



San Ysidro

School District

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QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

Week of May 5, 2023



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

PASSPORT AROUND THE WORLD EVENT AT LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY

On Tuesday, May 1st, La Mirada Elementary School presented Passport Around The World. Students have been working hard since December to create their own class travel agency. Passport Around the World is a project funded by the OtterCares Foundation that incorporates business skills while expanding the students' perspective to different countries and cultures. The 3rd through 6th grade classes learned about one country they represent as a travel agency with the big day showcasing their hard work and effort. Ultimately, this is to have students expand their cultural awareness while motivating them to vision life after high school.





La Mirada Presents
PASSPORT AROUND THE WORLD

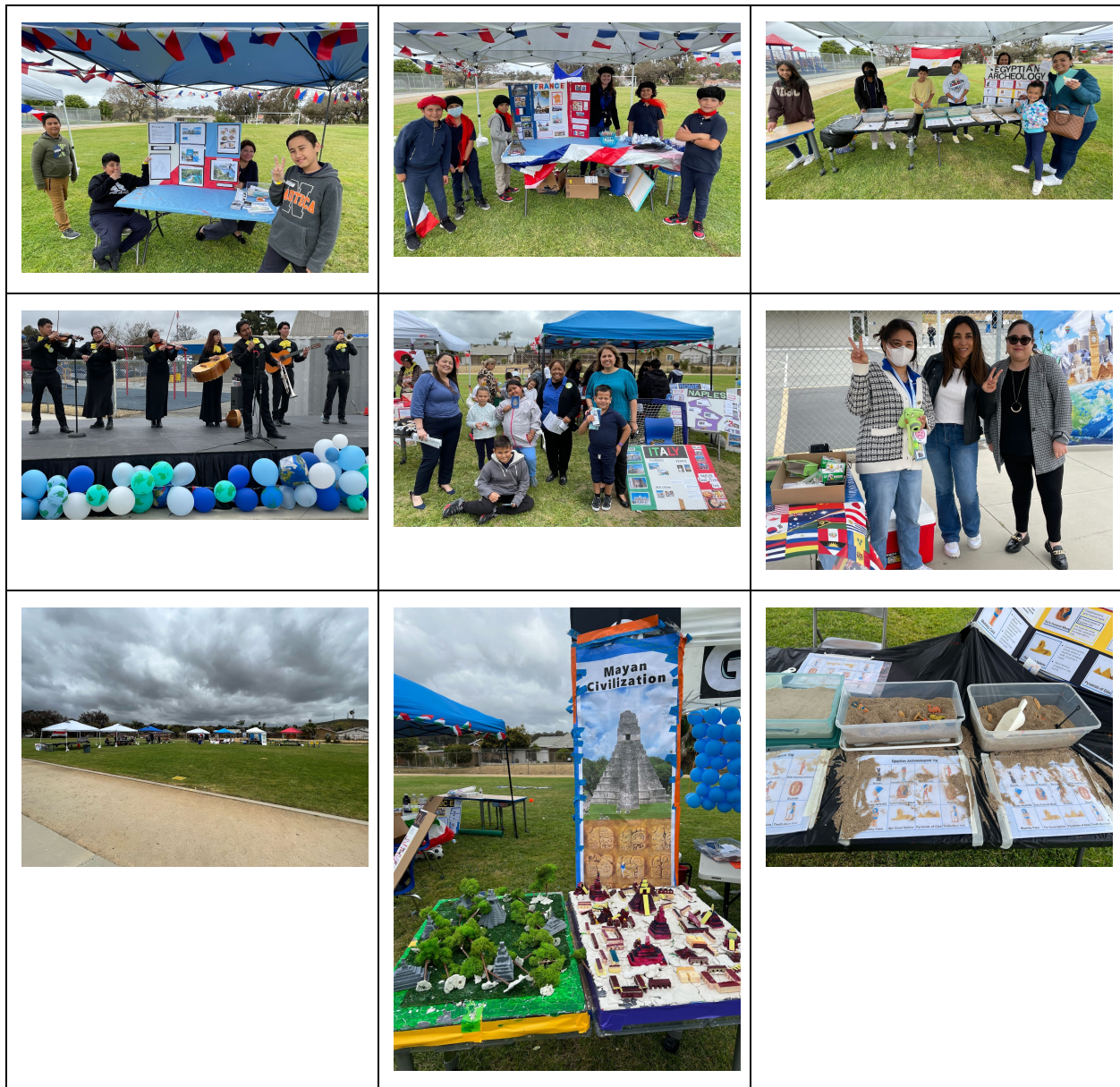
Calling all travelers!
 Parents and Caregivers come join your student to travel around the world!
 3rd-6th grade students have been working hard since December to create their own class travel agency, in hopes you want to visit their country. You'll have the opportunity to "buy" plane tickets to your favorite destination.

To RSVP please use the link:
<https://www.sccs.sccdsd.com/forms/661>
 at 5:30pm
 You must use your students school email to RSVP

MAY 1, 2023
FROM 1PM-3PM

1PM-2:00PM: "TRAVEL BUDDIES" WHEN PARENTS/ CAREGIVERS OF TK-2ND GRADE STUDENTS CAN ATTEND THE EVENT WITH THEIR CHILDREN
2PM-3:00PM: "TRAVEL BUDDIES" WHEN PARENTS/ CAREGIVERS OF 3RD-6TH GRADE STUDENTS CAN ATTEND THE EVENT WITH THEIR CHILDREN.
****ONLY 2 GUEST PER FAMILY DUE TO LIMITED CAPACITY****
THIS MEANS FAMILIES WITH 1- STUDENTS ATTENDING LA MIRADA WILL HAVE TO CHOOSE ONE OF THE TIMES TO ATTEND, NOT BOTH.





