



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 February 9, 2024

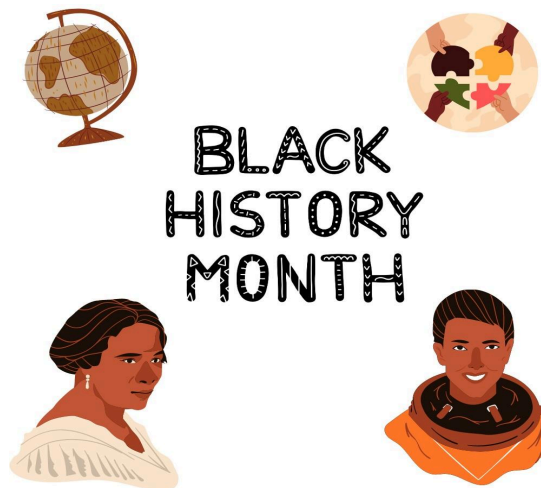


SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

SYSD Celebrates Black History Month - February 2024

San Ysidro School District honors Black history and heritage, along with the many contributions of Black Americans in building and shaping our great nation. Rooted in the San Diego County Office of Education [Equity Blueprint for Action](#) and its foundation of socially conscious leadership, this resource is designed for leaders who seek to serve, inspire, and empower.

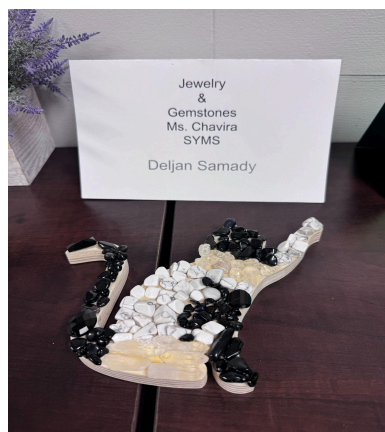
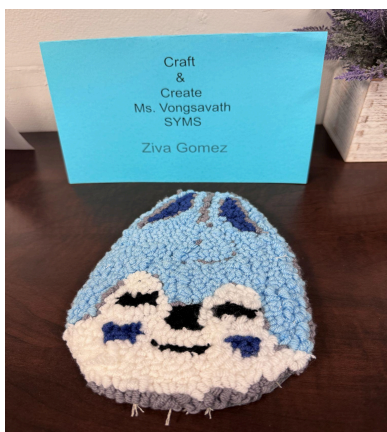
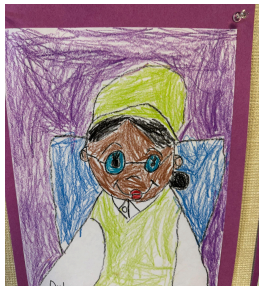
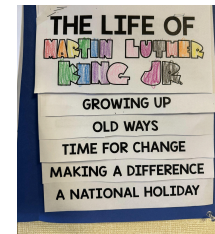


Black History heroes: Harriet Tubman and Guion Stewart Bluford Jr.

Please click on the link to access Black History Month Resources for Educators:

<https://www.sdcoe.net/about-sdcoe/news/post/~board/news/post/black-history-month-resources-for-educators>

SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE DISPLAYS STUDENT ARTWORK



SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Our Annual Spelling Bee Competition took place this week and we have some BEEyond amazing and talented winners! Participating schools were: La Mirada Elementary, Sunset Elementary, Willow Elementary, and Smythe Elementary schools.

The following students are the winners of Sunset Elementary's Spelling Bee Competition:

Third Grade:

Makenzie Hernandez-Winner

Valentina Rangel-Winner

Fourth Grade:

Emely Plascencia-Winner

Fifth Grade:

Naomi Figueroa-Winner

Sixth Grade:

Samantha Meza-Winner

Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and dedication, practice led to your success!





SMYTHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Spelling Bee winners from Smythe Elementary:

3rd grade: Mia Plascenica

4th grade: Sebastian Alvarez

5th grade: Hailey Diaz Mariscal

6th grade: Axel Barriga

Congratulations on this great accomplishment!





LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Spelling Bee winners from La Mirada Elementary:

- 6th- Emma Blanco - Mr. Molina
- 5th- Edward Barraza Coates - Mr. Kim
- 4th- Eiji Nakao - Mrs. Santos
- 3rd- McCartney Scott - Mrs. Ecker

Alternates-

- 6th- Anabella Osuna - Mr. Kim
- 5th- Arthur Barraza Coates - Mr. Kim
- 4th- Isabel Castañeda - Mrs. Santos
- 3rd- Camila Montes - Mrs. Glantz

Congratulations to all winners, you did a fantastic job!





WILLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

The following are the Spelling Bee winners for our Willow Spelling Bee Competition held on February 8th.

Natalia Perez	3rd grade Mrs. Hallmark
Alan Vilchez	4th grade Mrs. Ordaz
Kamila Martel	5th grade Mrs. Luna
Martiza Rangel	6th grade Mrs. Castagnola

Congratulations to our students!

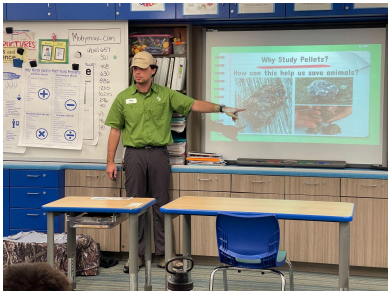
Thank you to all our guest judges, you helped make this a fun and enjoyable event!





SAN DIEGO ZOO VISITS LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY

The San Diego Zoo visited La Mirada Elementary School this week to teach students different topics from habitats to wildlife, all part of a two part program. First, a zoo expert came to class to educate our students on wildlife, then our students visited the San Diego zoo to apply what they learned. This program aligns with the science standards. We are very grateful to the San Diego Zoo for this valuable experience and collaboration.



SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST SEMESTER PERFECT ATTENDANCE - BREAKFAST WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Nineteen San Ysidro Middle School students were recognized for their perfect-outstanding attendance during the first school semester. They had the opportunity to eat some delicious waffles with strawberries hosted by our cafeteria staff. Our theme was Valentine's Day or "El Día del Amor y la Amistad." A BIG congratulations to all students, we are so proud of you!



SDCOE'S CUYAMACA 6TH GRADE CAMP WELCOMES VISTA DEL MAR STUDENTS

Our Vista Del Mar 6th grade students had the opportunity to visit Cuyamaca this week and participate in one of SDCOE's educational programs, Cuyamaca Outdoor School. Cuyamaca is the only program in San Diego County certified by the California Outdoor School Association as a Residential Outdoor Science School. With a curriculum designed by credentialed teachers to take full advantage of the [Next Generation Science Standards](#), this education program offers lessons that incorporate trail experiences and citizen scientist projects to create hands-on learning that is meaningful, memorable, and fun.

Located in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, SDCOE's Cuyamaca Outdoor School is San Diego County's Original 6th Grade Camp. With continuous operation since 1946, Cuyamaca Outdoor School is California's largest and longest-running 6th Grade Camp, serving more than 11,000 students each year.



Media Link:

<https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/winter-storm-dumps-more-than-a-foot-of-snow-on-san-diego-mountains-in-past-2-days/3428531/>

6TH GRADE CAREER DAY PRESENTATIONS- ¡SI SE PUEDE!

All 6th graders from our Elementary Schools La Mirada, Smythe, Willow, and Sunset, as well as our 6th graders from our Middle School Vista Del Mar, will have the opportunity to be a part of a series of interactive presentations offered by professionals from different sectors across San Diego County.

Presenters will have about 45 minutes to do a presentation on their background, their personal pathway to success, how they got to where they are, share about what they do in their current job, what it takes to be successful in their career choice, and Q&A.

