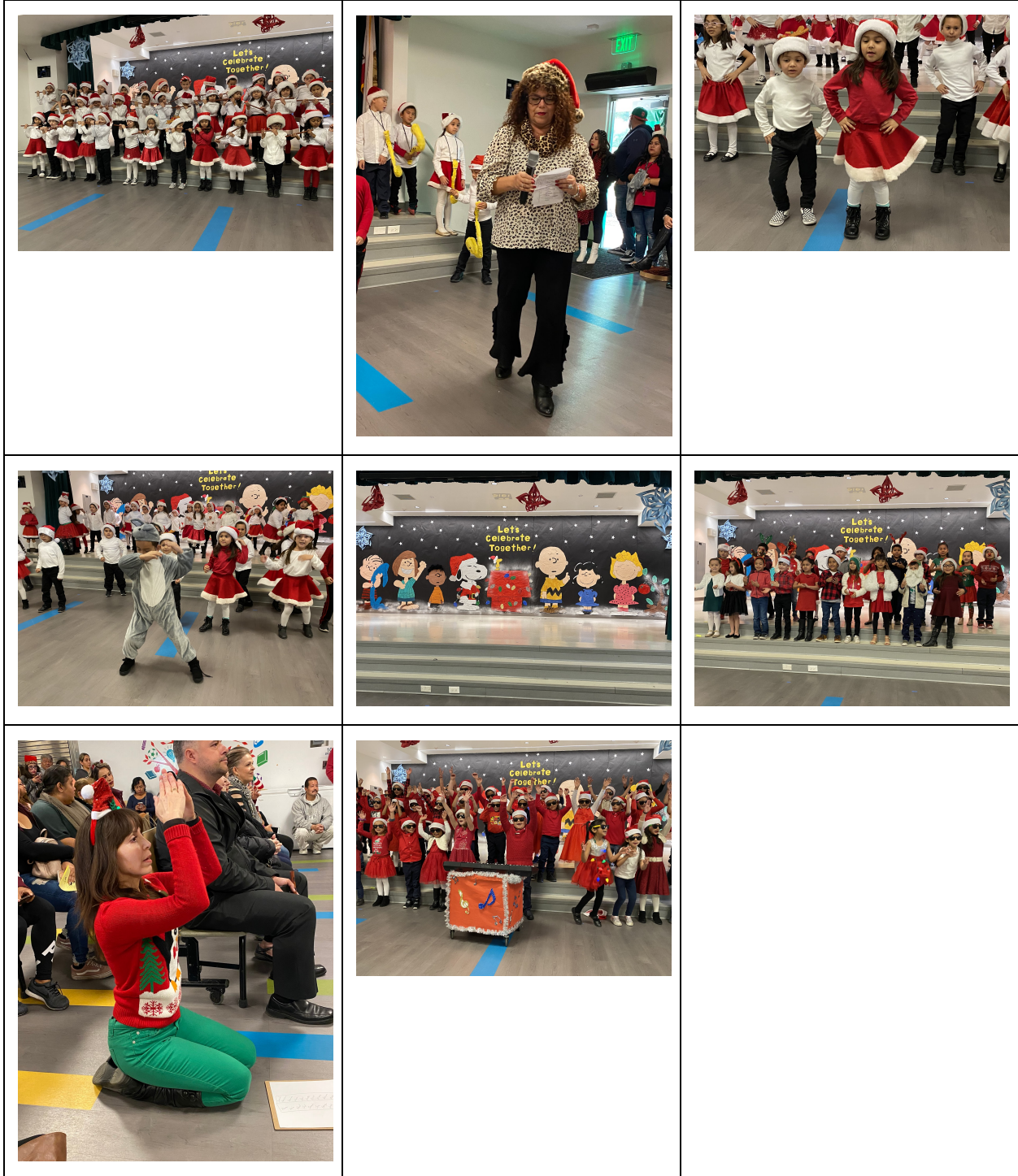
Please click on the link to view the Winter Programs 2019:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XE0tvRZ7Bpwl9sipPAo0n5hj051rY75Hip0Zx7PO4TE/edit?usp=sharing>

SMYTHE SCHOOL - WINTER PROGRAM 2019

On Wednesday, December 18, 2019, Smythe School held their annual winter program. Please click on the link to view the program guide:

