



# San Ysidro

School District **EST - 1887**

QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

## Board Highlights

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D.

Week of December 21, 2018

### **WINTER HOLIDAY VACATION: DECEMBER 24 - JANUARY 14**

*I wish each of our Governing Board Members and their families a joyous and peaceful winter holiday!*

All schools in the district will be closed from December 24th through January 14th for the winter holiday vacation. Schools will resume on Tuesday, January 15th. The district office will be closed to the public for the next two weeks and will reopen for business on Monday, January 7th.

### **SCHOOL WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMS - SMYTHE, LA MIRADA, SUNSET, SYMS WILLOW, & OVH**

A very special thank you to our teachers, classified staff, parents & administrators for making this year's school winter holiday programs AMAZING! Our students were incredible on stage!









**COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT DR. PAUL GOTHOLD VISITS SUNSET ELEMENTARY**

A special thanks to the San Diego County Office of Education Superintendent, Dr. Paul Gothold for taking the time to visit Sunset Elementary to see the many wonderful things our staff does for students and their learning.



### **SMYTHE IGT TECHNOLOGY CENTER GRANT**

Our district thanks the Board Members, parents, children, staff, community and special guests for taking time from your busy schedules to celebrate the Smythe IGT Technology Center Grant ceremony this past week. We extend a heartfelt San Ysidro thank you to IGT's (International Game Technology) *After School Advantage Program* and Denise Kimes, the IGT California General Manager. Ms. Kimes, thank you for flying in from Sacramento to be here for this special event. Ms. Kimes manages the day to day services for their highly valued customer; the California Lottery. These services include delivery and maintenance of over 100,000 pieces of equipment across 23,000 California Lottery retailers, software development for lottery games and various business consulting services. IGT and Ms. Kimes are proud to play a supporting role in helping the California Lottery deliver incremental funds to California Public Schools.

The IGT *After School Advantage* program provides educational opportunities to local children by donating brand new, high-tech computers, printers, software, furniture, and volunteer hours to public schools and non-profit organizations that sponsor after-school programs within jurisdictions where IGT has offices worldwide, including California.

Smythe Elementary's new Technology Center is the 306th technology lab that IGT has provided. We were 1 of 2 schools in California that were blessed with the IGT *After School Program* grant. IGT provides these labs in over 100 countries.

With this new Technology Center, our children will now have access to 44 Chromebooks, a 70 inch Television and a High Definition Projector and screen. I also would like to extend a very special thank you to Senator Ben Hueso and his staff for their part in recommending Smythe Elementary for this grant.

We also sincerely thank our IGT grant writers: *Erika Meza, Francisco Mata & Todd Lewis!*





### 17th ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR DRIVE

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 17th Annual Teddy Bear Drive! The event this year was held this past **Friday, December 14th from 5-8pm at SYMS MCC!** San Ysidro children and their families were lined up all the way down the sidewalk to the road for this event to start last Friday evening. 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! Approximately 1,400 teddy bears were collected for this year's annual Teddy Bear Drive!





