



District Highlights

May 28, 2021



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Our district is so very proud of our students for their resilience and hard work during this difficult pandemic school year. Thank you families, staff and community members for working **TOGETHER** to ensure the safety and well being of our students. This school year is rapidly coming to a close for our students as their last day of school is Thursday, June 10th.

PROMOTION CEREMONIES

Our schools are working hard to provide joyous promotion ceremonies for our preschool, kindergarten, 6th grade and 8th grade students. The preschool and kindergarten ceremonies will be held as car parades, so parents/guardians you may want to decorate your cars for your child's big promotion day. Most of the 6th grade ceremonies will primarily be held in person at your child's school.

The 8th grade promotion ceremonies will be held in person at San Ysidro High School: Vista Del Mar Middle will be held on Thursday, June 10th at 9am; and San Ysidro Middle School will be held on Friday, June 11th at 9am. Please arrive early to ensure parking and time to walk to the football stadium for seating.

REGISTRATION FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

Please register your child for next school year as soon as possible as our schools are filling up quickly. Click [HERE](#) to register online.

2021-22 SCHOOL CALENDARS

As you begin to make summer plans here is the link to the student calendar for the new school year: [2021-22 Student Calendar](#).

Also, here is a link to the staff calendars for next year: [2021-22 Staff Calendars](#).

2021-2022 VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY ORIENTATION AND CONTRACT REQUIRED

While the vast majority of our students districtwide will return to full in person school when the new school year begins on July 26th, 2021, there are some families that are choosing to keep their child in the Virtual Learning Academy. **The Virtual Learning Academy will require families and students to view the online Virtual Learning Academy Orientation (available to view beginning on Friday, June 4th) and to complete and submit the Virtual Learning Academy Contract by Tuesday, June 8th.** The Virtual Learning Academy Contract serves as a commitment by the parent/guardian and student for successful attendance, engagement and academic progress. Additionally, the Contract delineates expectations that the student will keep their video camera on during all instructional lessons, complete assignments, actively engage in the learning process, take certain assessments in person at a school location, and more.

Important note: the district strongly encourages families to consider placing their child in the full in person learning program next school year as the research indicates that most students learn best at school. Students who participate next year in the Virtual Learning Academy will be required to maintain positive attendance, engagement and academic proficiency. Students who struggle within the Virtual Learning Academy may be placed by the district in the full in person instructional program at the end of an elementary school trimester or middle school semester period to ensure their academic success.

VIRTUAL 2020-2021 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

On Wednesday, May 26th we celebrated and recognized our distinguished employees for the 2020-21 school year which included Teacher of the Year, Classified Employee of the Year, Years of Service and Retirees. **CONGRATULATIONS** to all of the employees recognized at this event. Through their efforts and dedication and those of our entire district staff we were able to provide our students with the best education possible during this difficult and challenging year. We were also able to provide support in the way of Chromebooks, internet accessibility and basic needs such as food, shelter and mental and emotional support services. A “heart-felt” thank you to all our district team! This year’s event was held virtually due to the COVID restrictions. Here is the link to view the event: [Virtual Employee Recognition Ceremony 2020-21.](#)

2022 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR	2021 CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR
<p>Sandra Ferguson – CDC / Preschool Carolina Hernandez – District Office Judith Crespo – La Mirada Sylvia Mayer – Ocean View Hills School Josefina Villegas – Smythe Shirley Kinney – Sunset Eriberto Garcia – San Ysidro Middle School Elizabeth Gomez- Willow</p> <p>Jaime Abarca – TEACHER OF THE YEAR DISTRICTWIDE - Vista Del Mar Middle School</p>	<p>Begonia Hidalgo, Instructional Aide – CDC/Preschool Araceli Felix, Buyer – District Office Elizabeth Moreno, School Administrative Assistant – Ocean View Hills School Karla Ramirez Instructional Aide, SPED – Smythe Silvia Mendoza, Administrative Clerk I – Sunset Karla Montanez Meza, Instructional Aide SPED – Sunset Erika Aviles, Administrative Clerk I – Willow Arturo Preciado, Campus Security – San Ysidro Middle School Nirvana Bustos, Outreach Consultant – Vista Del Mar Middle</p> <p>Adriana Garcia, Outreach Consultant – 2021 CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR DISTRICTWIDE – La Mirada</p>