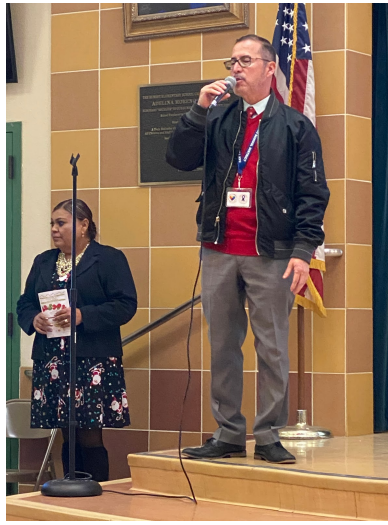
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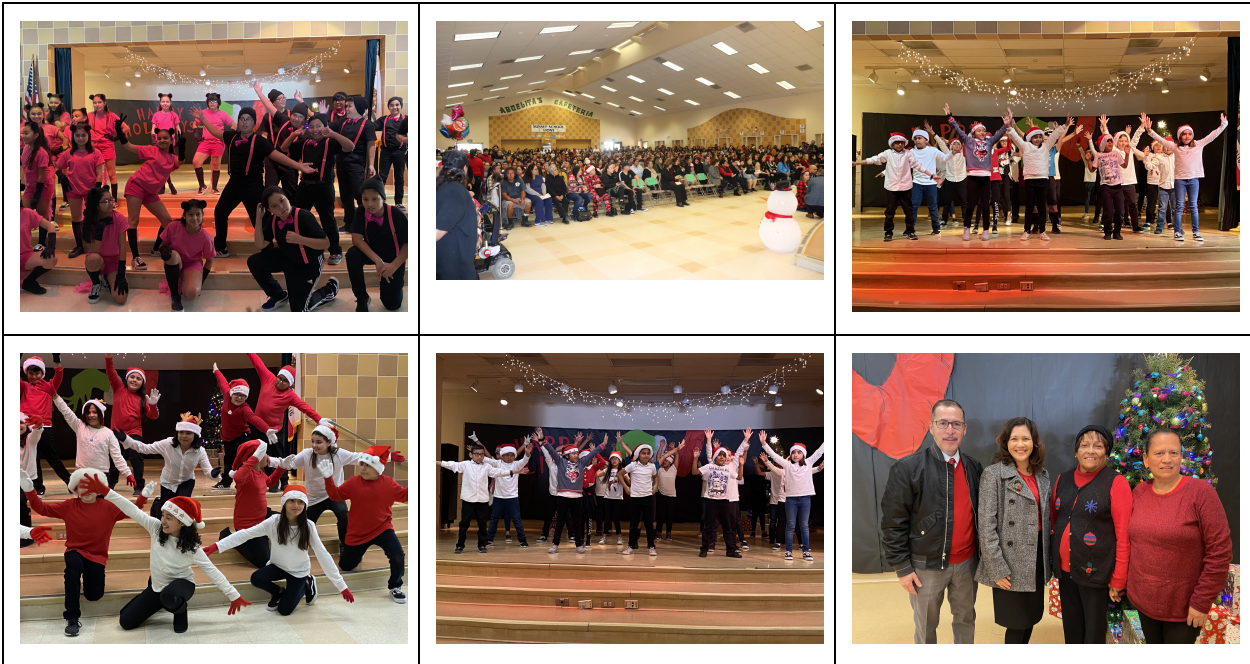


SUNSET SCHOOL - WINTER PROGRAM 2019

On Wednesday, December 18, 2019, Sunset School held their annual winter program. Please click on the link to view the program guide:

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LA MIRADA - WINTER PROGRAM 2019

On Wednesday, December 18, 2019, La Mirada School held their annual winter program. Please click on the link to view the program guide:

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OCEAN VIEW HILLS - WINTER PROGRAM 2019

On Thursday, December 19, 2019, Ocean View Hills School held their annual winter program.





