



District Highlights

Week of April 28, 2023



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL 7TH GRADE INTERNSHIP DAY AT PLAZA PALMERA AND LAS AMERICAS OUTLETS AT THE BORDER

On April 25th, 120 7th grade students from San Ysidro Middle School participated in the 7th Grade Internship Day. The Internship Day is intended to allow students to get first-hand, hands-on experience on how a business functions, learn about some of the positions/personnel required to have a successful operation of a mall, connect skills that are learned in the classroom to skills needed to be successful in the workforce, start thinking about future plans after high school and what careers they may want to explore. Students also learned about the connection of going to school, college or a trade school and how this impacts choices for jobs & careers in their adult life.

Students were prepared by teachers in the classroom and during an internship day training. Prior to departing to the outlets, the students were given a presentation in the SYMS MCC to further prepare them for the days' events.. The presentation, titled "Priority Industry Sectors in San Diego", was given by Jose Rivera, Project Specialist for the Work Based Learning Department of the San Diego County Office of Education.

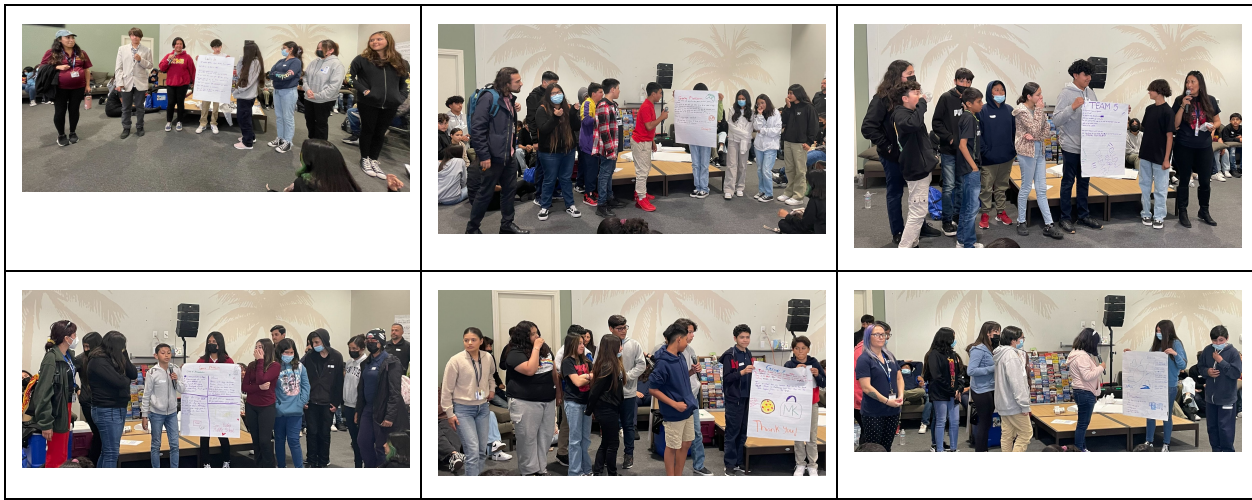
Seventh Grade Internship Day resumed after a 3 year hiatus due to the COVID pandemic. News stories featuring the return of our event were broadcast on KPBS, CBS 8, NBC 7, Telemundo, and Univision.

A big "Thank you" to the San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce Education Collaborative, Plaza Palmera and Las Americas Outlets at The Border participating businesses, SYMS Principal Bojorquez and his staff and teachers, Las Promotoras from Casa Familiar, and all the volunteers from SYSD and the Education Collaborative for making this a great experience and success for our students.

Please click on the link to access the media coverage for this event:

- [KPBS - 7th Grade Internship Day](#)
- [CBS 8 - San Ysidro students learn real-life skills and get to work](#)
- [NBC 7 - South Bay Middle-Schoolers Get Real-World Job Experience](#)
- [KPBS - San Ysidro students learning early lessons about the changing job market](#)
- [Univision - Estudiantes Aprenden de Negocios](#)

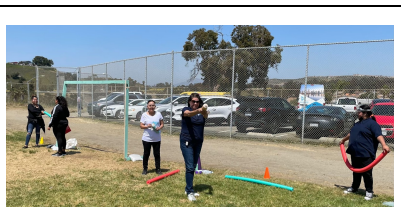
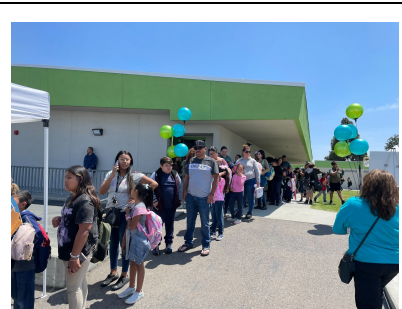




