



San Ysidro

School District

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QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

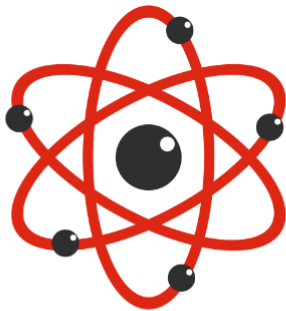
District Highlights

Week of April 21, 2023



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.



The Sci-Phy Program

**Inspiring today's learners to be tomorrow's leaders
in a global economy.**

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY (PLTW) VISITS SCI-PHY PROGRAM AT OVHS

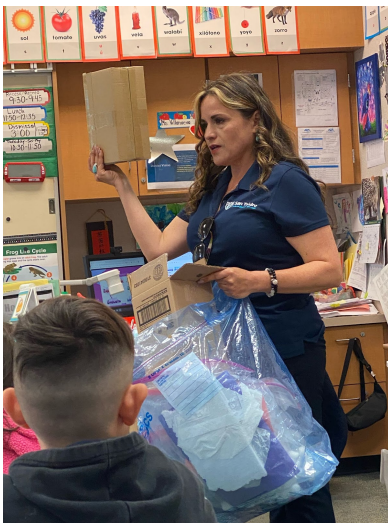
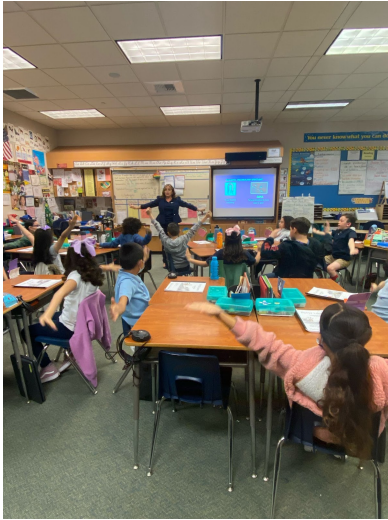
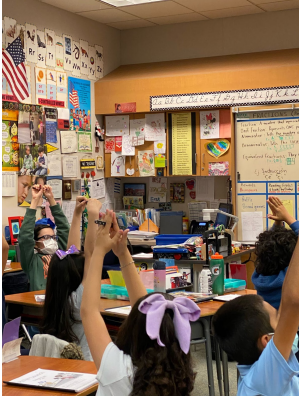
On April 19, 2023, the Project Lead the Way Executive Board visited Ocean View Hills Elementary School to see how PLTW implemented the San Ysidro Way. It was a pleasure to welcome the visitors to San Ysidro and Ocean View Hills Elementary School. In addition to highlighting the remarkable program and our teachers, we were able to highlight Manuela Colom, retired Executive Director of Educational Services for founding the program and Ms. Elva De Baca, whose leadership has helped the program blossom over the past 6 years.

Our program in San Ysidro is meant to inspire today's learners to become tomorrow's leaders by preparing them for the global economy. As a team the program has grown to serve all students in Grades TK - 6, across all instructional programs. The program includes instruction in STEM, SPARK Physical Education, Mindfulness, Social

Emotional Learning, and Restorative Justice practices. In addition to all of this, all lessons are grounded in building academic and English language development for our students. This focus on language development is a necessary access point for our students and provides high leverage assets based instruction for all of our students, giving them a bridge to the work instead of excluding them from it. EQUITY in action.

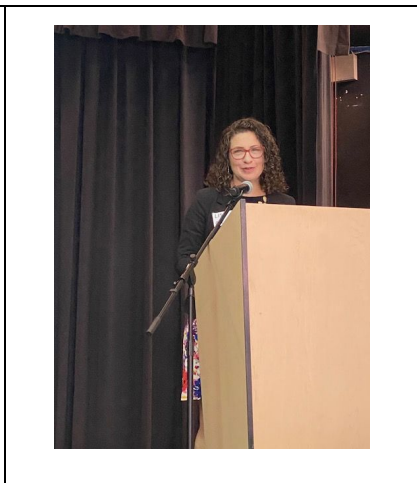
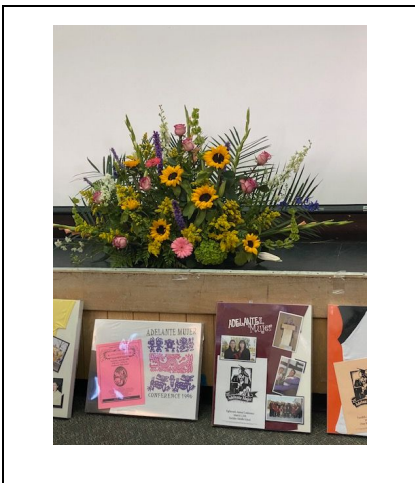
As the Sci-Phy team continues to grow and inspire us with their dedication to our students, I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to advocate for the work that they do everyday on behalf of the students of San Ysidro. It is my greatest hope that this work will continue to thrive for many years to come.





30TH ANNUAL ADELANTE MUJER 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 30th Annual Adelante Mujer Conference on Saturday, April 15th. We had parents and students from the San Ysidro School District participate in this educational and motivational event.





UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Preschool Parent Conferences	May 8-19, 2023	Preschool
Memorial Day - Legal Holiday	Monday, May 29, 2023	District Office & All Schools Closed
Last Day of School for Students	Wednesday, June 7, 2023	All Schools

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH PRESENTATION AT SMYTHE SCHOOL

On Monday, April 17, 2023 the Special Education Department led a school-wide learning event at Smythe Elementary for Autism Awareness Month. They visited each general education classroom in grades kinder-6th to provide understanding on what Autism is, what are similarities between students with Autism and without, and how students can be accepting of others with Autism.

The team was impressed by the insightful questions from our Smythe students. They also wanted to share their appreciation to the teachers and principal, Mr. Vasquez, for allowing them into their classrooms to present. Additionally, they wanted to thank Mr. Vasquez for showing a video on and highlighting Autism during his morning message with all students.

This important work is helpful to build understanding and inclusion across our schools and by extension in our community so that the future is one of inclusion and equity for all students. Thank you to our Special Education Team for your continued insight and hard work to support the well being of all of our students. Your work is seen and appreciated.



ACSA LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAYS 2023

The Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) held its 43rd Legislative Action Days (LAD) Event on April 17-21, 2023. As ACSA's state Vice President for Legislative Action (VPLA), Dr. Potter was incredibly honored to lead this event which brought 19 ACSA regions together to advocate on behalf of education with state legislative leaders. Meetings were scheduled in the Capitol with almost 100 out of the 120 legislators in the Capitol!

The united focus areas of educational advocacy efforts to support education for California's 6 million students were: 1) Robust and Stable School Funding; 2) Preserving the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Block Grant; 3) Safe and Modern Schools; 4) Staff Shortage: Recruitment and Retention; and 5) Streamlined Accountability.

The first day of the LAD event included a welcome by ACSA VPLA Dr. Potter and ACSA Executive Director Edgar Zazueta. Senator Joshua Newman provided a Keynote address as the Chair of the Senate Education Committee, followed by both an Assembly and Senate Legislative Panels from key staff members representing education and finance. The second day included the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond as the keynote speaker, recognitions for both Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi and the Education Policy Advisor to the Governor, Brooks Allen, and a Governor's Administration Panel.