WILLOW - WINTER PROGRAM 2019

On Thursday, December 19, 2019 & Friday, December 20, 2019, Willow School held their annual winter program 2019. Please click on the link to view the program guide:

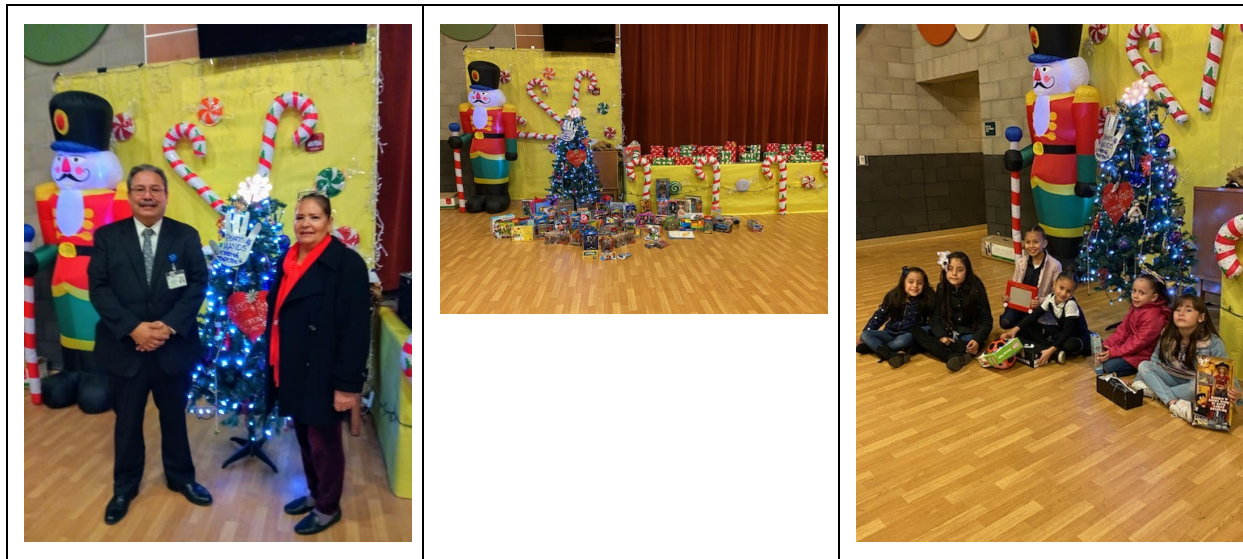
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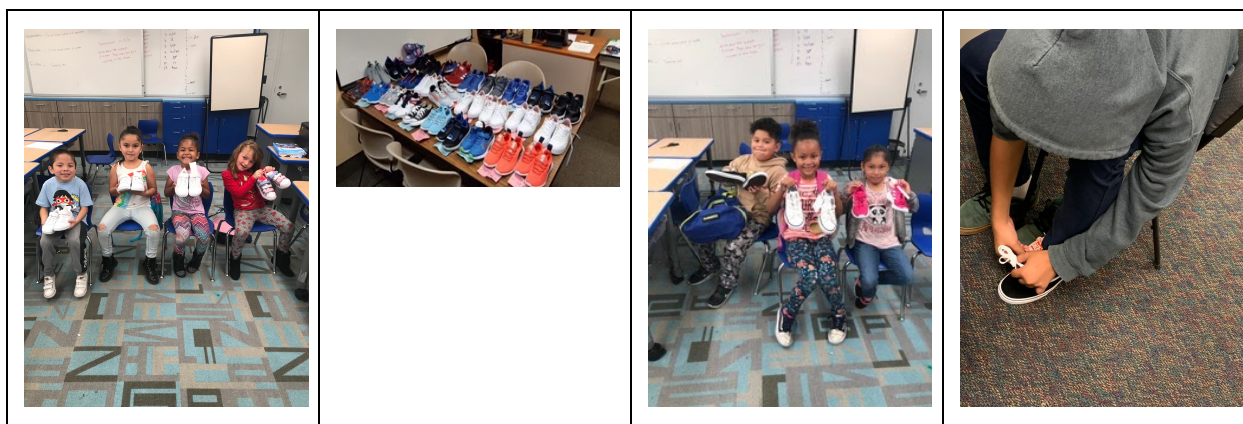
HEARTS & HANDS WORKING TOGETHER - CONVERSE SHOES GIVEAWAY

On December 18th Hearts and Hands Working Together and Converse shoes gave 30 students shoes and toys at Willow Elementary. Families were served dinner and entertainment was provided by Veronica Medina. Veronica Medina also danced and sang with the students.



