



# **District Highlights**

March 12, 2021



# SUPERINTENDENT

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# NO SCHOOL MONDAY, MARCH 22ND THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND

# BOARD MEETING FLAG SALUTE BY OCEAN VIEW HILLS STUDENT KIARA DENTON-GARCIA

During the March 11th Regular Board Meeting, Ocean View Hills Student Kiara Denton-Garcia led the pledge of allegiance.



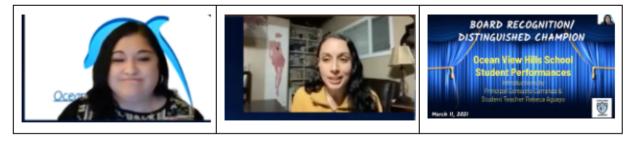
# BOARD DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARDS: OCEAN VIEW HILLS SCHOOL - STUDENT PERFORMERS

On March 11th the Governing Board recognized Ocean View Hill students for their project titled, "A Night at the Living Museum." Students were responsible for selecting and researching a famous Californian of their choice. Students created a Google Slide presentation together which included specific details (childhood, successes/obstacles, historical events that influenced them, contributions they made to the world, other significant facts and quotes) about their famous californian. The students then used the information from their slides to write a 30-45 second speech in which they provided information about their famous Californian in first person. Students also had to create a costume so they could dress like their famous Californian. The culminating activity was for the students to perform their speeches for the class and at Open House.

The student performers who presented and who earned Distinguished Champion Awards were:

- Nicholas Alston performed as Tony Gwynn
- Martin Orozco performed as Tom Hanks
- Oscar Zuniga performed as Oscar de la Hoya
- Kiara Denton-Garcia performed as Kamala Harris in English and Spanish

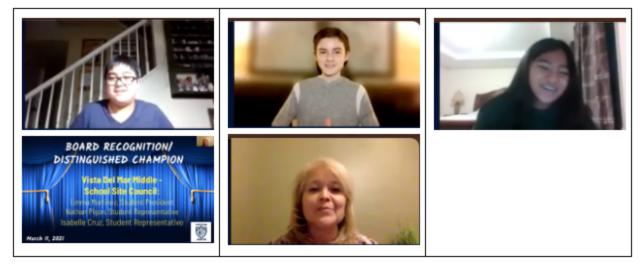
A special thank you to Principal Consuelo Carranza, Student Teacher Rebeca Aguayo, Teacher Mr. Chaisongkram and students for this incredible project.





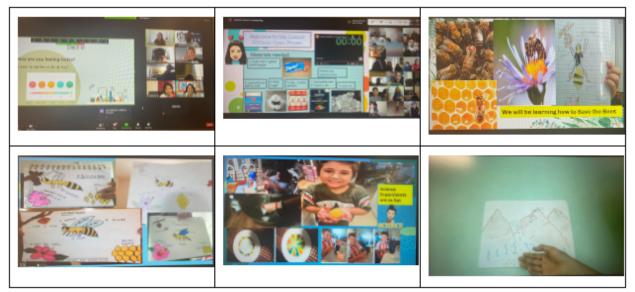
### BOARD RECOGNITION/DISTINGUISHED CHAMPIONS: VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE -SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL (SSC)

During the March 11th Governing Board recognized the Vista Del Mar Middle School Site Council. Principal Irene Herrera-Cevallos introduced 8th grade student and SSC President Emma Martinez, 7th grade student & SSC Representative Nathan Pigon and 7th grade student & SSC Representative Isabelle Cruz. Principal Herrera-Cevallos thanked each student for their leadership and representing the VDM student body in the school site council. Go Sharks!



# LA MIRADA SCI-PHY VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

On Friday, March 12th La Mirada Elementary held it's virtual Sci-Phy Open House. Under the leadership of the dedicated Sci-Phy teachers, Patricia Burch, Thelma Sotelo, Leticia Lemos, Janell Wright, Juanita Nuñez, Melissa Hasemyer, and Liana Davis, the event showcased the many activities and projects the students have been working on this school year.



