



# **District Highlights**

Superintendent - Gina Potter, Ed.D. Week of May 10, 2024



# SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

#### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY/iFELIZ DÍA DE LAS MADRES!

On behalf of the San Ysidro School District, we wish all the mothers in our community a Happy Mother's Day!

De parte del Distrito Escolar de San Ysidro les deseamos a todas las madres de nuestra comunidad un feliz Día de las Madres!



#### TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK AND DAY OF THE TEACHER

Our Governing Board passed a resolution unanimously in March, designating the week of May 6th-12th as "Teacher Appreciation Week" and Wednesday, May 8th, as "Day of the Teacher." The week allows students, parents, and communities to express gratitude for teachers' invaluable role in nurturing minds, fostering growth, and inspiring lifelong learning. Through appreciation, we acknowledge their unwavering commitment and the profound influence they have on individuals and society as a whole.

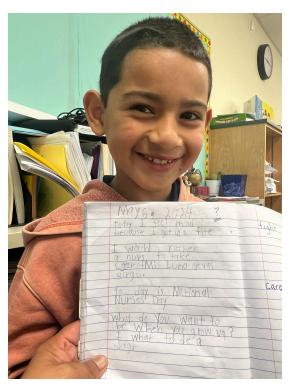
On behalf of the San Ysidro School District, a "heartfelt" thank you, teachers, for your perseverance, care, and dedication to providing our students with an outstanding education!







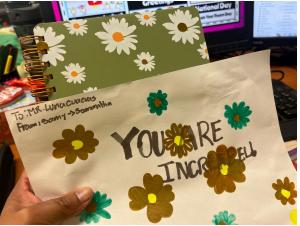


































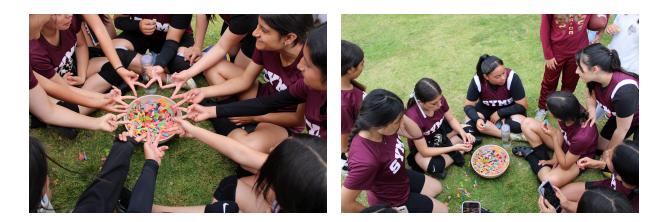
#### SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM REACHES SEMI-FINALS

Over the past several months, Anais Beas, Eduardo Coronado, and Eva Gonzalez have been coaching the San Ysidro Middle School's volleyball team. They have taught the team volleyball fundamentals and incorporated team-building activities to build camaraderie. On April 27th, the San Ysidro Middle School girls volleyball team competed in the MSAL 2024 Pacific League tournament. The girls played competitively and reached the semi-finals. We are very proud of the team for all they accomplished this season. Below are a few photo highlights of the tournament and the names of the entire San Ysidro Middle School Volleyball team.

**8th Grade:** Xiomara Estrada Ramirez, Kereen Avila, Ailany Garcia Kerber, Keyla Tirado, Soraya Salazar Munguia, Melissa Rodriguez Flores, Yatzil Cadena, Mia Silva and Sebastian Vazquez

**7th Grade:** Juliette Hurtado, Andrea Ortega Rios, Aylin Armenta, Jaimie Solis, Ximena Orendain and Deenissya Garcia





#### LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN GIRLS ON THE RUN

Girls on The Run is a nonprofit organization that provides "evidence-based programs that inspire participants to recognize their inner strength, increase their level of physical activity, imagine their possibilities, and confidently stand up for themselves and others." La Mirada Elementary School had the opportunity to be a grant-funded team, which means transportation to the 5K run, shoes, and snacks were provided throughout the program. This opportunity fostered friendships among girls from La Mirada, the community, and Smythe Elementary School.





#### SUNSET PRESCHOOL ART DISPLAY AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE

Sunset's Head Start Permit Teacher Ms. Romero's class had the opportunity to paint with sand and watercolors. Painting is a pre-writing learning strategy preschool teachers utilize to develop their students' increased control in writing and drawing. On Friday, May 3rd, Resource Permit Teacher Leticia Flores and Temporary Social Worker Stephanie Wooden set up the beautiful display in the district office hallway. Thank you Sunset Preschool for sharing the wonderful student artwork.











#### ACSA LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

During the final ACSA Leadership Assembly of the school year, Superintendent Dr. Potter led the last Vice Presidents for Legislative Action meeting, during which the Senior Director of Governmental Relations Ivan Carrillo and the team of legislative advocates provided an update regarding proposed legislation that would impact schools. They also reviewed the successes of the recent Legislative Action Days event, wherein school leaders met with 115/120 Capitol state leaders and staffers to advocate for education on behalf of students.

Key state leaders attended as keynote speakers: Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Weber, Speaker Rivas, and Assemblymember Muratauchi who is the Chair for the Education Committee.









#### JUNE PROMOTION CEREMONY MASTER SCHEDULE 2024

Below you will find the June Promotion Master Schedule 2024.