RACK ROOM SHOES GIVEAWAY

For the past 4 years San Ysidro School District has partnered with the Rack Room Shoes that Fit Program. This year they were able to collect \$6,195.57 from their customers which resulted in collecting a grand total of 170 pairs of shoes. We were able to select 34 students from La Mirada, Smythe, Sunset, SYMS, and Willow to receive name brand athletic shoes such as Nike, Reebok, Vans, Converse, Pumas, Adidas, and Skechers. The shoes were disbursed to the students at each school site by the Outreach Consultant.



MAKING SAN DIEGO SMILE

On December 11th, 50 students were selected to a very special Christmas Shopping spree event at Walmart. Each student received a \$100 gift card and shopped with their Secret Santa; families or individuals that donated money to the non-profit organization "Making San Diego Smile". Students that were invited were from the following schools:

- OVH - 5 Students

- VDM - 5 Students
- Smythe - 20 Students
- Sunset - 10 Students
- SYMS - 10 Students



CHURCH 180 HOLIDAY DINNER

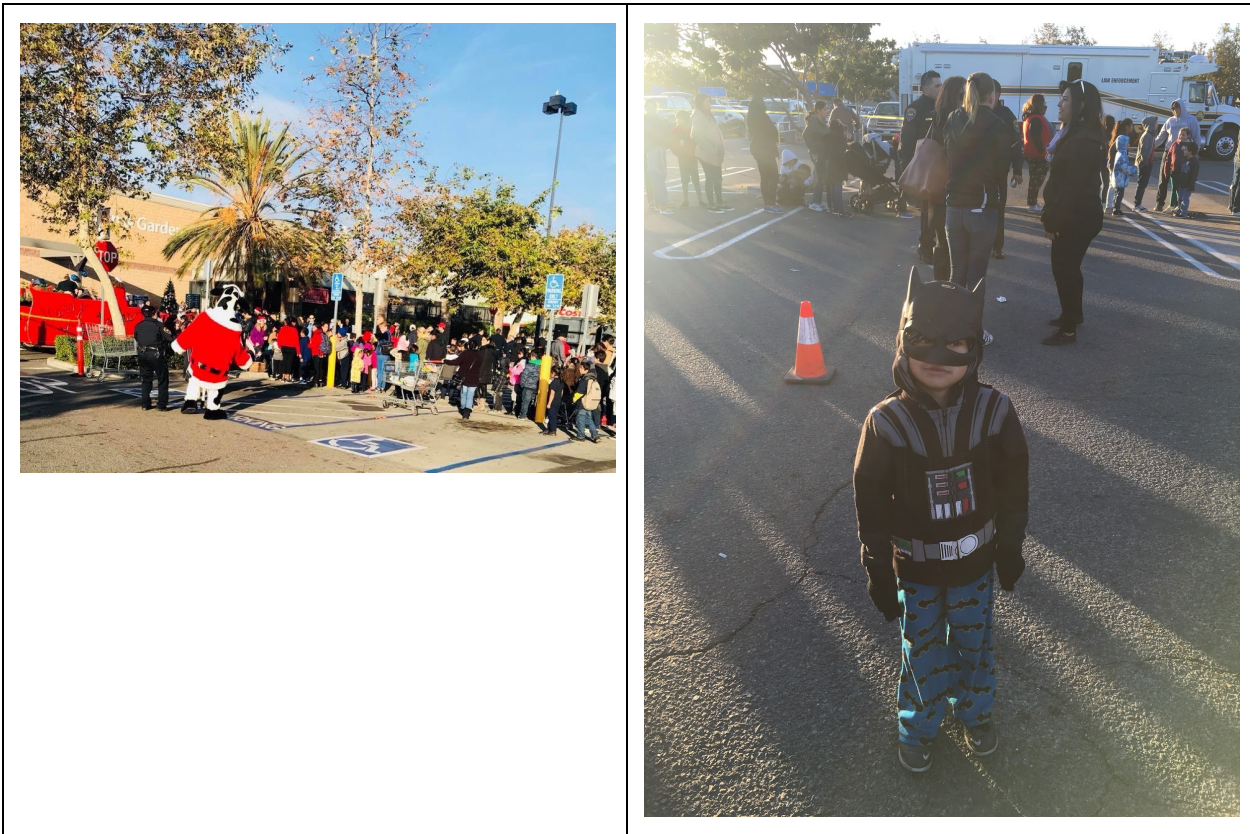
On December 16th Church 180 hosted a very special holiday dinner at Ocean View Hills. Macias catering donated food to all families and volunteers that attended the event, also all students from the ages of 0 to 18 received gifts and took a picture with Santa.