Here are photos of some of our volunteer Career Day Presenters:



Erick Davis - Structural Engineer/ Project Manager at San Diego Gas & Electric
Construction and Wildfire Mitigation



Maria Jose Duran - Journalist/ Writer for San Diego Magazine/ Published Author
Former NBC Universal NBC7/Telemundo 20 Television Executive News Producer





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Mariana Culebro - Chef at Job Corps



Shea Prophet - Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
San Ysidro School District and South Bay Community Services



Joseph Sanchez - Partner and Chair of BBK



James Cevallos Medical Doctor Family Medicine

SOUTHWEST ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION KEYNOTE PRESENTER SDCOE SUPERINTENDENT DR. PAUL GOTHOLD

Southwest Administrators' Association presented Reimagining our Future with the San Diego County Office of Education Superintendent Dr. Paul Gothold and our South Bay Superintendents this week. School leaders throughout south county had an opportunity to listen to the keynote speaker, Superintendent Dr. Gothold as he shared the guiding work of the San Diego County Office of Education.

"The mission of the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) is inspiring and leading innovation in education. In alignment with this mission, the SDCOE's Equity Blueprint for Action document aims to provide educational leaders and stakeholders with community-informed and research-based guidance to improve equitable outcomes for historically marginalized students."

Link: <https://www.sdcoe.net/equity-blueprint/home>





UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	WHO
Spring Break	Monday, March 18th- Friday, March 29th, 2024.	All Schools Closed
Cesar Chavez - Observed and Local Holidays	Thursday, March 28th and Friday, March 29th	All Schools Closed
Students Return	Monday, April 1st, 2024	All students return to school
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27th, 2024	All Schools Closed

SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPRING 2024 OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE



School <i>(Please add in chronological order)</i>	Date	Time/Schedule/Location
Ocean View Hills Preschool	Thursday, February 15, 2024	3:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Ocean View Hills Elementary	Thursday, February 15, 2024	3:15-3:45 p.m.: Principal's Message 3:00-4:45 p.m.: Resource Fair 4:00-5:00 p.m.: Classroom Visits 5:00 p.m.: Carnival at the Park
Smythe's Preschool & Child Development Center (CDC)	Wednesday, February 21, 2024	3:30-5:30 p.m.
Smythe Elementary	Tuesday, February 27, 2024	3:30-5:30 p.m.
San Ysidro Middle School	Wednesday, February 28, 2024	4:00-4:30 p.m. Administration Presentation 4:30-6:30 p.m. Career Day & Classroom Visits
Willow Elementary	Wednesday, February 28, 2024	4:00-4:30 p.m. Administration Presentation 4:30-6:30 p.m. Classroom Visits
Sunset Preschool	Thursday, February 29, 2024	3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Sunset Elementary	Thursday, February 29, 2024 3:15-5:15 pm	3:15-5:15 p.m. Administration presentation will be first and then classroom visits
La Mirada Elementary School	February 29, 2024	3:30-5:00 p.m.
Vista Del Mar Middle School	New Date:	4:00-4:25 pm:

	Thursday, March 7, 2024	Administration Presentation MPR 4:30-5:30 pm: 6th, 7th & 8th grade classroom visits
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DUAL IMMERSION 101 @ SDCOE

On Wednesday, February 7th a team comprised of dual immersion teachers, district and site administrators, classified staff, Board Member Zenaida Rosario, and classified staff attended the first meeting of the Dual Immersion implementation team coached by Jorge Cuevas Antillón. The dual immersion implementation team is a component of the ELL/Multilingual Master Plan process whose work is led by Maria “Connie” Rodríguez, Director of State/Federal Projects and Language Acquisition. The Guiding Document for this project is “Guiding Principles for Dual Language Education” published by the Center of Applied Linguistics.



SYSD SCHOOLS WEEKLY/MONTHLY BULLETINS

Link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sKiLpBSZmxlqnhLTJTE1eF6k2kP2Rb7I>

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>