**SANTA'S VISIT AT SMYTHE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER WITH THE SAN YSIDRO WOMEN'S CLUB**



**HEARTS AND HANDS & CONVERSE BREAKFAST AND SHOE GIVEAWAY AT WILLOW**

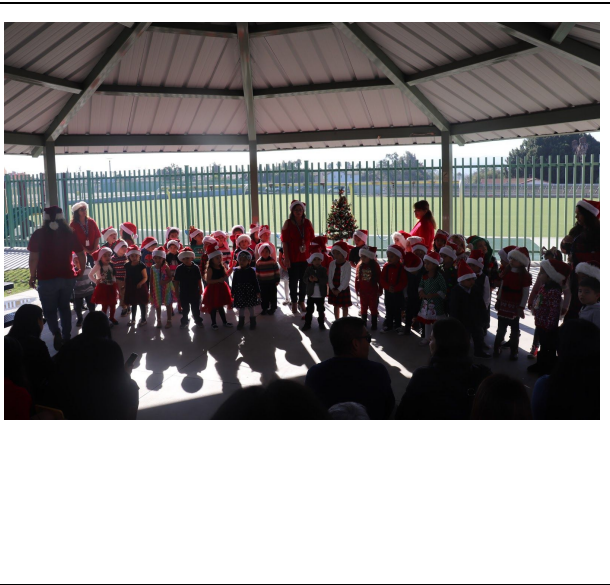
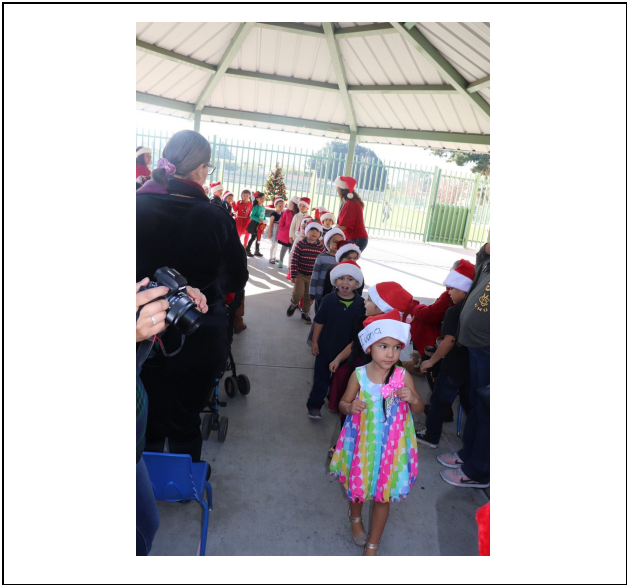




**SUNSET PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS**



**SUNSET PRESCHOOL HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE**



## LOVE THY NEIGHBOR DINNER AND SANTA VISIT AT WILLOW



## SAN YSIDRO STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN "SHOP WITH A JOCK"

Shop with a Jock was held at Walmart on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. Students from the San Ysidro School District were invited to attend "Shop with a Jack" at the Chula Vista Walmart by El Pollo Grill and the Castro Family. They collected donations from customers, local community agencies, and nearby businesses to bless McKinney-Vento students during the Holiday season.

High School Jocks from Sweetwater Union High School District were invited to shop with our students. Over fifty students from our eight schools were selected to attend this event on December 19, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and each child received a \$100.00 gift card.

**Channel 10 News Coverage of the event:**

<https://www.10news.com/news/local-news/dozens-of-homeless-childrens-holiday-gifts-paid-for-in-south-bay>

**CHRISTMAS BASKET GIVEAWAY AT WALMART**

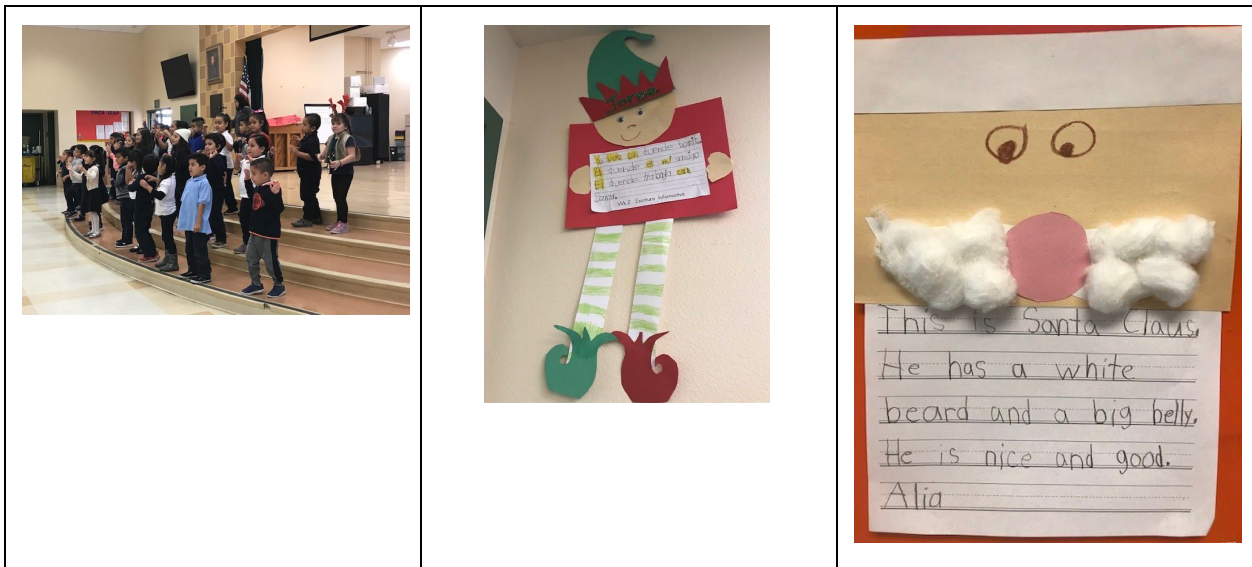
The Chula Vista Police Department and Walmart provided over 1,000 dinner baskets to families in the South Bay on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. San Ysidro School District received 400 vouchers and we shared those vouchers with eight of our schools. Children attended also received toys and some of our students won bicycles.