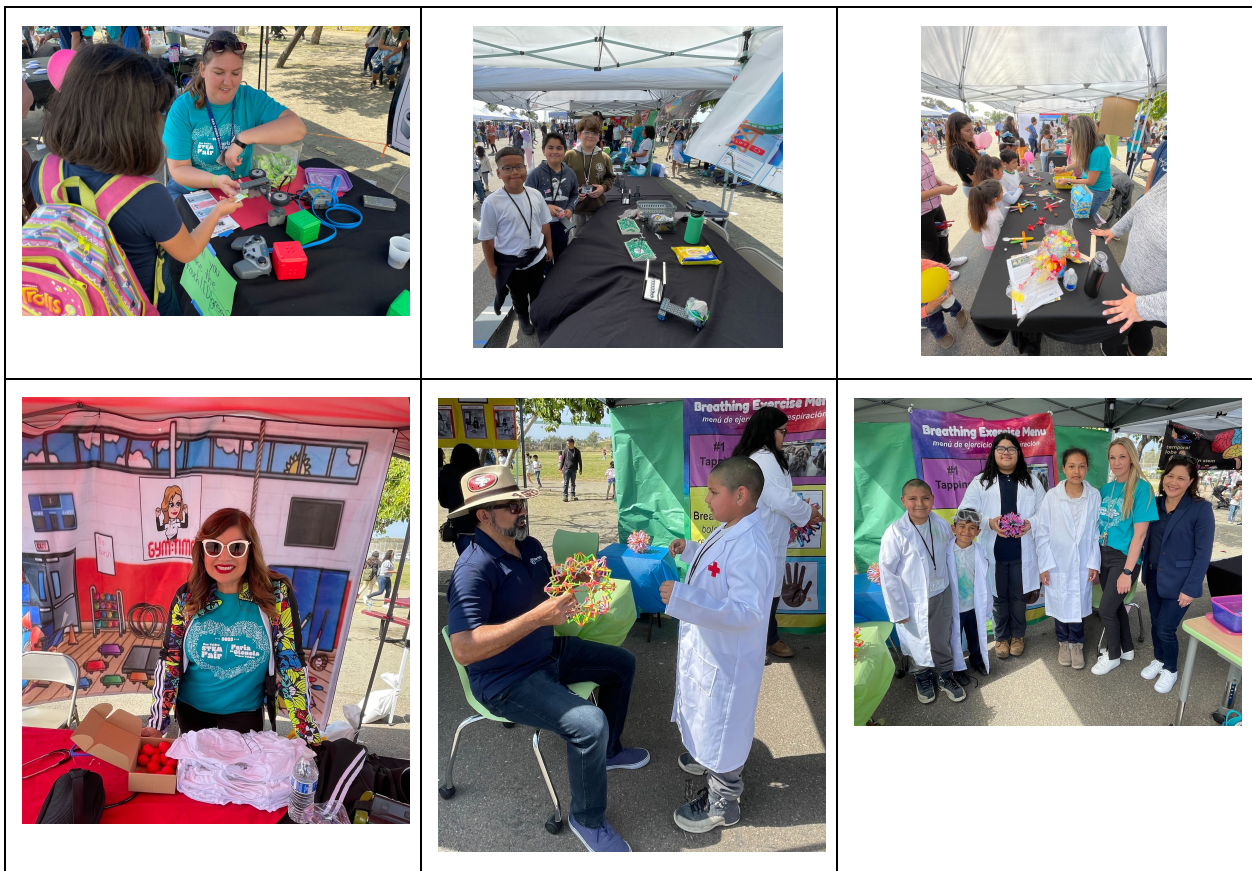
2ND ANNUAL DISTRICT STEM FAIR

On Friday, April 28th, the San Ysidro School District's Sci-Phy Team in collaboration with the Fleet Science Center held their 2nd Annual STEM Fair. A special thank you to the Sci Phy Team and Educational Services department for the coordination and planning for this huge community event. Thank you to Mr. Marlo Vasquez, Interim Principal of Smythe Elementary and his staff for hosting this great event. Thank you to the Maintenance and Facilities and Technology team for helping with set up. Thank you to all the booth participants for providing our children with hands-on science experiences. Thank you to the volunteers who helped make this event a huge success for our San Ysidro community.









Article - Chula Vista Today:

<https://www.chulavistatoday.com/local-news/children-and-their-parents-attend-second-stem-fair-at-smythe-elementary-school-6934141>

SIXTH GRADE PRESENTATIONS RESUMED FOR 6th GRADERS AT SYSD SCHOOLS

On Wednesday April 26th, Arnulfo Mariquez, CEO and President of MAAC Project, spoke to our Vista Del Mar 6th graders. Mr. Mariquez described the challenges he overcame as a Spanish speaking English learner who relocated with his family to San Diego from Tijuana when he was in the 6th grade. He was born in Mexicali and moved to Tijuana shortly after. Mr. Mariquez emphasized the importance of attending school and the value of learning throughout their educational journeys. The kids were able to ask questions afterward and learn more about Mr. Mariquez' path to success. Thank you Mr. Arnulfo Mariquez, Gaby Millán, Education Collaborative, Principal Irene Herrera-Cevallos, Assistant Principal Matthew Bandy, 6th grade teachers and all the staff that made this a great success!



COORDINATOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS & COMMUNITY SERVICES, FRANCISCO MATA, WINS THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LATINO SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS (CALSA) REGION 6 2022-2023 CLASSIFIED MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations to Francisco Mata for being named the California Association of Latino Superintendents and Administrators Classified Management Administrator of the Year 2022-2023 for Region 6! CALSA Region 6 represents the San Diego, Orange, Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. CALSA Region 6 Co-Executive Directors Ofelia Ceja-Lariviere and Martha Martinez congratulated Mr. Mata for his outstanding service to students, families and San Ysidro School District staff.

“CALSA President Zandra Jo Galván said, “Congratulations to this year’s amazing ‘2023 Honoring Our Own’ champions of recognized California educational leaders who are significantly impacting and making a difference every day in supporting their powerful teams and phenomenal students in public education.””

Mr. Mata received his award at the CALSA Southern Region Honoring Our Own Reception on Wednesday, May 17th.



HONORING OUR OWN *Regional Winners*

SUPERINTENDENTS:



Ana Trunnell
Santa Rosa City School District



Dr. Karling Aguilera-Fort
Oxnard School District



Dr. Alfonso Jimenez
Hacienda La Puente Unified School District



Dr. Samuel Buenrostro
Corona-Norco Unified School District

CENTRAL OFFICE:



Eduwiges (Vicka) Llamas
Santa Rosa City School District



Cecilia Quintana-Perez
San Rafael City Schools



Maria Orozco
Woodland Joint Unified School District



Juan Carrasco
McFarland Unified School District



Ana Applegate
San Bernardino City School District



Monica Anzo
Alisal Union School District



Dr. Consuelo Hernandez-Williams
Ventura County Office of Education

SITE ADMINISTRATORS:



Dr. Francisco S. Camacho Jr.
Rialto Unified School District



Jessica Gomez
Colton Unified School District

CLASSIFIED MANAGEMENT:



Francisco Mata
San Ysidro School District



Leanes Medina-Estrada
Woodland Joint Unified School District



Anthony Ceja
San Diego County Office of Education




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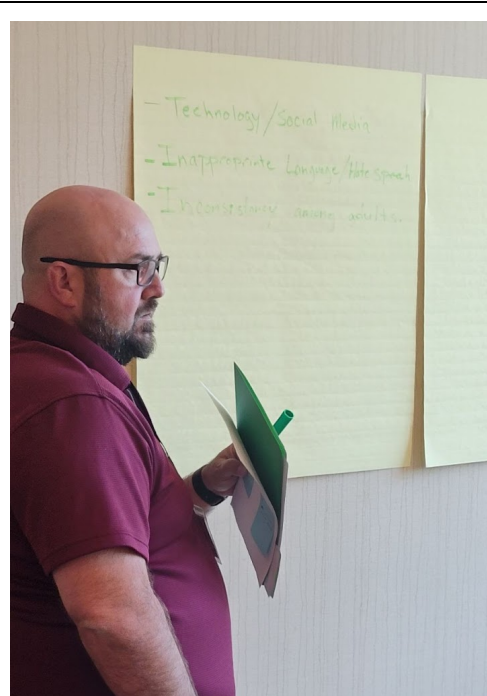
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2023 SCHOOL CLIMATE CONFERENCE

All SYSD Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports (PBIS) teams attended the 2023 School Climate Conference in Temecula April 26-28, 2023. Teams were engaged in workshops to better understand how to Protect and Engage our Students. The keynote speakers were researchers in the fields of child and adolescent neuropsychology. On Friday morning, the last day of the conference, Oscar Madera, Denise Villezcas, and Russell Little, along with district social workers and psychologists led the team in reflection time and guided all teams to make goals for their sites.

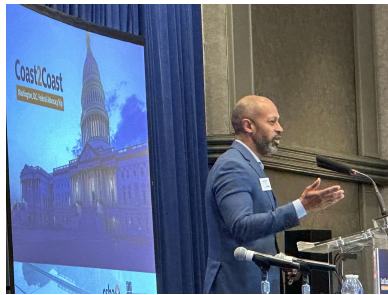
We would like to thank Ms Elizabeth Originales for making the arrangements so that all team members could attend and participate.



COAST 2 COAST FEDERAL ADVOCACY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Board Member Rudy Lopez and Superintendent Gina Potter attended the ACSA/CSBA Coast 2 Coast Federal Advocacy event in Washington, D.C. on behalf of our school district. The first day of educational policy issues were specific to California and consisted of a briefing on the latest politics affecting federal education policy and collaboration opportunities with prominent D.C. figures and fellow educators. The training was then followed by two days of meetings on Capitol Hill to advocate directly with California congressional representatives, White House officials, key federal agency leaders and other top policy makers. Several school districts from San Diego county attended this successful federal legislative event. Top education legislative topics that were addressed included: fully funding the federal special education promise of 40%, continuing broadband access funding, universal meals, educator staffing shortages, and mental health funding.







The Honorable Xavier Becerra

Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services



The Honorable Kevin Kiley

Congressman, California's 3rd District



Evie Blad

Staff Writer, Education Week



Lakeisha Steele

Vice President of Policy, Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)



Dr. James Lane

Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), U.S. Department of Education