### LA MIRADA RECEIVES A 100 DESK DONATION FROM MARTIN FURNITURE

On Friday, March 12th, Martin Furniture donated 100 desks for students at La Mirada Elementary. Parents communicated to staff that a work area at home was much needed for their child to participate in at home online classes. A big thank you to Martin Furniture CEO Jim Goergen and owner Gil Martin for their generous donation. Outreach Consultant Ms. Adriana Garcia helped make this possible and provided a home work area for 100 La Mirada students!



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Fri., March 19	Sunset School Sci Phy Virtual Open House 1:00-1:30 p.m.	Sunset School (Virtual Links)
Mon., March 22 through Fri., April 2	Spring Break All Schools will be closed	All Schools
Mon., April 5	Distance Learning Classes Resume	All Schools
Week of April 12	Hybrid Learning Programs Begin	All Schools Hybrid Program model varies by class

### SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION WORKS AS FAST AS POSSIBLE TO VACCINATE ALL K-12 EDUCATION WORKERS

San Diego County and the San Diego County Office of Education are working diligently to vaccinate all approximately 80,000 educators in the county as fast as possible. With 20% of the vaccines being set aside for education workers and the direct appointment system set up by the Voluntary Employees Benefits Association (VEBA) in partnership county school districts, here are the results since the VEBA Vaccinates program went live on February 26th:

- 65,000 appointment invitations sent to TK-12 educators
- 25,000 registered for appointments
- About 18,000 first dose vaccinations have been administered
- All SYSD staff received their first vaccine appointment invitations between February 27th - March 8th. It is projected that the majority of our SYSD staff will have had access to the second vaccine appointment on or before April 2nd.

### **COUNTY VACCINATION PROCESS UPDATE ON MARCH 9TH**

- San Diego County has set a goal of having 70% of the population vaccinated by July 1, 2021. According to data from San Diego County Health & Human Services; 23.9% of the population has received at least the first vaccination dose (this is among 2,689,348 San Diegans who are 16 years and older) and 12.7% of the total population have been fully vaccinated.
- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has added a Vaccine Equity Metric which sets aside 40% of vaccines for the hardest hit communities based on the Healthy Places Index (HPI) quartile areas. CDPH has set goals for administering vaccines to persons living in the Vaccine Equity Quartiles statewide; 2 million doses and 4 million doses. Vaccines given in these communities will help move counties through tiers and open more activities safely in accordance with the Blueprint for a Safer Economy.

- Johnson & Johnson's one dose vaccine has been approved by the FDA and is starting to be delivered and administered in San Diego County this week.
- Federal supply shipped directly to trusted access points (pharmacies and community clinics)
- Groups currently eligible for the vaccination:
  - Healthcare Personnel
  - Long-Term Care Facility Staff and Residents
  - Individuals age 75 and over
  - Individuals ages 65 to 74
  - Emergency Services Personnel
  - Education & Childcare Personnel
  - Food & Agriculture Personnel
- New group now eligible (March 15, 2021)
  - Individuals ages 16-64 with qualifying underlying health conditions

# EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, PUPIL SERVICES AND SAFETY

# SYSD GOVERNING BOARD AUTHORIZES SCHOOL REOPENING DATE

During the March 11th Governing Board Meeting the Board authorized schools within our district to **begin the launch of Hybrid Learning Programs at all schools the week of April 12th**. Within the Hybrid Learning Program models students will have the option to attend in person instruction at school at least one day per week, with limited two day/week options for certain classes, depending upon staffing availability. School Principals will be emailing a survey to families this week explaining the Hybrid Learning Program option and asking parents to identify if they want their child/ren to be placed in the: Distance Learning Academy or the Hybrid Learning Program for the last few months of school.

### SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT AWARDED MINI GRANT

# "State Superintendent Tony Thurmond Announces \$240,000 in Grants to Address Inequities that Deepened During Pandemic

SACRAMENTO—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond today [March 11] announced that the California Department of Education (CDE) has selected 12 recipients of mini grants, totaling more than \$240,000, that will fund local efforts across the state to address equity and opportunity gaps through supporting educator and student needs in distance learning, in-person instruction, and hybrid models.

• San Ysidro School District: \$20,000 to provide support services to students and families to address the academic and technological needs of students and families."