WALMART TURKEY GIVEAWAY

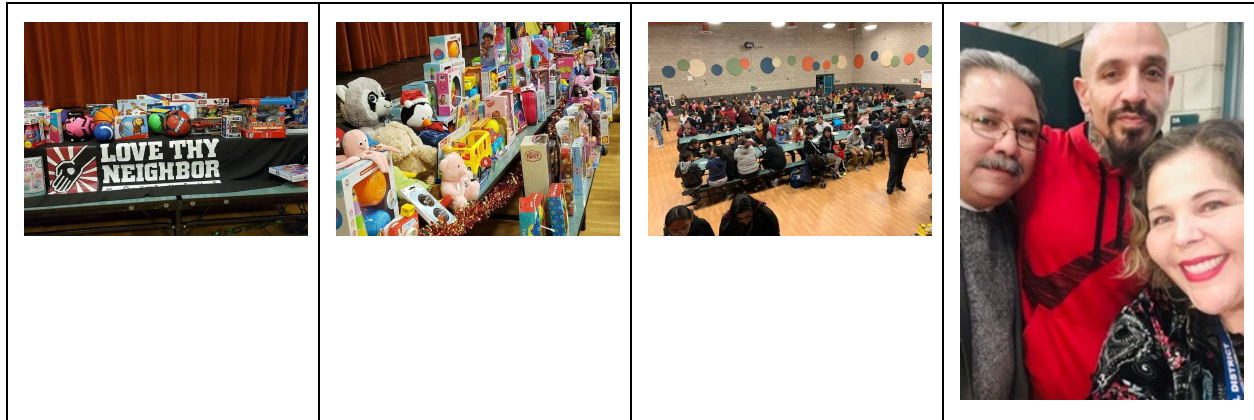
On Tuesday December 17th, 55 families were selected to receive Turkey baskets at the Walmart in Chula Vista. The vouchers were given to us by the Chula Vista Police Department. The event started at 6:30 am and children that were present received a toy from Santa, most children won bikes after the event and a few of our parents won Christmas Trees. Schools that participated were:

- La Mirada - 5
- CDC - 10
- Willow - 15
- Sunset - 20
- OVH - 5



LOVE THY NEIGHBOR DINNER

On December 17th Love Thy Neighbor hosted a very special dinner at Willow Elementary. All children received toys and dinner was donated by El Pollo Grill. We had a special volunteer serving our families dinner that drove down from Los Angeles; Mr. Joseph Lucero from TV show The Mayans.



PROJECT DREAM - 2019 BLANKET DRIVE

Our district will be collecting blankets from November 12 through January 13 for our families. Social media posting as well as Constant Contact message will go out to community agencies. The flier was posted on Peach Jar.

Link to the Project Dream - 2019 Blanket Drive - Flyer:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4_Wiy0SKQVcdjd3Z0JjMGVraGFBeWdtaDlscmU1S0xKNk9r/view?usp=sharing

LPL FINANCIAL BLANKET DONATION

LPL Financial's "Hispanics@LPL" team donated over 100 blankets for this year's Project Dream blanket drive!



LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES ZENAIDA ROSARIO

Zenaida Rosario will receive the *Alma Flor Ada Social Justice Award*, for her outstanding contributions and very well-known work on behalf of minority students and English learners in the quest to offer them equitable and quality education.

This event will take place on January 18, 2020 at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California. Smythe Principal Little will join Ms. Rosario when she receives her award.

NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

MEDIA UPDATE (Francisco Mata)

Below is a list of recent news article/s:

- 10 News: 10-year project to expand San Ysidro Port of Entry completed
 - <https://www.10news.com/news/local-news/10-year-project-to-expand-san-ysidro-port-of-entry-completed>
- Union Tribune: Dollars and census: going all out for the 2020 count
 - <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/politics/story/2019-12-16/is-the-census-making-sense-of-us-questions-of-identity-follow-debate-on-nationality>

EL LATINO SAN DIEGO

El Latino San Diego published the Cox Communications/South Bay Community Services' Promise Neighborhood surprise computer giveaway at Smythe Elementary School.

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¡En realidad!