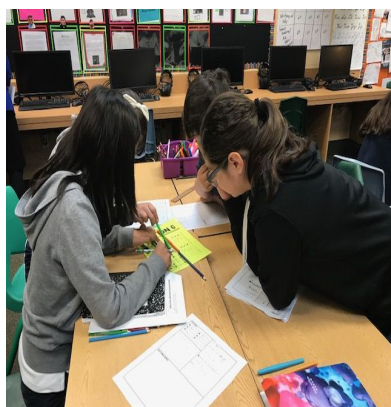
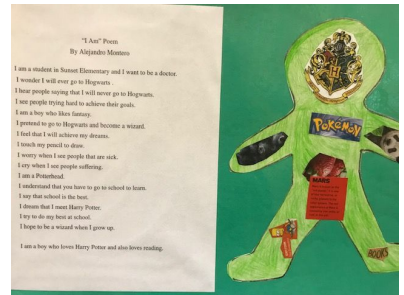
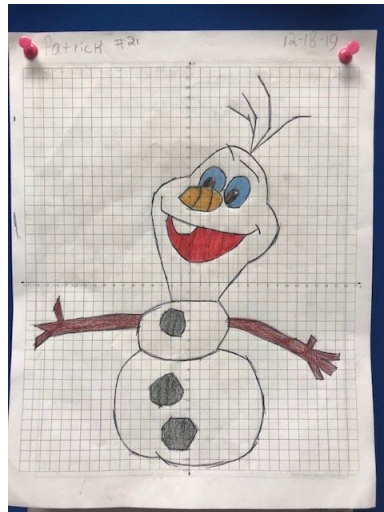
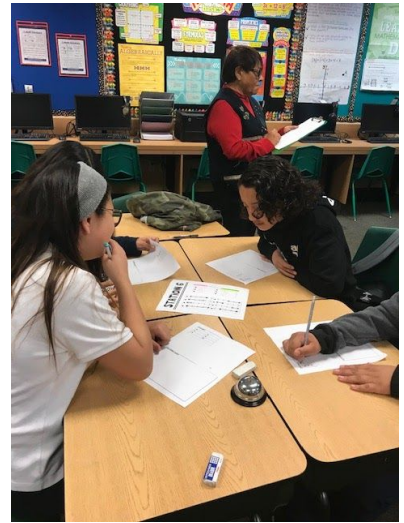
The local Fire Station also provided Christmas baskets to students that were selected to participate from SYMS, Sunset, La Mirada, Smythe and Willow.