### SAFETY FIRST! SYSD COVID-19 PREVENTION PROGRAM (CPP)

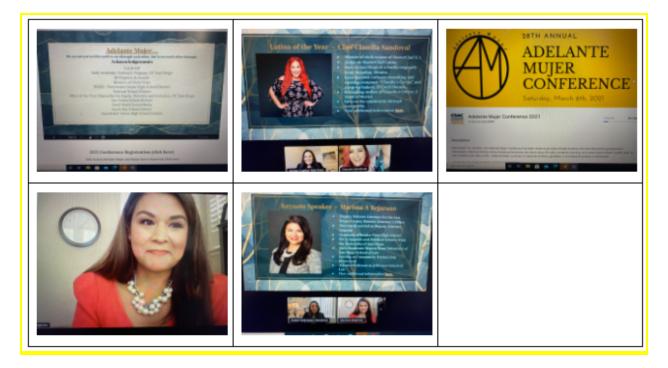
The COVID safety precautions and procedures are now in place at all of our SYSD schools. Also, posted on our district's website is the COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP). The CPP describes by category all of the safety measures and protocols our district has established. We are proud of the collective efforts of everyone involved in organizing and implementing all of these impressive resources for the safety of our students and employees. Below please find photos of safety features implemented at schools and departments to ensure the safe reopening of our schools.





### **28TH ANNUAL ADELANTE MUJER VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

On behalf of our San Ysidro School District and Sweetwater Union High School District and Adelante Mujer Committee, we want to thank the students and families who participated in the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Adelante Mujer Conference on March 6, 2021. We had 50 parents and students from the San Ysidro School District participate in this educational and motivational event. Latina of the year, Chef Claudia Sandoval motivated students and the keynote speaker was Marissa A Bejarano, Deputy Attorney District of San Diego County. SUHSD acknowledged the participation of our SYSD families!



# HELP FOR AGE 65+ REGISTERING FOR VACCINATION/AYUDA PARA MAYORES DE 65 AÑOS QUE SE INSCRIBEN PARA LA VACUNACIÓN

South Bay Community Services is currently helping individuals age 65+ with scheduling their COVID-19 Vaccines. If you are working with community members living in the eligible zip codes below and/or with someone that falls into one of the priority groups, we can help.

# Eligible Zip Codes in South Region:

Chula Vista • National City • Imperial Beach • San Ysidro 91902, 91910, 91911, 91913, 91914, 91915, 91932, 91950, 92118, 92135, 92154, 92155, 92173

Please feel free to refer your contacts to the COVID19 Action Team at

COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs.pdf (sandiegocounty.gov

# ARE YOU 65+ AND NEED HELP SCHEDULING YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE? WE CAN HELP.

Our specially trained Promotoras are assisting South Bay residents 65 and older with scheduling their appointment.

#### Call us at 619-420-3620

Vaccination locations in Chula Vista, National City, Imperial Beach and San Ysidro.



# TIENES 65+ Y NECESITA AYUDA PARA PROGRAMAR SU VACUNA COVID-19 NOSOTROS PODEMO AYUDAR

Nuestras Promotoras especialmente capacitadas están ayudando a los residentes de South Bay de 65 años o más a programar su cita.

### Llámanos al 619-420-3620

Lugares de vacunación en Chula Vista, National City, Imperial Beach y San Ysidro.



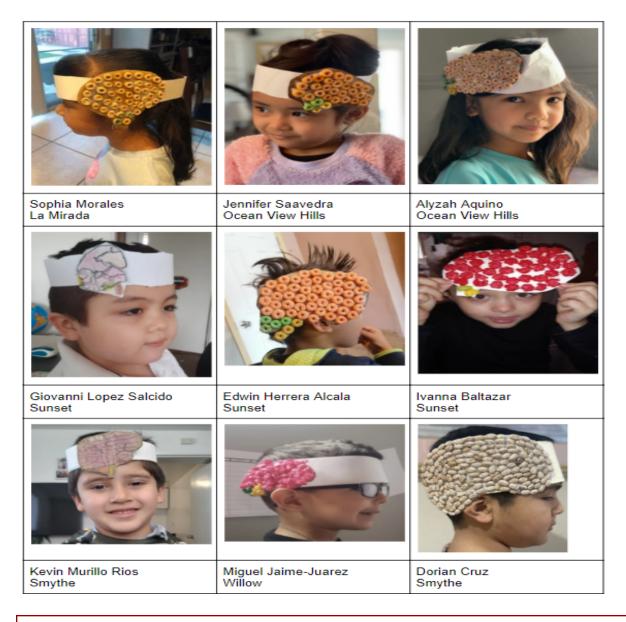
# **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