Sunset Preschool	Teacher Carmen Romero	8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Sunset Rm. 34
CDC	Teacher Johanna Serrano	8:40 - 9:30 am.	Red Room
Sunset Preschool	Teacher Sandra Ferguson	9:00 – 10:00a.m.	Sunset Rm.35
Smythe	Kinder Promotion	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Auditorium
CDC	Teacher Yadira Martinez	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Purple Room
Sunset Preschool	Teacher Cecilia Cruz	10:00 –11:00 a.m.	Sunset Rm.33
Sunset Preschool	Teacher Eva Marquez	12:15 – 1:15p.m.	Sunset Rm.33
Sunset Preschool	Teacher Victoria Boone	12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	Sunset Rm. 34
CDC	Teacher Erika Lopez	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Blue Room
CDC	Teacher Karolina Moreno	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Red Room

#### Tuesday, June 4, 2024:

La Mirada	6 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion	8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Field
CDC	Teacher Erika Lopez	9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	Blue Room
Ocean View Hills	Kinder Promotion	9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	Auditorium
	(Teacher Hernandez, Teacher		
	Rubalcava, Teacher Ponce)		
Willow	6 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion	9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Willow Plaza
CDC	Teacher Matilde Diaz	9:30 - 10:15 a.m.	Orange Room
Sunset	Kindergarten Promotion	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Ocean View Hills	Kinder Promotion	10:00 - 10:45 a.m.	Auditorium
	(Teacher Karpel, Teacher		
	Herrera)		
CDC	Teacher Nancy Serrano	10:30 - 11:15 a.m.	Yellow Room
Ocean View Hills	Teacher Cindy Kawanishi	10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	OVH Rm. 48
Preschool			
Ocean View Hills	Teacher Lirio Ruffo	10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	OVH Rm. 14
Preschool			
Ocean View Hills	Kinder Promotion	11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Auditorium
	(Teacher Wright, Teacher Garcia)		
Ocean View Hills	Teacher Alexandra Nunez	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	OVH Rm. 49
Preschool			
Ocean View Hills	Teacher Yahilyn Segura	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	OVH Rm. 49
Preschool			

Sunset	6 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion	8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Sunset Field
La Mirada	Kinder Promotion:	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Auditorium
	Teacher Portillo		
La Mirada	Kinder Promotion:	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Auditorium
	Teacher Panzella/Teacher Marin		
Ocean View Hills	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion	10:30 a.m. – 12:00	Field (share with VDM)
		p.m.	
Willow	Kinder Promotion	9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Willow Plaza
	(Teacher Galante, Teacher		
	Arredondo)		
Willow	Kinder Promotion	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Willow Plaza
	(Teacher Stillie, Teacher		
	McGowan)		
Smythe	6 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion	3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Smythe Field

## Thursday, June 6, 2024:

Vista Del Mar Middle	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Field (Share with OVH)
School			
San Ysidro Middle	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion	11:30 a.m 1:00 p.m.	SYMS Filed
School			
CDC	Teacher Elia Ramirez	1:00 - 1:45 p.m.	Purple Room

### UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	WHO
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27th	All Schools Closed
Student Anthology Ceremony	Tuesday, May 28th 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Vista Del Mar Middle School	San Ysidro School District
Employee Recognition Ceremony	Wednesday, May 29th 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. San Ysidro Middle School	San Ysidro School District
Last Day of School for Students	Wednesday, June 5th	All Schools Closed

Source: <u>https://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/ts-communityschools.asp</u>



"A community school is a public school that serves prekindergarten through grade twelve and has community partnerships that support improved academic outcomes, whole-child engagement, and family development. Community school partnership strategies include integrated support services, extended learning time, and collaborative leadership and practices for educators and administrators.

Community schools can increase equitable student learning outcomes by addressing the conditions for teaching and learning. Community schools support the needs of the whole child by strengthening family and community foundations with approaches that sustain mental and behavioral health through healing-centered practices, social–emotional learning, and restorative justice.

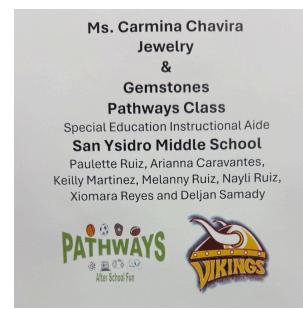
Community schools also ensure that students, families, and community members are embraced as full partners in every aspect of decision-making that affects the conditions for teaching and learning. Authentic power sharing and shared decision-making in all aspects of school governance is another cornerstone of community school implementation.

Community schools use this community-driven shared decision-making approach to increase access to nurses, counselors, and social workers. This creates campuses that are community hubs where students and families have easy access to the services needed to close opportunity gaps."

Our Coordinator of Pupil Services, Veronica Medina, and her team have been working on the grant application process. On Wednesday, May 8th, the California Department of Education approved the grant recipients, including our San Ysidro School District schools: Smythe Elementary School, Sunset Elementary School, Willow Elementary School, and San Ysidro Middle School.

#### SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL JEWELRY & GEMSTONES PATHWAYS CLASS

San Ysidro Middle School Pathways Lead & 8th grade Science/Study Skills Teacher Michelle Patterson has been showcasing the jewelry and gemstones projects that Ms. Carmina Chavira's Pathways class has been working on. The following photos are of the earrings, bracelets, and necklaces each student creatively designed and created. Thank you, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Chavira, and the SYMS Jewelry and Gemstones Pathways class for allowing the district office to showcase your projects.











#### SYSD SCHOOLS WEEKLY BULLETINS

Please click on the link to access the school's weekly bulletins: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sKiLpBSZmxIqnhLTJTE1eF6k2kP2Rb7I



Please click on the link to access our current district job openings: https://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?countyID=37&districtID=650