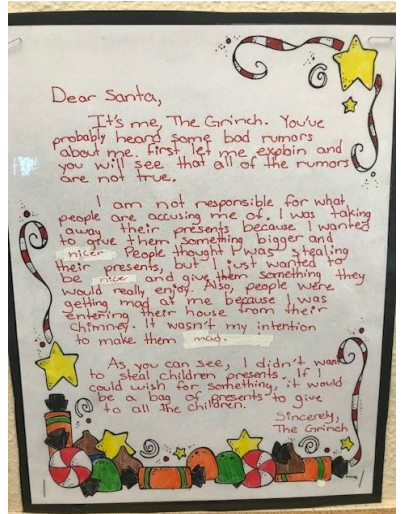
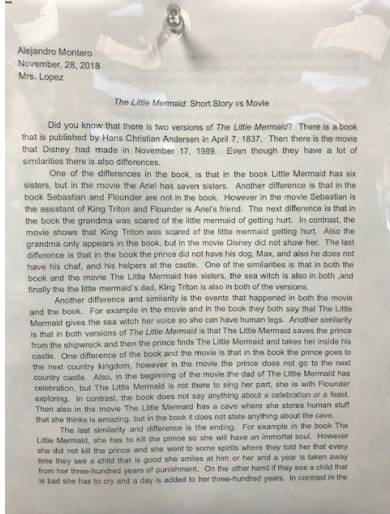
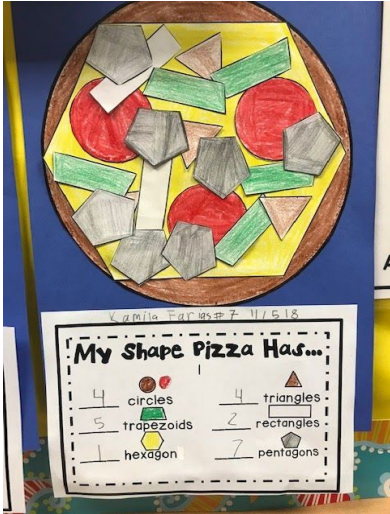
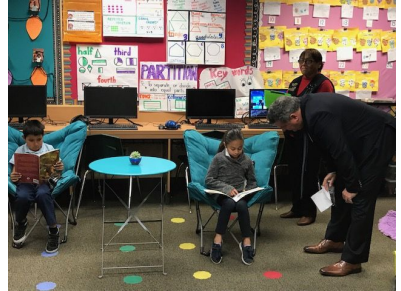
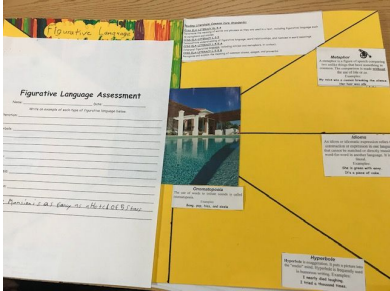
Five schools were also selected to participate, SYMS, Sunset, La Mirada, Smythe, and Willow.

**SCHOOL VISIT BY SUPERINTENDENT, BOARD & ADMINISTRATION - SUNSET**

**PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS**







<p>Any #03 11-7-18</p> <p>How I Became a Substitute For a Day</p> <p>It was a rainy Friday morning. As usual my mother woke me up she said something but I couldn't understand her because I was too tired. I heard the door close that's how I knew my mother left for work. I groomed and got ready for school. When I got to school my whole class was there I turned to my teachers desk she wasn't there, "weird." I thought to myself. I sat down and all of a sudden my principal Mrs. Green came in the room she said, "Your teacher couldn't make it today so I will choose one of you to be teacher for a day." everyone raised their hand hoping to be teacher for the day but not me. She looked directly at me and said, "Faith! would you like to be a teacher for a day?" I was nervous I opened my mouth but no noise came out I didn't know what to say but in the moment I just stuttered, "y-yes." but I didn't know what I got myself into.</p> <p>I was going by the list the teacher left on the table with instructions for the day, the kids were all well behaved I was surprised just as I was going to give them a break I heard the fire alarm I thought it was a drill but then I felt the floor shake im pretty sure the students felt it too because they started to panicking the principal made a quick announcement she sounded scared she yelled, "This is not a drill this is not a drill this is a real earthquake!" everyone ducked including me the lights started flickering the kids started crying the massive book shelf fell down the lights turned off completely. All of a sudden it stopped I yelled, "Everybody line up!" everyone lined up they were all crying we went outside I counted all of the then I realised one of them missing!</p> <p>I realised it was my best friend and she's been my best friend since kinder I wanted to break down in tears but I didn't I got up from the floor I looked straight at my school and ran to it I started running up the stairs I tripped but I was holding on to the rail as I was about to get up a little piece of roof fell in my hand I got a little scratch it burned but that didn't stop me I was determined to find her so I kept on looking for her. I was going room to room trying to find her but I couldn't I didn't have any hope left I was about to give up but the I heard someone yell my name.</p>		
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## MEDIA UPDATE