YEARS OF SERVICE	
10 YEARS OF SERVICE	15 YEARS OF SERVICE
<p>Certificated Cuestas, Jennifer Ferguson, Sandra Gacuya, Alexander Molina, Juan Preston, Nicole</p> <p>Classified Beltran, Luis Charles, Yesenia Cruz, Maria D'Oleire, Cristina Del Real, Ana Diaz, Yadira P. Dircio, Elvira Garcia, Jesus L. Gomez Robles, Yalile Gonzalez, Marisela Guerrero, Gloria Hernandez, Leah Lara-Anaya, Francisco Lopez, Patricia Lugo, Sylvia</p>	<p>Certificated Cali, Maricela Castillo, Blanca Dickes, Ryan Gonzalez, Valerie Huerta, Brenda Meza, Erika Murillo, Martha Sedano, Norma Simpson, Gabriela Topete, Anjelica</p> <p>Classified Garcia, Olivia Gomez, Eugenia Gomez, Maria Guerrero, Magda Hoyos, Gabriela Mejia, Maria Del Carmen Melendez, Susana Olszewski, Yolanda Sanchez, Aurora</p>

<p>Osuna, Ana Perez, Antonia Sanchez, Martin O. Urrea, Domitila</p>	
<p>15 YEARS OF SERVICE</p>	<p>20 YEARS OF SERVICE</p>
<p>Certificated Cali, Maricela Castillo, Blanca Dickes, Ryan Gonzalez, Valerie Huerta, Brenda Meza, Erika Murillo, Martha Sedano, Norma Simpson, Gabriela Topete, Anjelica</p> <p>Classified Garcia, Olivia Gomez, Eugenia Gomez, Maria Guerrero, Magda Hoyos, Gabriela Mejia, Maria Del Carmen Melendez, Susana Olszewski, Yolanda Sanchez, Aurora</p>	<p>Certificated Bisaga, Katie Carranza, Consuelo Cruz, Diane De Leon, Katina Franco-Lopez, Bertha Garcia, Eriberto Garcia, Joel Gillchrest, Anita Macias-Santos, Nora Partida, Leonor Puga, Carmen Viramontes-Castorena, Vikki Vitug, Erica</p> <p>Classified Anaya, Susana Aranda, Julio Castro, Maria Del Rosario Cueva, Leticia Gallardo, Guadalupe Martinez, Martha Romero, Noemi Vargas, Alejandro</p>
<p>25 YEARS OF SERVICE</p>	<p>35 YEARS OF SERVICE</p>
<p>Certificated Bojorquez, Manuel Castro, Veronica Guanco, Evelyn Lemos, Leticia Lopez, Xochitl Marking, Clarissa Montes, Gilbert Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Rubio, Jake Sanchez, Martha Scarlett, Nikole Sherman, Gregory Sortdesanz, Patricia Villanueva, Emilia</p>	<p>Certificated Kinney, Shirley</p>

Classified Chavez, Daniel Islas, Shirley Vega, Lorena Vergara, Rosa	
RETIRES Garcia, Leonor J. – 21 Years Guanco, Evelyn – 25 Years Manley, Patricia – 18 Years	

**CASA FAMILIAR ABRAZO 5K 1ST ANNUAL RUN/WALK AND CEREMONY:
MOVIMIENTO POR JUSTICIA**

On Saturday, May 22nd, an enthusiastic crowd of runners and supporters were on hand to participate in the first annual event to cheer on the award winners recognized for their contributions to the San Ysidro Community. Lisa Cuestas, Chief Executive Officer of Casa Familiar, kicked off the event by presenting the awards to the deserving honorees. Other attendees included Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, SYSD Governing Board Member Humberto Gurmilan and members of the San Ysidro Women’s Club. Thank you to all the award winners for the many selfless contributions to San Ysidro!