Se convirtió el sueño de Heather Pérez, Adrián y decenas de niños (as) del Distrito Escolar de SY



Los empleados y voluntarios de Cox Communications explicaron con notable paciencia y a detalle, el abc de cómo se arma una computadora básica. Foto: Horacio Rentería/El Latino SD.

Los estudiantes se aplicaron en el taller y pudieron entender de manera simple esta compleja tecnología abemétrica. Foto: Horacio Rentería/El Latino SD.

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SAN YSIDRO, CA. "Pensaba que era un sueño, pero cuando mi amiga me pateó, me di cuenta que no era un sueño y que tenía una Laptop gratis para mí".

Con estas palabras Heather Pérez, alumna del sexto grado de Smythe Elementary School, describió el emotivo momento que compartió con decenas de compañeros la mañana del 12 de diciembre.

Y no era para menos, pues al igual que Heather alumnos de sexto grado del Distrito Escolar de San Ysidro (San Ysidro School District), recibieron la grata sorpresa de contar con su propia computadora (The Cromebook Latop, donadas por la compañía Cox Communications.

"Para mi fue una experiencia muy divertida porque al fin tengo una Lap Top básica para estudiar y hacer trabajos en la escuela y también para jugar", dijo la niña en entrevista con El Latino San Diego.

Pero para obtenerla, 20 estudiantes tuvieron que armarlas, apoyados (as) con la asistencia y orientación de empleados de Cox, un taller en el que la empresa local participa asociada con EveryoneON, una organización nacional, sin fines de lucro, que busca eliminar la brecha digital a través de asociaciones con la industria tecnológica, creadores de contenido, bibliotecas y otras organizaciones.

¿Nunca pensaste que alguien iba a decirte aquí está tu computadora?, se le preguntó a la

chiquilla y su respuesta fue inmediata: "mmm, nunca, ahora puedo hacer mi tarea cuando quiera, pues cuando tenía el google crashe me tardaba hasta que llegaba a mi casa y tenía que terminar mi

tarea primero y ahora es más fácil".

-¿Crees que te va a ayudar a mejorar en tus calificaciones?, le preguntamos.

-Sí, porque va a ser más fácil aprender materias y cosas así, por

medio de la computadora, que antes cuando no la tenía.

La estudiante, que se encuentra a punto de llegar al Grado 7, recordó que su madre la aconsejó que "la cuide mucho para que

dure para cuando la necesite".

Adrián Medrano, otro estudiante del 6to. Grado, tuvo la fortuna y la inolvidable experiencia de armar la computadora (llamada The Kano Creative Computing), un 'kit' de computadora diseñado para ayudar a los estudiantes a que aprendan a armar su propia computadora.

"Si me gustó mucho la experiencia de armarla.

Adrián, quien dijo que no tenía computadora en su casa, por lo que usaba la de su abuelita, reconoció que armarla no fue fácil, pues "primero se me hizo muy fácil, pero al último era más difícil".

- ¿Qué fue lo que te hizo más difícil?, le preguntamos.

- Prenderla; no podía prenderla, contestó.

Se me hizo difícil, pero primero era muy fácil, al último era

No tenía computadora en tu casa, pero usaba la computadora de mi abuelita.

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Horacio Rentería
ElLatinoonline.com

EVENTS

SAN YSIDRO WOMEN'S CLUB - TEDDY BEARS FOR KIDS

Former Superintendent Grace Kojima, former Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Alice De La Torre, and a retired SYSD teacher of 39 years Martha Jacobo led the San Ysidro Women's Club 18th Annual Teddy Bear Drive! The event this year was held on **Friday, December 13th at SYMS MCC!** San Ysidro children and their families were lined up all the way down the sidewalk to Otay Mesa Road waiting for the event to begin. Once the event began families filled the SYMS MCC with joy, excitement and anticipation of the holiday cheer!

Our school and department teams are sincerely thanked for the many teddy bears that they graciously donated this year for the Annual Teddy Bear Drive!





SAN YSIDRO WOMEN'S CLUB VISITS SMYTHE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

In keeping with their yearly tradition, the San Ysidro Women's Club visited Smythe CDC to spread their Christmas Joy! They captivated the children by reading a Christmas story, giving each child a cuddly stuffed animal and a sweet candy cane! Thank you for all you do for our children!

