



San Ysidro

School District **EST - 1887**

QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina Potter, Ed.D.

Week of May 24, 2024



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARD: SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT DIEGO CAPERON

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Governing Board, Superintendent Potter, and Interim Principal Mairén Ruiz welcomed and recognized San Ysidro Middle School 8th grade student Diego Caperon for his participation in the Sweetwater School District Middle School Athletic League playing Flag Football and representing San Ysidro Middle School. A special thanks to his Coach George Aceves. Congratulations Diego!





We would like to express our sincere admiration and appreciation to student Diego Caperon, an exceptional 8th grader at San Ysidro Middle School. Diego embodies the spirit of perseverance, resilience, and boundless potential, and we are honored to have witnessed his remarkable journey.

Diego's achievements on the field of flag football representing San Ysidro Middle School in the Sweetwater School District Middle School Athletic League (MSAL) are nothing short of extraordinary. Diego has not only excelled but has dominated the field, representing the San Ysidro School District with unparalleled skill and determination. His tenacity and ingenuity shine brightly, inspiring all who have the privilege of watching him play.

More than just a talented athlete, Diego is a beacon of hope and inspiration within our community. His bright personality and unwavering determination have touched the hearts of everyone around him. Diego is deeply loved, admired, and cared for by our education community and neighboring school districts alike. He is a true south bay superhero, proving time and again that with dedication and perseverance, anything is possible.

The roar of the crowd echoes with excitement every time Diego takes the field, and rightfully so. His passion for the game and his indomitable spirit are truly awe-inspiring. Diego's accomplishments serve as a testament to his remarkable character and serve as a reminder to us all that adversity is no match for the power of the human spirit.

We want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Diego on his numerous achievements and commend him for his unwavering determination and remarkable accomplishments. He is a shining example of what can be achieved with hard work, dedication, and a positive attitude.

DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARD: SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Governing Board, Superintendent Potter, and Principal Laura English welcomed and recognized the District Superintendent's Student Council Representatives for their remarkable job on their student-focused projects this year.





DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARD: VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE ASB STUDENT OF THE YEAR

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Governing Board, Superintendent Potter, and Principal Irene Herrera Cevallos welcomed and recognized Vista Del Mar Middle School student Martin Orozco for being selected as his school's ASB Student of the Year. A special thanks to his remarkable teacher Jennifer Cuestas. Congratulations Martin!



DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARD: DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS STUDENT ART COMPETITION

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Governing Board, Superintendent Potter, and Principal Laura English welcomed and recognized students: 8th grader from San Ysidro Middle School Denali Sotelo, 7th grader from Vista Del Mar Middle School Zully Alvarez Laurent, and 5th grader from Ocean View Hills Elementary School Janissa Vidaurrazaga Castillo for winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the San Ysidro School District Mental Health Awareness Student Art Competition.

May 1st marked the beginning of Mental Health Awareness Month. Our schools participated in creative and educational activities on a weekly basis during this month and our staff wore their

shirts with the beautiful winning logo, designed by our talented San Ysidro Middle School 8th grader Denali Sotelo. Congratulations to all three winners for your beautiful and inspirational creations!