Congratulations to the Dolores Adame Community Involvement Recipient Awardee:

- *Omar Calleros, San Ysidro School District, Coordinator of Community Schools and Expanding Learning Program*

Congratulations to all of the Abrazo Awardees:

- Nathan Fletcher, Chairman, San Diego County Board of Supervisors
- Nora Vargas, Vice Chair, San Diego County Board of Supervisors
- Silvana Alaniz, San Ysidro Business Owner of El Rincon Restaurant

Please click on the link to watch the May 22, 2021 Casa Familiar Abrazo 5K event and ceremony: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sn_03ITQZ1s

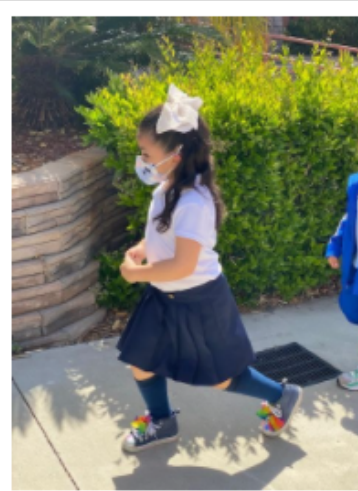
Photos of the 5K 1st Annual Run/Walk & Awards Ceremony





OCEAN VIEW HILLS SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL VISIT

What a treat it was for Superintendent Dr. Potter and Asst. Superintendent Dr. Farkas to visit Ocean View Hills School and Preschool on May 25th to observe their Hybrid Learning Program in action for our students! Overall, it was a wonderful school visit. A special thank you to Principal Consuelo Carranza, Assistant Principal Erika Meza and Director Lorena Varela-Reed for walking us to the classes. Our district extends our gratitude to the Ocean View Hills team for their incredibly hard work to safely open their school for students to attend in person!

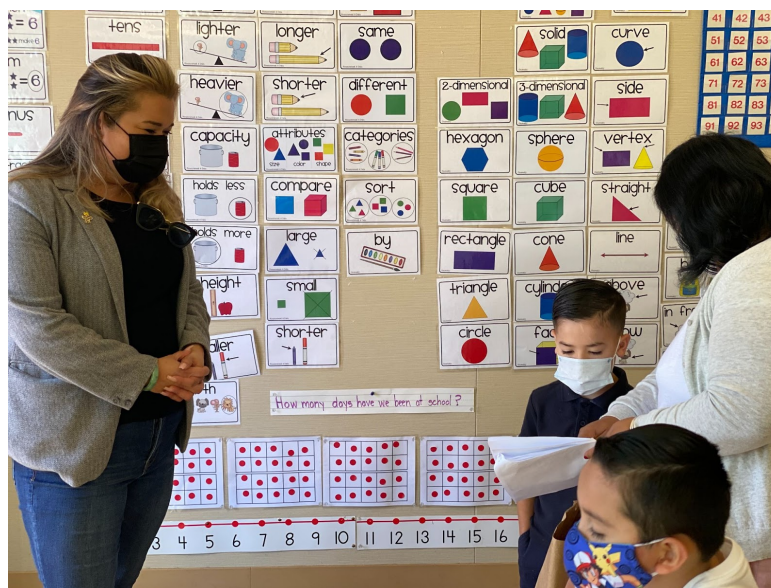


WILLOW SCHOOL VISIT

On Thursday, May 27th, Councilmember Vivian Moreno toured Willow Elementary School. Joining her were Governing Board Vice President, Rudy Lopez, Superintendent, Dr. Gina Potter, Principal, Manuel Bojorquez and Executive Director of Educational Services, Cynthia Gonzalez. Councilmember Moreno is working to provide assistance necessary to our Willow families and the San Ysidro community. A special thank you to all our Willow teachers and staff for the great hospitality during Councilmember Moreno's visit!

Please click on the link to access the Willow one page document information sheet:

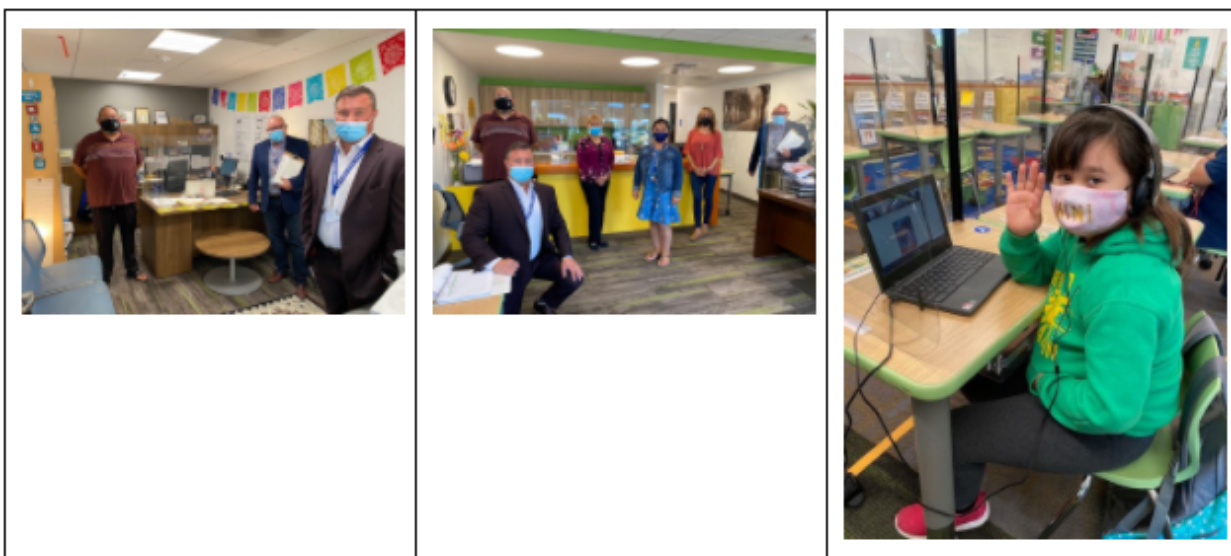
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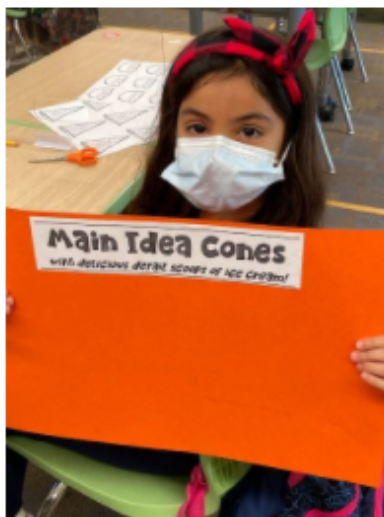
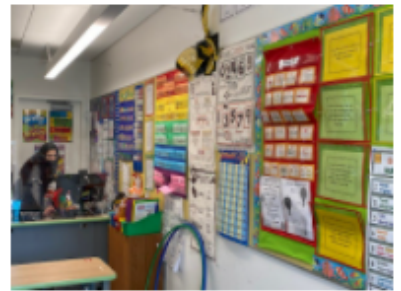
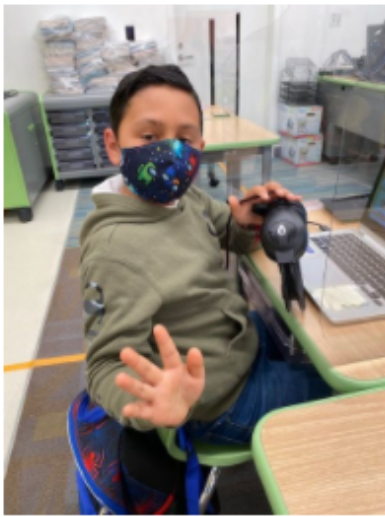
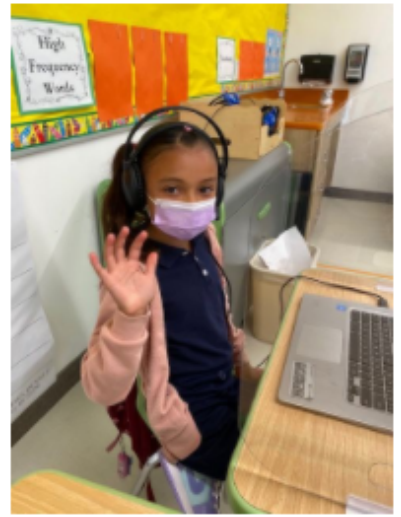




SMYTHE SCHOOL VISIT BY BOARD VICE PRESIDENT RUDY LOPEZ

On Friday, May 28th, Board Vice President Rudy Lopez, Superintendent Dr. Potter, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Farkas visited Smythe School to observe their Hybrid Learning Program in action for our students! Overall, it was a wonderful school visit. A special thank you to Principal Russell Little for guiding us through classrooms. Our district extends our gratitude to the Smythe team for their incredibly hard work to safely open their school for students to attend in person!





EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, PUPIL SERVICES AND SAFETY

SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT VACCINATION EVENTS

The district is planning summer vaccination events for our students ages 12 and up. First and second doses are available at no cost. Appointments are recommended, but not necessary. To schedule an appointment visit Coronavirus-SD.com or call 2-1-1. All minors must have consent from parents or guardians to receive the vaccine either in person or with a pre-filled and signed [consent form](#). The events will take place at the dates and locations shown on the table below.

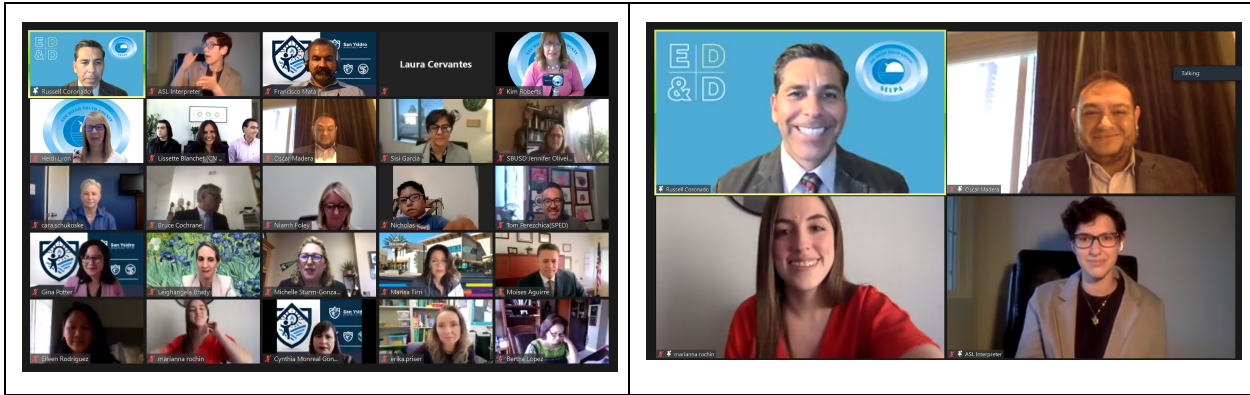
District Vaccination Events

Day/Date	Address/Location	Time
Wednesday, June 2nd	<p style="text-align: center;">San Ysidro Middle School</p> <p>4345 Otay Mesa Road San Ysidro, CA 92173 Multipurpose Room</p>	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 23rd	<p style="text-align: center;">San Ysidro Middle School</p> <p>4345 Otay Mesa Road San Ysidro, CA 92173 Multipurpose Room</p>	9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 14th	<p style="text-align: center;">Vista Del Mar Middle School</p> <p>4885 Del Sol Blvd San Diego, CA 92154 Multipurpose Room</p>	9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 7th	<p style="text-align: center;">Vista Del Mar Middle School</p> <p>4885 Del Sol Blvd San Diego, CA 92154 Multipurpose Room</p>	9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

SOUTH COUNTY SELPA THIRTEENTH ANNUAL ART AND AWARDS RECOGNITION EVENT RECOGNIZES SYSD TEACHER MARIANNA ROCHIN

On Thursday, May 27th, South County SELPA held their Thirteenth Annual Art & Awards Recognition. Every year each district's special education department recognizes a staff member to honor their dedication to students. Director of Special Education Oscar Madera formally introduced this year's awardee. Congratulations to Ms. Marianna Rochin, Special Education Teacher Moderate/Severe, for winning this year's South County SELPA Award within our school district! On behalf of our district, we recognize you as an outstanding special educator and we extend to you our sincere gratitude for the remarkable work you do for our students.



BUSINESS SERVICES

IMPORTANT: FREE CHILDREN'S MEAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL JUNE 7th – JUNE 10th

MONDAY, JUNE 7

Willow Elementary

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (or until meals run out)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

La Mirada Elementary

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (or until meals run out)

Free breakfast & lunch will be distributed for ALL CHILDREN 1 to 18 years old. Meals for each child will include breakfast and lunch for multiple days. *Students are NOT required to be present to pick up their meals.* Meals will be served in a "Grab and Go" style.

FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY, PLEASE WEAR A FACE COVERING WHEN PICKING UP YOUR MEALS

(This will be the last free meal distribution for children for the school year)

**IMPORTANTE: PROGRAMA DE COMIDAS GRATIS PARA NIÑOS
HORARIO PARA LA ÚLTIMA SEMANA DE CLASES, 7 DE JUNIO AL 10 DE JUNIO**

lunes, 7 de junio

Willow Elementary 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (o hasta que se acabe la comida)

miércoles, 9 de junio

La Mirada Elementary 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (o hasta que se acabe la comida)

El desayuno y almuerzo gratis se distribuirán a TODOS LOS NIÑOS de 1 a 18. Las comidas para cada niño incluirán desayuno y almuerzo por varios días. *No se requiere que el estudiante esté presente para recoger sus comidas.* Las comidas se servirán al estilo “Grab and Go”, donde la persona recoge los alimentos y se retira.

PARA LA SEGURIDAD DE TODOS, POR FAVOR USE UN CUBREBOCAS AL RECOGER SUS COMIDAS

(Esta será la última distribución de comida gratuita para niños durante el año escolar)

BOARD PRESENTATION: SECOND REVIEW: DRAFT FACILITIES MASTER PLAN AND FIRST DRAFT: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - PRESENTED BY WLC ARCHITECTS, INC. PRESIDENT JIM DICAMILLO

On Tuesday, May 25, 2021, WLC Architects, Inc. President Jim DiCamillo presented the second review draft facilities master plan to the Governing Board. Mr. DiCamillo also presented the first draft implementation plan and the Governing Board had an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions. The final draft of the LRMFP will be brought to the Board as an action item on June 24, 2021.

BOARD PRESENTATION: PROPOSED UPDATED DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN (JULY 2021 - JUNE 2024) BY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY TODD LEWIS

On Tuesday, May 25, 2021, Director of Education Technology Todd Lewis presented the proposed updated Technology Plan from July 2021 to June 2024. The presentation covered technology goals, Chromebooks/Laptops, classroom equipment, library, office hardware, network infrastructure, phone systems and more.

LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN - DISTRICT BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LCAP-DBAC) MEETING #3

On Thursday, May 27, 2021, the district held an LCAP-DBAC meeting #3. The following agenda topics were covered:

1. Second Interim Report
2. May Revise Update
3. LCAP Update

NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

FAMILIES IN MOTION

Deputy District Attorney General Marissa Bejarano shared the flyer regarding their “Families in Motion” for the next series of workshops for Parents & Teens. This series has been very highly recommended.



The flyer features a large yellow circle with the text "Families in Motion" inside. Below it are two circular photos: one of a woman hugging a young girl, and another of a man and woman talking to a young girl at a table. The text "Click [HERE](#) to Register Today!" is prominently displayed.

Families in Motion is a collaborative program designed to help educate teens and their parents on issues confronting teenagers today.

- Five-week *virtual* program, Tuesday evenings, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Parents and students participate virtually via Zoom.
- Topics to be covered include navigating COVID-19 stressors, the dangers of social media and human trafficking, drugs, and gangs.
- Additional community resources are offered to families participating in the program such as food, clothing, housing, and counseling.
- At the conclusion of the program, both teens and parents receive a certificate of participation, and students may also receive community service credit.

Communication Skills
Healthy Relationships **Decision Making**
Sessions begin Aug. 10th

For more information or for help registering, please contact:
Community Partnership Prosecutors
Marissa Bejarano at Marissa.Bejarano@sdcca.org or
Cheryl Sueing-Jones at Cheryl.Sueing-jones@sdcca.org



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Families in Motion es un programa de colaboración diseñado para ayudar a educar a los adolescentes y a sus padres sobre los problemas que enfrentan los adolescentes en la actualidad.

- Programa virtual de cinco semanas, martes por la noche, de 5:30 a 7:30 p.m.
- Los padres y los alumnos participan virtualmente a través de la plataforma Zoom.
- Los temas que se cubrirán incluyen: cómo sobrellevar la situación del COVID19, los peligros de las redes sociales y la prevención de la trata de personas, drogas y pandillas.
- Se ofrecen recursos comunitarios adicionales a las familias que participan en el programa, es decir, apoyo con alimentos, ropa, vivienda y asesoramiento.
- Al finalizar el programa, tanto los adolescentes como los padres de familia reciben un certificado de participación, y, posiblemente el alumno reciba crédito de servicio comunitario.