### **SCI PHY PROGRAM IN ACTION - KINDERGARTEN PROJECT**

All of our Kindergarten - 6th grade students participate in the Sci-Phy program. Our kindergarten students, taught by Ms. Patricia Burch, studied the major parts of the human brain: cerebrum, cerebellum, and brain stem. They used different materials from home and created fantastic brain models. Students learned about the structure and function of the amazing human brain. Here are some examples of the project that they completed. Please click to see the videos by Dierk Del Castillo from Willow and Ximena Ambriz from Smythe:

Dierk Del Castillo's VIDEO

Ximena Ambriz's VIDEO.



# **BUSINESS SERVICES**

# FREE MEAL PROGRAM FOR ALL CHILDREN 1 TO 18 YEARS OLD

There is an important change in SCHEDULE FOR OUR FREE MEAL PROGRAM. We will offer Free Meal pick up at 2 SCHOOLS ONLY: Willow Elementary and La Mirada Elementary. *San Ysidro Middle School will no longer distribute meals.* Meals are for all children 1 to 18 years old which includes breakfast & lunch for multiple days distributed each week. The NEW schedule will be as follows:

Day: Every Wednesday

School: Willow Elementary

**Time**: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (or until meals run out)

School: La Mirada Elementary

### **NEW Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (or until meals run out)

Children are not required to be present to pick up their meals. Meals will be served in a "Grab and Go" style. Please wear a face covering when picking up your meals.

# PROGRAMA DE COMIDAS GRATIS PARA TODOS LOS NIÑOS DE 1 A 18 AÑOS

Hay un cambio importante en el HORARIO DE NUESTRO PROGRAMA DE COMIDAS GRATIS. Ofreceremos comida gratis para recoger en SOLO 2 ESCUELAS: Willow Elementary y La Mirada Elementary. La escuela San Ysidro Middle School ya no distribuirá comidas. Las comidas son para todos los niños de 1 a 18 años que incluyen desayuno y almuerzo para varios días distribuidas cada semana. El NUEVO horario será el siguiente:

Fecha:	Cada miércoles	
Ubicación:	Willow Elementary	
Hora	11:30 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. (o hasta que se acabe la comida)	
Ubicación:	La Mirada Elementary	
NUEVA Hora:	2:00 p.m. a 3:30 p.m.(o hasta que se acabe la comida)	

No se requiere que los niños estén presentes para recoger sus comidas. Las comidas se servirán al estilo "Grab and Go", donde la persona recoge los alimentos y se retira. Favor de usar cubrebocas al recoger sus comidas.

# **NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

# **CASA FAMILIAR FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

The next Food Distribution will take place on Tuesday, April 6th, 2021, at the Old Kmart Parking lot located at 4330 Camino De La Plaza in San Ysidro. The event will begin at 8 am until all food has been distributed. Face coverings, social distancing and additional safety procedures were enforced.



### **MEDIA UPDATE**

- San Diego Union Tribune: A dozen ZIP codes will receive extra coronavirus vaccine doses under new state equity plan
  <a href="https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/health/story/2021-03-04/a-dozen-zipcodes-will-receive-extra-co-ronavirus-vaccine-doses-under-new-state-equity-plan">https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/health/story/2021-03-04/a-dozen-zipcodes-will-receive-extra-co-ronavirus-vaccine-doses-under-new-state-equity-plan</a>
- San Diego Union Tribune: "Not worth the risk": Some families do not want to return to school anytime soon
  <u>https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/education/story/2021-03-07/not-worth-the-risk-some-families-d</u>
  <u>o-not-want-to-return-to-school-anytime-soon</u>
- ABC10 News: Newsom: California may hit threshold to ease purple tier restrictions in San Diego, other counties by Friday <u>https://www.10news.com/news/local-news/newsom-california-may-hit-threshold-to-ease-purple-tier-restrictions-by-friday</u>

