



# San Ysidro

## School District

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QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

### District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina Potter, Ed.D.

Week of May 3, 2024



### SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

### SYSD HONORS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

May 1st marks the beginning of Mental Health Awareness Month. Our schools will participate in creative and educational activities on a weekly basis during this month and our staff will be wearing their shirts with the beautiful winning logo, designed by our talented San Ysidro Middle School 8th grader Denali Sotelo.















### **AUTISM SUPERHEROES WALK AT OCEAN VIEW HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Because we all have superpowers, our Ocean View Hills Elementary School special education team organized an “Autism Awareness Day” walk and celebration this week. Our students wore their favorite superhero shirts or costumes to make this day extra fun and in the spirit of Autism Awareness Day. Our San Ysidro School District proudly celebrates the beauty in the diverse spectrum of the human mind. Thank you to our wonderful OVH Special Education team and our Ocean View Hills staff for making this day a memorable one. Our deepest gratitude to our



Ocean View Hills Elementary School Principal Erika Meza, for her unwavering support and commitment to our special education students. A special thank you to teacher Carina Ponce and all of our dedicated volunteer parents who helped during this celebration.























## **SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT CELEBRATES THE DAY OF THE CHILD - “EL DIA DEL NIÑO”**

On Tuesday, April 30th, our schools enthusiastically celebrated the day of the child. At Smythe Elementary School, our students got to enjoy an obstacle course, bubbles, and delicious snacks, while our students at La Mirada Elementary School enjoyed popsicles, music, and so many other activities in celebration of “El día del niño” or the day of the child. Thank you to our school principals and staff for making this day extra special for our children.











### **SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM MAKES IT TO THE 2024 MSAL 2024 PACIFIC LEAGUE SEMIFINALS**

Our San Ysidro Middle School Girls Volleyball Team made it to the 2024 MSAL Pacific League Semifinals! We are so proud of your hard work and dedication in building a strong team. Your perseverance paved the way for this accomplishment. Keep up the hard work, our district and entire education community proudly supports you!







### **SYSD TEACHER CONSUELO CARRANZA HONORED AT SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION ANNUAL SALUTE TO TEACHERS EVENT**

Our San Ysidro School District is celebrating a major accomplishment for Ocean View Hills Elementary School Teacher Consuelo Carranza! Consuelo was honored as one of San Diego County's 51 school district teachers of the year at the 34<sup>th</sup> annual "Cox Presents: Salute to Teachers" event.

Most of the school district winners will now go on to compete for one of five spots as San Diego County Teachers of the Year. Those honorees are expected to be announced by June 15th.





*Cox Communications will produce a 30-minute “Cox Presents: Salute to Teachers” television special to recognize local teachers, spotlight the teachers of the year, and share highlights from the reception. The show will debut on Cox’s YurView network (Channel 4 on Cox and Spectrum) in September.*

**View video from the event here:**

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### **THE SAN YSIDRO CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND PRESCHOOLS RATED IN THE TOP TWO HIGHEST TIERS FOR QUALITY EARLY EDUCATION**

We have exciting news from the San Ysidro Child Development Center and Preschools! We would like to congratulate them for being rated in the top two highest tiers for quality early education. The CDC = Tier 5. Sunset Preschool = Tier 5. Ocean View Hills Preschool = Tier 4.

The Quality Preschool Initiative (QPI) is a local quality rating and improvement system (QRIS) funded by First 5 San Diego. QPI measures the quality of participating preschool programs based on 3 defined core categories of quality criteria: (1) child development and school readiness, (2) teaching and teachers, and (3) program and environment - administration and leadership.

Early Education Programs are formally rated every 5 years. We are so proud of our Preschool Staff for this fantastic and notable accomplishment!









## CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES SUPERHERO DAY

School Lunch Hero Day is here! This is the week that we honor our Child Nutrition Services Superheros for their invaluable dedication, hard work, and the care that they show our students when providing their meals. We would like to thank them for their continued support and commitment to proper nutrition and our education community!



















### **SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' DAY**

We celebrated another special day this week. School Principals', Assistant Principals', and Directors' of Child Development Center Day was on Wednesday, May 1st. We would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to our principals: Irene Herrera-Cevallos, Mathew Bandy, Erika Meza, Vikki Viramontes-Castorena, Laura English, Rebecca Bravo, Efrain Burciaga, Myrna Cerda, Julie Pretzer, Mairén Ruiz, and Gloria Mena.

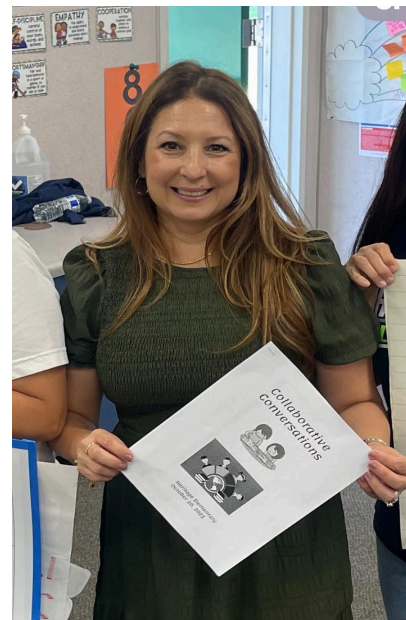
Thank you for your leadership, passion, and dedication to our students, staff, families, and communities!













## SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

On Thursday, May 2nd, Superintendent Dr. Potter and the Principals participated in a meeting to report on their progress with their 2023-2024 projects. The purpose of these meetings is to value our students' voices and ensure they are heard. Below are some of the focus areas student representatives have been working on:

- San Ysidro Middle School has focused on campus beautification projects, which include rock art by the trees, gardening, and signs with positive messages. Their effort is also on helping the school's spirit and students with a sense of belonging, focused on binational students. SYMS students are also working on creating colorful art hung on the trees and a colorful fence art.
- Vista Del Mar has focused on new ideas for Spirit Week and the No Place for Hate Project
- La Mirada has organized a beautiful spring picnic, games to foster teamwork, special pencils for mental health awareness month, school lunch survey results, and end-of-school-year activities such as their fantastic 5k Bubble Race.
- Sunset has focused on its end-of-year field day, student newsletter, and 6th-grade camp.
- Smythe has worked on their 6th-grade mural, team sports competition day, begun their dragon buddies program, created activities such as color run with dragon buddies, partnered with legacy gymnastics, and organized staff and students kickball games.
- Ocean View Hills has worked on a friendship dance with a photo booth and pizza, a basketball and a soccer tournament, an Autism Superheroes Walk, and their First Annual Mental Health Fair.
- Willow Elementary School Superintendent's Student Council has focused on projects such as adding more sports games, table games, and arts and crafts during recess time.



## LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY 2024

The Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) held its 43rd Legislative Action Days (LAD) Event in April. As ACSA's state Vice President for Legislative Action, Superintendent Dr. Potter was incredibly honored to lead this event which brought 19 ACSA regions, including almost 300 educational leaders together statewide to advocate on behalf of education with state legislative leaders.



The focus areas of educational advocacy efforts to support education for California's 6 million students were:

1. Robust and Stable School Funding
  - a. Fully Fund Prop. 98 and LCFF
2. Emergency School Closure Protocols
3. Safe and Modern Schools: School Facilities Bond
4. Streamlined Accountability
5. Staffing Solutions

The event included distinguished California leaders: Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Weber, Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi, and Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis. ACSA also presented the Friend of Education Award to Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas.







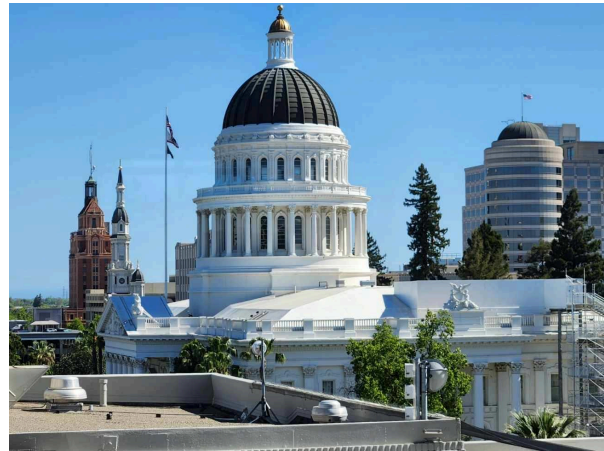








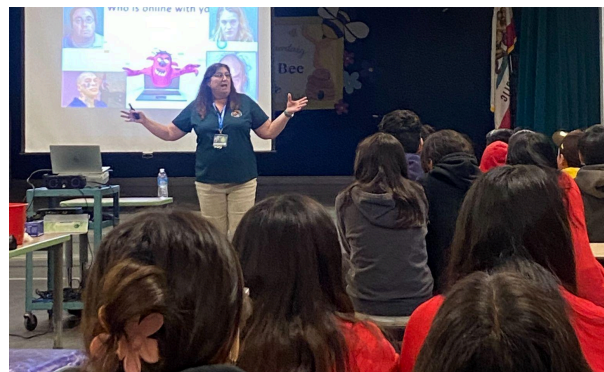




### **SMYTHE HOSTS PRESENTATION ON RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL MEDIA BY SDPD**

San Ysidro School District parents and Smythe Elementary School students had an amazing opportunity to listen to different presentations on responsible social media, offered by an officer in the SDPD Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. These workshops offer vital information about how to stay safe when browsing social media platforms and different websites.





## SYSYD SCHOOLS WEEKLY BULLETINS

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

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



## UPCOMING DATES

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

## JUNE PROMOTION CEREMONY MASTER SCHEDULE 2024

Below you will find 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 <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 (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 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion	8:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Sunset Field
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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> grade Promotion	3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Smythe Field

### **Thursday, June 6, 2024:**

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



## 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>