Habilidades de comunicación
Relaciones personales sanas **Toma de decisiones**
Comenzando el 10 de Agosto de 2021

Para mayores informes o para inscribirse, favor de comunicarse con:
Fiscal Auxiliar para Atención a la Comunidad
Marissa Bejarano: Marissa.Bejarano@sdcca.org



Please click on the link to register:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfstBqwj6ZiwlRan2Mwelb7q0rFL6dAcDL4Vltnyyp24kVKHg/viewform>

MEDIA UPDATE

- **NBC7 News:** South Bay Leading the Way in COVID Vaccinations (Dated 5-24-21)

<https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/coronavirus/south-bay-leading-the-way-in-covid-vaccinations/2613430/>

COVID COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Free COVID-19 Testing Information

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/testing.html

Información sobre prueba gratis para COVID-19

COVID-19 Vaccination Information & Appointment Websites

Websites:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/vaccines/COVID-19-VaxEvents.html

<https://sdcounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Nearby/index.html?appid=7369c2080ccf447ab91610ae69d84c43&distance=10&find=103%2520Campus%2520View%252C%2520San%2520Marcos%252C%252092078>

Vaccinate All 58

Website:

- **English** <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>

- **Spanish** <https://covid19.ca.gov/es/vaccines/>

Guidance for when you've been fully vaccinated

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

FREE MTS AND NCTD RIDE TO VACCINATION APPOINTMENT

MTS & NCTD are offering free rides for everyone in the region who needs a lift to their vaccine appointment. Ride any bus, trolley, SPRINTER or COASTER for FREE with proof of vaccine appointment.

MTS has created a [transit trip planner](#) with vaccine sites to help residents get to

their appointments.

For more information, visit the [MTS webpage](#).

**County of San Diego: COVID-19
Emergency Assistance Rental**

***Program/Condado de San Diego:
Programa de Asistencia de Renta de
Emergencia 2021***

Website:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/sdhcd/community-development/COVID-19-Emergency-Rental-Assistance-Program.html#:~:text=The%20County's%202021%20Emergency%20Rental,by%20the%20COVID%2D19%20pandemic.&text=Residents%20of%20the%20cite%20of,rental%20assistance%20in%20their%20area>

English:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/sdhcd/new-docs/Flyer-ERAP-2021-English.pdf>

Spanish Flyer:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/sdhcd/new-docs/Flyer-ERAP-2021-Spanish.pdf>

**County of San Diego: Temporary
Lodging Program**

***Condado de San Diego: Programa de
Alojamiento Temporal***

English and Spanish Flyer:

[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/2020.09.29_FINAL%20\(Updated\)-Temporary%20Lodging%20Flyer.pdf](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/2020.09.29_FINAL%20(Updated)-Temporary%20Lodging%20Flyer.pdf)

**San Diego Hunger Coalition: Food
Assistance Resources - Fall 2020**

English Flyer:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/55130907e4b018f9300f3e63/t/5fc82919d32d012678ef291e/160695324316/General+food+assistance+Winter+2020+English.pdf>

***Recursos de asistencia alimentaria -
otoño 2020***

Spanish Flyer:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/55130907e4b018f9300f3e63/t/5fc82919d32d012678ef291e/1606953243601/General+food+assistance+Winter+2020+Español.pdf>

Child Abuse Hotline

Línea Directa Para la Prevención de Abuso Infantil

For more information, or to report suspected child abuse, call 858-560-2191.

Within the State of California you may call toll free 1(800) 344-6000.

Please click on the link to access the County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency Child Abuse Hotline

website: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hsa/programs/cs/child_welfare_services/child_abuse_hotline.html

Suicide Hotline

Línea Directa Para la Prevención del Suicidio

“The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.” The phone number is 1(800) 273-8255.

Please click on the link to access the website: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

Asistencia funeraria COVID-19 de FEMA

<https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>

Enrollment in Healthcare Coverage (Medicaid or CHIP) through May 15

Inscripción en la cobertura de atención médica (Medicaid o CHIP) hasta el 15 de mayo

<https://www.healthcare.gov/>