#### **COVID COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

**Free COVID-19 Testing Information** 

Información sobre prueba gratis para COVID-19

TK-12 Education VEBA Vaccination Appointment Website https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/progr ams/phs/community\_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/testin g.html

https://www.vebavaccinates.com/site/vaccination

COVID-19 Vaccination Information & Appointment Websites

Websites:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/progr ams/phs/community\_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/vacci nes/COVID-19-VaxEvents.html

https://sdcounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Nearby/index.ht ml?appid=7369c2080ccf447ab91610ae69d84c43&dista nce=10&find=103%2520Campus%2520View%252C%2 520San%2520Marcos%252C%252092078

Please click on the links below to access various vaccination appointment information:

**County Managed Locations: MyTurn** 

Rady Children's Hospital: MyChart

Sharp Locations: PrepMod

UC San Diego Health Petco Park Super Station: MyChart

County Fire Locations: PrepMod

#### **Project SAVE:**

Source: County News Center "The County is reserving a portion of available COVID-19 vaccination appointments each day for a pilot project that aims to equitably distribute the novel coronavirus vaccine.

Project SAVE (Scheduling Assistance for Vaccine Equity) sets aside appointments for people who are in the currently eligible groups and at high risk for complications from COVID-19.

The reserved appointments will be filled through outreach by community health workers or promotoras who are contacting people 65 and older at locations that include grocery stores, faith centers, food distribution sites and housing complexes in the South Bay."

#### Vaccinate All 58

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/progr ams/phs/community\_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/vacci nes/phases.html

#### Website:

- English <a href="https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/">https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/</a>
- Spanish <a href="https://covid19.ca.gov/es/vaccines/">https://covid19.ca.gov/es/vaccines/</a>

#### Know your vaccination phase

Identifique en qué nivel de vacunación se encuentra

#### English Flyer https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/s

dc/hhsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/covid19/v accines/COVID-19%20Vaccination%20Phases %20-Printable%20Version.pdf

#### • Spanish Flyer

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/s dc/hhsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/covid19/v accines/COVID-19%20Vaccination%20Phases %20-Spanish%20Printable%20Version.pdf

State of California - Health and Human Services Agency California Department of Public Health (Dated 12-3-20)

#### Website:

https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/12. 3.20-Stay-at-Home-Order-ICU-Scenario.pdf County of San Diego: COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Rental Program/Condado de San Diego: Programa de Assistencia de Renta de Emergencia 2021

#### Website:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/sdhcd/com munity-development/COVID-19-Emergency-Rental-Assi stance-Program.html#:~:text=The%20County's%20202 1%20Emergency%20Rental,by%20the%20COVID%2D 19%20pandemic.&text=Residents%20of%20the%20citi es%20of,rental%20assistance%20in%20their%20area

#### **English:**

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/sdhcd /new-docs/Flyer-ERAP-2021-English.pdf

#### **Spanish Flyer:**

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/sdhcd /new-docs/Flyer-ERAP-2021-Spanish.pdf

#### County of San Diego: Temporary Lodging Program

**Condado de San Diego:** Programa de Alojamiento Temporal

#### **English and Spanish Flyer:**

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/ programs/phs/Epidemiology/2020.09.29\_FINAL%20(Up dated)-Temporary%20Lodging%20Flyer.pdf

#### San Diego Hunger Coalition: Food Assistance Resources - Fall 2020

#### **English Flyer:**

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/55130907e4b018 f9300f3e63/t/5fcecb4801eaf4591e16de83/1607388149 116/General+food+assistance+Winter+2020+English.pd f

Recursos de asistencia alimentaria - otoño 2020

#### **Spanish Flyer:**

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/55130907e4b018 f9300f3e63/t/5fc82919d32d012678ef291e/1606953243 601/General+food+assistance+Winter+2020+Espanol.p df Línea Directa Para la Prevención de Abuso Infantil For more information, or to report suspected child abuse, call 858-560-2191.

Within the State of California you may call toll free 1(800) 344-6000. Please click on the link to access the County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency Child Abuse Hotline website:<u>https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/</u>

hhsa/programs/cs/child\_welfare\_services/child\_abuse\_hotline.html

#### Suicide Hotline

Línea Directa Para la Prevención del Suicidio "The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals." The phone number is 1(800) 273-8255.

Please click on the link to access the website: <a href="https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/">https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/</a>