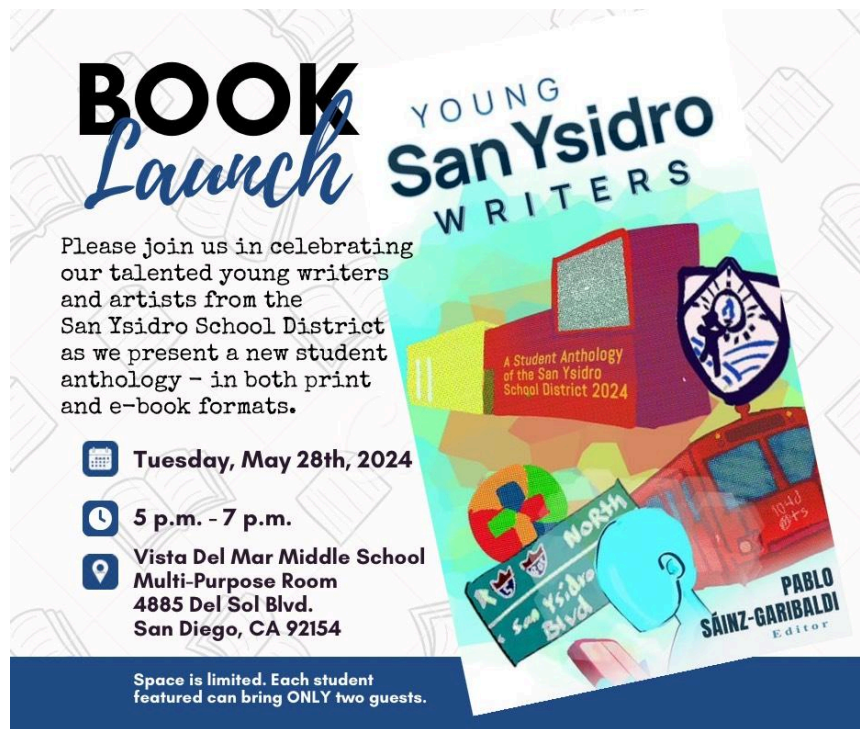


DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARD: STUDENT ANTHOLOGY COVER DESIGN

Another BIG win for student artist Denali Sotelo! On Thursday, May 23rd, the Governing Board, Superintendent Potter, and Principal Laura English welcomed and recognized Denali, an 8th grader from San Ysidro Middle School for designing our Student Anthology cover.

On Tuesday, May 28th, our district will host a ceremony launching our Student Anthology which features the incredible work of our talented young writers and artists from our San Ysidro School District in both print and e-book formats. Thank you to our district Translator Pablo-Sainz for being the editor of our Student Anthology. We can't wait to read this wonderful book!





DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARD: CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR 2024

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Governing Board, Superintendent Potter, and Principal Laura English welcomed and recognized our incredible Classified Employees of the Year: Jean Avila, Elizabeth Moreno, Sylvia Lugo, Rodrigo Amezcuita, Erika Aviles, Maria del Carmen Magana Zuniga, Yesenia Villasenor, Claudia Uribe, and Carolina Jaime in appreciation of their support and dedication to the students, staff, and community of the San Ysidro School District. A special shout out to Rodrigo Amezcuita for being selected as the District Classified Employee of the Year!





DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARD: TEACHERS OF THE YEAR 2025

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Governing Board, Superintendent Potter, and Principal Laura English welcomed and recognized our amazing Teachers of the Year 2025: Catherine Bishop, Consuelo Carranza, Norma Sedano, Maria Kaai, Ann Ordaz, David Alkass, Nikole Scarlett, Nancy Serrano, and Mark Kircher in appreciation of their support, dedication to the students, staff, and community of the San Ysidro School District. A special shout out to Consuelo Carranza for being the District Certificated Employee of the Year!



DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARD: LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF RECOGNITIONS

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Governing Board, Superintendent Potter, and Principal Laura English welcomed and recognized La Mirada Elementary School's fantastic Campus Aides: Karina Aguilar, Yoldan Aguilar, Maria Michel, and Jean Avila for their outstanding service in the community of La Mirada Elementary School in the area of school and student safety. La Mirada Elementary School's Campus Security, Samantha Arellano, was also recognized for her outstanding service in the community of La Mirada Elementary School in the area of school and student safety.



DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARD: LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF RECOGNITIONS

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Governing Board, Superintendent Potter, and Principal Laura English welcomed and recognized La Mirada Elementary School's wonderful Site Substitute, Sara Applegate for her outstanding service in the community of La Mirada Elementary School, demonstrating unwavering support for our staff with personalized attention.



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On Thursday, May 23rd, the Governing Board, Superintendent Potter, and Principal Laura English welcomed and recognized La Mirada Elementary School's fantastic Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Team: Adriana Garcia, Jedzida Herron, Catherine Bishop, Jennifer Srisouraj, and Rayna Leonor for their outstanding service in the community of La Mirada Elementary School in the area of safety, climate, and student engagement and social emotional skills.



DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION AWARD: LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Governing Board, Superintendent Potter, and Principal Laura English welcomed and recognized La Mirada Elementary School's awesome Student Council for their outstanding service to the community of La Mirada Elementary School in the area of safety, climate, and student engagement.



NEW PRINCIPAL AT SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL: MAIREN RUIZ

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Governing Board approved Mairen Ruiz as our new San Ysidro Middle School Principal. On behalf of the district we warmly congratulate Mairen Ruiz who has been serving as Acting Principal of San Ysidro Middle School since November 2023.

Mairen Ruiz has a Masters of Arts in School Counseling from Brandman University and an Administrative Services Credential from the San Diego County Office of Education. She has vast experience in education with a career starting in 2004, including over 3 years of experience directing non-public schools with a focus on Special Education, where she developed Multi-Tiered System of Supports for the schools. She has also participated as a member of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) visiting committee. And one year as Assistant Principal at San Ysidro Middle School. Congratulations Mairen!





VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL'S BOY VOLLEYBALL TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

A BIG win for Vista Del Mar Middle School's Boy Volleyball Team! Our students went 3-2, they were first place seed in the tournament and defeated Nestor Language Academy Charter School in the finals in 3rd set, 19-17 winning the Pacific League Standings Championship 2024.

Congratulations to our players: Aaron De La Pena, Damian Barnes, Isaiah Eo, Jaeden Blossom, Jaeden Opara, Mezac Enriquez, Nathaniel Van Tine, and Tristan Rose for this fantastic achievement, we are so proud of you! A special thank you to Coach Abarca for his leadership and dedication to our Vista Del Mar Middle School's Boy Volleyball Team.



PARENT INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION (PIQE): Sunset Elementary School - Parent Graduation

On Tuesday, March 22nd, SYSD parents graduated after completing their Parent Institute For Quality Education (PIQE) courses! Board Vice President Zenaida Rosario, along with other honored guests, was the guest speaker at the event. Thank you to PIQE and Principal Efrain Burciaga for facilitating this graduation ceremony.

The following are our parent PIQE graduates: Nadya Alfaro, Maria De Los Angeles Beltran, Isis Bravo, Perla Chaparro, Guadalupe Garcia de Andujo, Jackeline Gutierrez, Rosse Hernandez, MaryAnn Martinez, Marisol Medrano Vaquero, Nubia Nallely Moreno Gastelum, Ana Osuna, Alejandra Ramirez, Mercedes Ramirez, Gricelda Rodriguez, Sara Velazquez, Melissa Yrissont, Margarita Zambrano, Gloria Vanessa Barajas, and Alicia Muñoz. Congratulations to all of you for reaching this valuable milestone!



7TH GRADE INTERNSHIP DAY AT LAS AMERICAS PREMIUM OUTLETS

This week, San Ysidro Middle School 7th graders participated in a “hands-on” internship day at Las Americas Premium Outlets. Students received first-hand experience on business functions and day-to-day operations. They learned about the positions and personnel required to effectively run a mall, how to connect skills that are learned in class to those needed in the workforce, and to think about future plans and careers after high school. Students also learned about the significance of going to college and how this impacts their job outlook in their adult life. We would like to thank the San Ysidro Education Collaborative, Las Americas Premium Outlets, Gaby Millan from the Winward Academy, San Ysidro Middle School Acting Principal Mairén Ruiz and her staff, and all of the volunteers who helped make this day successful.







CLASSIFIED AND CONFIDENTIAL COLLEAGUE APPRECIATION WEEK

As Classified and Confidential Staff Week unfolds, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for the incredible work you do day in and day out. Your dedication, professionalism, and tireless efforts are the backbone of our school district.

Whether it's ensuring the smooth operation of our facilities, administrative work, or providing invaluable support behind the scenes, your contributions make a significant difference in the lives of everyone here.

This week, we celebrate YOU - your hard work, your commitment, and your invaluable role within our team. Your efforts are deeply appreciated and integral to our success.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and for everything you do to keep our school district running smoothly. Your efforts truly make a difference, and we are grateful for each and every one of you.

Happy Classified and Confidential Staff Week!

Querido Personal Auxiliar/Clasificado y Personal Confidencial,

Durante esta semana en honor a nuestro personal auxiliar y confidencial, queremos expresarles nuestro más sincero agradecimiento por la increíble labor que realizan día a día. Su dedicación, su profesionalismo, su constante esfuerzo, son la base y los cimientos de nuestro distrito escolar.

Desde asegurar la operación efectiva de nuestras instalaciones, realizar tareas administrativas, o proveer apoyo en cada evento escolar, sus contribuciones hacen una gran diferencia en la vida de toda nuestra comunidad estudiantil.

Esta semana los festejamos a USTEDES - por su gran trabajo y su rol invaluable como parte de nuestro equipo. Sus esfuerzos son profundamente agradecidos, pues forman parte integral de nuestro éxito como distrito escolar.

¡Feliz Dia del Personal Auxiliar/Clasificado y Personal Confidencial!







PRESCHOOL PROGRAM OFFERS EMPLOYEE SELF-CARE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

The Preschool Program offered a special “Self Care Workshop for Parents” on May 21st, presented by social worker Stephanie Wooden and resource teacher Lenika Flores. Participants learned about stress and how it affects their mental health. They learned about mindfulness, relaxation strategies, and how to reduce stress to improve personal wellbeing. Participants received coloring books, facial masks, and journals.





CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

As we increase our efforts to prepare fresh meals for our students, one of our Child Nutrition Services Coordinator's menus was recently recognized and published in a popular national trade publication called *Carroll Services*. See below for snippets. Way to go SYSD!

Creative and Trending Recipes

Try serving these new recipes to add more variety to your menus:

Tuna Ceviche [Read here](#)

Spicy Tuna Roll [Read here](#)

Carrot Cake Overnight Oats [Read here](#)

Nut Butter Toasts [Read here](#)

Blueberry Sunshine Smoothie [Read here](#)

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RECIPES: ETHNIC - MEXICAN - TUNA CEVICHE

Recipe Categories:

> Desserts

> Grains

> Ethnic

> Protein

> Fruits/Vegetables

> Extras

> Top 5 Recipes

Teriyaki Rice Bowls
[Rice](#), [Asian](#), [Poultry/Turkey](#), [Vegetables](#)

Chicken Philly Sandwich
[Chicken](#), [Poultry/Turkey](#)


Sloppy Jose & Pasta
[Pasta](#), [Beef](#), [Chicken](#)

Jeff's Award Winning Texas Tortilla Soup
[Mexican](#), [Chicken](#), [Poultry/Turkey](#), [Soups](#), [USA Regional](#)

Not Fried Rice
[Rice](#), [Asian](#), [Eggs](#), [Pork](#), [Vegetables](#)

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> Ingredients

Tuna, drained : 1 66-oz. can

Pico de gallo : 8 pounds

> Method

1. Lightly combine tuna and pico de gallo.
2. Chill the mixture for at least one hour to allow flavors to blend.

> Yield

25 #6 servings

> Meal Pattern

2 MMA, 1/2 cup Other Vegetable

TEACHERS INDUCTION COLLOQUIUM

On Wednesday, May 22 the new teachers induction colloquium was held at San Ysidro Middle School. The teacher candidates are currently working to clear their credentials and they have done a wonderful job on their inquiry projects with the support of their mentors. It was wonderful to celebrate their accomplishments.

Congratulations to the new teachers! Thank you, teacher mentors, and San Ysidro Middle School Lead Teacher Marsha Monet.





16TH ANNUAL SOUTH COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ART SHOW AND AWARDS

On May 23rd, several SYSD staff and families attended the 16th Annual South County SELPA Art Show and Awards Celebration. Our wonderful Cinthia Núñez, from La Mirada school was presented an award by Oscar Madera, Director of Special Education. Student art was featured and it was a beautiful celebration. The theme was “Out of this Galaxy” and it truly was. Congratulations to Cinthia Núñez and students!





SYSD SCHOOLS WEEKLY BULLETINS

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

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

JUNE PROMOTION CEREMONY MASTER SCHEDULE 2024

Below is the June Promotion Master Schedule 2024.

Monday, June 3, 2024:

Sunset Preschool	Teacher Carmen Romero	8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Sunset Rm. 34
CDC	Teacher Johanna Serrano	8:40 - 9:30 a.m.	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 th 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 (Teacher Hernandez, Teacher Rubalcava, Teacher Ponce)	9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	Auditorium
Willow	6 th 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 (Teacher Karpel, Teacher Herrera)	10:00 - 10:45 a.m.	Auditorium
CDC	Teacher Nancy Serrano	10:30 - 11:15 a.m.	Yellow Room
Ocean View Hills Preschool	Teacher Cindy Kawanishi	10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	OVH Rm. 48
Ocean View Hills Preschool	Teacher Lirio Ruffo	10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	OVH Rm. 14
Ocean View Hills	Kinder Promotion (Teacher Wright, Teacher Garcia)	11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Auditorium
Ocean View Hills Preschool	Teacher Alexandra Nunez	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	OVH Rm. 49
Ocean View Hills Preschool	Teacher Yahilyn Segura	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	OVH Rm. 49

Wednesday, June 5, 2024:

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

Thursday, June 6, 2024:

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

UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	SCHOOL YEAR	DATE
Last Day of School for Students	2023-2024	Wednesday, June 5
School Offices Open	2023-2024	Until Friday, June 21
School Offices Closed	Summer 2023	Monday, June 24 - Friday, July 5
School Offices Reopen	2024-2025	Monday, July 8
District Office Closed	Summer 2024	Monday, June 24 - Friday, July 5
District Office Open	2024-2025	Monday, July 8
First Day of School for Students	2024-2025	Monday, July 29

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>