STUDENTS FROM VISTA DEL MAR, SMYTHE AND LA MIRADA TAKE PART IN THE 2023 SRI CHINMOY PEACE RUN

The Sri Chinmoy Peace Run took place on May 2nd and May 3rd at Vista Del Mar Middle School and Smythe Elementary School. Mr. Manoreth Morrison from the Sri Chinmoy Foundation has coordinated the Peace Run in several schools in San Diego City Schools, National City, and Chula Vista.

The Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run is a global torch relay that offers everyone in the world a chance to express their longing for peace. Since its founding in 1987, the Run has visited almost every country on earth - over 150 nations and territories - and touched the lives of millions of people. The Peace Torch made its stop in San Ysidro and our students had the chance to participate in this world event. Click here for more information: [Peace Run](#).

We are very grateful to Mr. Shea Prophet, SBCS school therapist, and Ms Zenaida Rosario, SYSD Governing Board clerk who gave reflections about the importance of peace and being a peacemaker. Both speakers received the Sri Chinmoy Torch Bearer Peace Awards. We would like to thank Ms Lupe Barrera, Ms Araceli Felix, Mr. Fidel Castro, , and Mr Jesus Sánchez for their support with the programs “Peace Begins with Me”









SUPERINTENDENT & CABINET MEET WITH STUDENT LEADERS AND PRINCIPALS

On Wednesday, May 3rd, Superintendent, Dr. Gina Potter, Assistant Superintendents, Dr. Jose Iniguez and Russell Little, and Executive Director, Human Resources, Linda Olea, met with student leaders from each school to get a final update on their school year projects. These very focused and ambitious projects included: “No Place for Hate” program & promote positive student attendance; assemblies to promote attendance & recognize student academic achievements and acknowledge and recognize acts of kindness; Initiate math competitions; implement more after school sports programs such as fairs, festivals, cooking, art and video editing classes; promote a positive school culture and attendance; and lunchtime student activities. The student leaders at each school did a remarkable job on their student focused projects this year and will be recognized at the next Board meeting.



VISTA DEL MAR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM ARE THE 2023 PACIFIC CHAMPIONS!

The VDM girls volleyball team had an undefeated season! They won all 6 matches which included Imperial Beach Charter, Granger, Southwest, and Nestor. The girls played very competitively and won the majority of their matches in just 2 sets! Their most competitive match was against Granger. They made a tremendous comeback after losing the first set. The match was very close until they pulled away at the end for the victory. Huge props to the girls for their tremendous growth, both individually and as a team. ALL ACE! Congratulations to our team members; Lauren Lusk, Dani Morales, Elena Martinez, Christina Gonzalez, Desirae Wilson, Berlin Avila, Shawnelle Sanders, Nalley Morales, Kaylie Gutierrez, Leanne Sarsoza, Asyiah Moore, Rhianne Fadriquela, Valeria Gutierrez, Amelia Elmido, and Lauren Jerusalem.



UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Memorial Day - Legal Holiday	Monday, May 29, 2023	District Office & All Schools Closed
Last Day of School for Students	Wednesday, June 7, 2023	All Schools

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN!

It's time to register your children for the 2023-2024 school year. Our school office staff as well as SYSD staff are ready to assist families with the online registration process. School offices are offering extended office hours so that it is more convenient for families to register and families may register at any district school including in pupil services at the SYSD offices. For more information regarding registration, please click [here](#).

SCHOOL LUNCH HEROES DAY!

On Friday, May 5th, we thanked and honored our dedicated, hardworking School Lunch Heroes. Each Hero was personally presented a “goodie” bag to show our appreciation for all they do for our children’s meal times. A heartfelt “Thank You” for the care you show our students!

SCHOOL LUNCH HERO



MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Every year during the month of May, Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed in the U.S. since 1949. San Ysidro School District joins the national movement to raise awareness about mental health by providing education on:

- What mental health is
- How common mental health challenges are
- What are some ways we can take care of our mental health, and our children's mental health
- What is San Ysidro School District doing to support student's mental health

This month, each school's social worker or school-based therapist will be facilitating activities during lunchtime recess to help build awareness, and to discuss positive strategies and resources. In addition, we will be presenting to families on Mental Health Awareness during Coffee With the Principal at some of our schools.

We also held a district-wide logo design competition to be used as the logo for our Mental Health Awareness Month T-shirts. Our winning logo was designed by Zully Alvarez Laurent, 6th grade student at Vista Del Mar Middle School. The special education department is commended for their hard work to make mental health awareness month special in each of our schools.





HAPPY PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION DAY

On Monday May 1st, we wished our Principals a wonderful Principal Appreciation Day!!! We thanked them for making our students their top priority. Their hard work as the leaders of their schools is the foundation for our students' success. The principal position is one of the most difficult and one of the most important positions in a school district. Their dedication and unwavering belief in our students shines through in their leadership roles in our community.