Below is a list of media activity that has occurred recently regarding our school district:

- Union Tribune: San Ysidro school hopes to improve student learning with new laptops
  - <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/south-county/sd-se-technology-center-20181219-story.html>

Below is a chart of all school visits from Aug 2018 through January 2019:

<b>Superintendent School Visits</b>			
<b>School Name</b>	<b>Visit Date</b>	<b>Visit Time</b>	<b>Notes</b>
La Mirada School	1) August 21, 2018 2) October 16, 2018 3) December 4, 2018	8:45-10:30 a.m. 8:30-11:00 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m.	Learning Walk scheduled for 3/21/19
Ocean View Hills School	1) August 22, 2018 2) November 6, 2018 3) January 23, 2019 (Learning Walk)	8:45-10:30 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	
Smythe School	1) August 22, 2018 2) September 4, 2018 3) October 31, 2018 (Halloween Parade)	8:45-10:30 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m. 8:30-9:00 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m.	
Sunset School	1) October 17, 2018 2) October 31, 2018 (Halloween Visit)	8:45-10:30 a.m. 10:00-10:30 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m.	

	3) December 19, 2018		
San Ysidro Middle School	1) October 9, 2018 2) December 18, 2018 (Learning Walk) 3) January 16, 2019	8:45-10:30 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m.	
Vista Del Mar Middle School	1) October 23, 2018 2) November 27, 2018	8:45-10:30 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m.	Learning Walk scheduled for 4/11/19
Willow School	1) September 4, 2018 2) September 19, 2018 3) October 24, 2018 (Coffee with the Principal) 4) December 11, 2018	8:45-10:30 a.m. 9:30-11:00 a.m. 8:30-9:30 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m.	
Child Development Center (CDC)	1) October 10, 2018 2) October 31, 2018 (Halloween Parade) 3) December 5, 2018 (Sunset & OVHS)	8:45-10:30 a.m. 9:00-9:30 a.m. 8:45-10:30 a.m.	

## LOOKING AHEAD

Below is a chart of upcoming dates and events.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
<b>Dec. 24-Jan 14</b>		<b>All Schools Closed</b>	<b>Winter Break</b>
Wed., Jan. 16	8:30 a.m.	Sunset	Coffee with Principal
Wed., Jan. 16	9:15 a.m.	Sunset	ELAC
Wed., Jan. 30	9:00 a.m.	SYMS	Coffee with Principal
Thurs., Jan. 31	12:00-2:00 p.m.	VDM	Awards Assembly
Mon., Feb. 11, 2019	6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Sacramento	Legislative Advocacy Trip  Board Members & Superintendent

## 2019 GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TYPE OF BOARD MEETING
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			(Regular or Special)
Friday, Jan. 18, 2019	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Board Room	Special Meeting Board Workshop
Thurs., Jan. 24, 2019	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	VDM	Special Meeting
Thurs., Jan. 24, 2019	5:00 p.m.	VDM	Regular Meeting
Thurs., Feb. 21, 2019	5:00 p.m.	Sunset	Regular Meeting
Thurs., Feb. 28, 2019	5:00 p.m.	Board Room	Regular Meeting
Thurs., March 14, 2019	5:00 p.m.	Smythe	Regular
Thurs., April 11, 2019	5:00 p.m.	VDM	Regular
Thurs., May 9, 2019	4:00 p.m.	LM	Special Meeting
Thurs., May 9, 2019	5:00 p.m.	LM	Regular
Thurs., June 6, 2019	5:00 p.m.	Smythe	Regular
Thurs., June 13, 2019	5:00 p.m.	Board Room	Regular
Fri., June 28, 2019	12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Board Room	Special Meeting Superintendent Evaluation
Thurs., July 11, 2019	5:00 p.m.	Board Room	Regular
August 8, 2019	5:00 p.m.	Board Room	Regular
September 12, 2019	5:00 p.m.	SYMS	Regular
October 10, 2019	5:00 p.m.	OVHS	Regular
Nov. 14, 2019	5:00 p.m.	Willow	Regular
Dec. 19, 2019	5:00 p.m.	SYMS	Organizational Meeting