



# 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 April 19, 2024



### SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

#### THIRD ANNUAL SAN YSIDRO STEM FAIR 2024

Our San Ysidro STEM Fair made a triumphant return! As members of the San Ysidro STEM Committee, our San Ysidro School District's Sci-Phy Team, the San Ysidro Education Collaborative, and the Balboa Park Fleet Science Center we proudly celebrated the return of our much anticipated annual San Ysidro STEM Fair. Our 3rd annual San Ysidro STEM Fair underscores our commitment to fostering community collaboration and promoting equity in STEM education. Approximately 2,400 students and their family members attended! Thank You to our Ocean View Hills Elementary team for hosting this year's event!







San Ysidro School District Sci-Phy Team











































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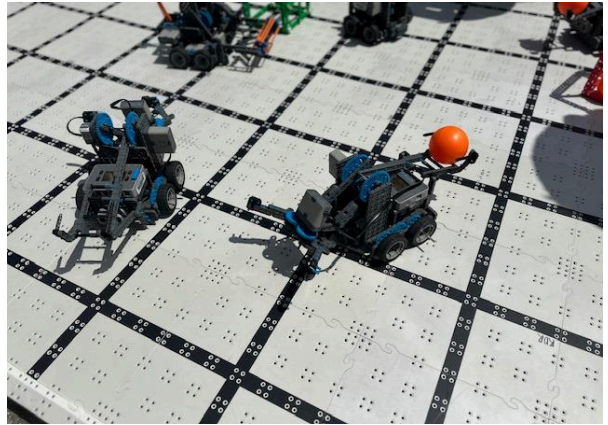




























**Media Link Fox News 5/KUSI  
(event preview):**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Klr9Q-u-T7g>





At our annual STEM Fair our students have the opportunity to engage in hands-on STEM activities, which are tailored for grades K–8. Our wonderful fair features learning demonstrations led by SciPhy program teachers, robotics by San Ysidro High School's Cougarbots team, and engagement with local scientists and STEM career role models. Our students and families can also enjoy community art, resources, raffles, and giveaways.

We would like to give a special thank you to our amazing collaborators: The Fleet Science Center, NASA, South Bay Community Services, Sci Phy Science and Physical Education, the San Ysidro STEM Committee, the San Ysidro Education Collaborative, and the VOYA Foundation.

We would also like to express our gratitude and our appreciation for our Sci Phy Lead Liana Davis and her entire team of wonderful sci-phy teachers here at our San Ysidro School District. Your love, your efforts and teaching are truly remarkable and have made a world of a difference in our community and our students who are the future of this nation.

Access to science, mathematics, technology, and engineering education are vital for our children's present and future. Fostering a community of support and encouragement for STEM careers is necessary for our students to explore their talents and innate traits to be able to utilize them in the workforce and in our communities, making STEM a part of our culture and the future of our students' careers as these fields are now booming!

Finally, we would like to thank our dedicated Governing Board Members Irene Lopez, Zenaida Rosario, Antonio Martinez, Rudy Lopez and Rosaleah Pallasignue who have always been big supporters of our STEM Fair and education. Thank you to our Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter



and our team of remarkable educators for their efforts in continuing to implement amazing STEM programs for our children.

### San Ysidro STEM Fair Media Link NBC 7:

<https://www.nbcsandiego.com/videos/students-take-part-in-san-ysidro-stem-fair/3495199/>

### SPRING PICNIC AT LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

This week La Mirada Elementary School hosted a wonderful spring picnic, as a fun way to promote parent-child engagement through games and activities. Canvas painting was the main activity on this occasion, they were also joined by the San Diego State University “Sirens of State” acapella group which performed 6 beautiful songs for students and staff.







## **SYSD CELEBRATES RODRIGO AMEZQUITA FOR WINNING CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2024**

When it comes to our San Ysidro School District and our shining staff members who make it all happen for our students, there is one person whose efforts have stood the test of time and have inspired incredible results when it comes to school spirit and attendance.

Rodrigo Amezcuita's outstanding contributions to our Sunset education community have far exceeded anyone's expectations. His inherent belief that everyone has a right to a formal education and that everyone should be offered the opportunity to succeed has been the focus of his incredible life's work and passion. There is no doubt in the reasons why he was nominated and named Classified Employee of the Year 2024.

His hard work has resulted in reducing the percentage of chronic absenteeism for the school and earning the school recognition for its California Dashboard results for attendance, which he promotes through recognizing classrooms with a monthly class trophy and organizing free dress days for students. He also organizes monthly school spirit days. Rodrigo strives to support and maintain a positive work environment, he is optimistic and believes in the best in others. He is patient and well known for providing encouragement to his co-workers, students, school administrators, and community members. He is committed to bringing forth student success, equity, and dignity for all. His friendliness and sensitivity to staff, students, and parents have earned him their respect.



Congratulations to our Sunset Outreach Consultant Mr. Rodrigo Amezcua for making us proud, making himself proud, and being the very deserving recipient of the Classified Employee of the Year Award!





## **SYSD CELEBRATES TEACHER OF THE YEAR CONSUELO CARRANZA AT OCEAN VIEW HILLS ELEMENTARY**

We are thrilled and honored to announce our Ocean View Hills Elementary School 4th grade teacher Consuelo Carranza as our 2024 Teacher of the Year!

Ms. Carranza exemplifies exceptional leadership both in and out of the classroom. Under her guidance, students proudly thrive and are captivated by her engaging lessons and dynamic teaching style. Her innovative approach to education ignites curiosity and sparks creativity, ensuring students feel valued and empowered to reach their fullest potential.

Her journey as an educator is partly defined by the profound connections she fosters and the lives she transforms along the way. She possesses a gift—the ability to instill confidence and cultivate a love for learning that extends far beyond the confines of textbooks.

Her classroom is a place where minds are nourished, dreams are nurtured, and potential is unleashed. Through her innovative teaching methods, unwavering support, and boundless encouragement, she has empowered countless individuals to achieve their academic goals.

She is a mentor, a confidante, and a guiding light for her students, offering not only knowledge but also empathy, compassion, and understanding.

Ms. Carranza is not only a teacher but also a guiding force, a shining example of hope and inspiration for us all. On behalf of the school, district and community, we congratulate you for your continuous commitment to the noble profession of teaching.







### **STUDENT FOOD TASTE TESTING AT SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

On Monday April 15th, our Board President Irene Lopez, Sunset Elementary School Principal Efrain Burciaga, and 6th grade students, participated in a food tasting in an effort to provide our children with variety and nutritious meals, as part of our school menus. Our Child Nutrition Services Production Coordinator Ana Bush and Cafeteria Lead Anna Del Real, prepared and provided the food tasting which included new and fresh items that students graded and shared their comments on. This in hopes that we can soon provide new, healthy, and balanced meals for all students in our school district.





## SYSD SCHOOLS WEEKLY BULLETINS

Please click on the link to access the school weekly bulletins:

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

## UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	WHO
<b>Memorial Day</b>	Monday, May 27th	All Schools Closed
<b>Last Day for Students</b>	Wednesday, June 5th	All Schools Closed



## 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>