



San Ysidro

School District **EST - 1887**

QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

May 7, 2021



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 10th - 14th

The week of May 10 - 14 we celebrate and recognize the extraordinary work our teachers accomplished during this challenging year! Through the unprecedented obstacles that the pandemic created, our teachers have shown their true heart and commitment by showcasing their dedication in educating our students. They have shown that with perseverance and resilience, our teachers made sure each child received the best education possible. Please take the time to thank our teachers for all they have done during this difficult time in our history!

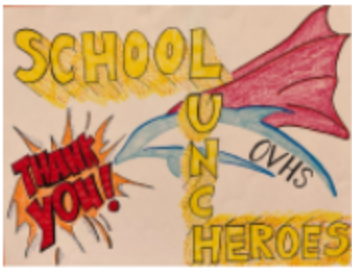
A heartfelt "Thank you" to our wonderful San Ysidro School District teachers!



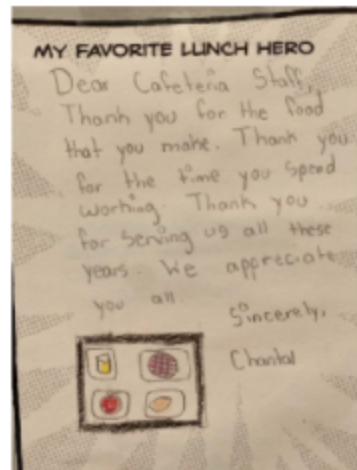
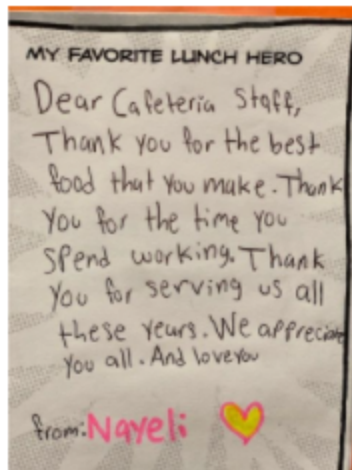
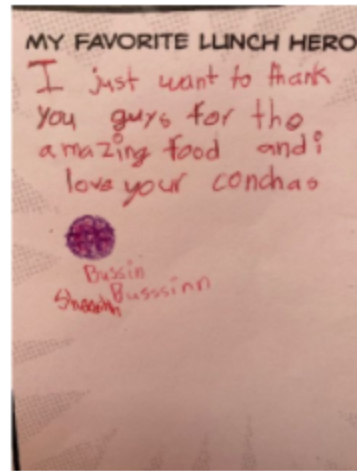
DISTRICT RECOGNIZES OUR SCHOOL LUNCH HEROES!

On Wednesday, May 5th San Ysidro School District Superintendent and members of Cabinet recognized School Nutrition Professionals with a vase of beautiful spring flowers! They visited each school to personally deliver flowers and thank our School Lunch Heroes for all the hard work, perseverance, resilience and commitment they demonstrate each week to make sure our children have a healthy and nutritional meal during this time of the pandemic. Approximately **674,545** meals have been distributed since July of last year! Evelyn Zarzosa, Director of Child Nutrition Services, was also recognized at the district office for leading such a dynamic team! **THANK YOU SCHOOL LUNCH HEROES!**





Student "Thank you notes" for our School Lunch Heroes!



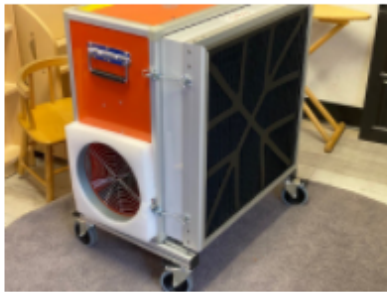


WILLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SELECTED AS A 2020-2021 IMAGINE NATION BEACON SCHOOL

Last week Principal Bojorquez was notified that Willow Elementary School was selected as a 2020-2021 Imagine Nation Beacon School! The nomination for the award was submitted by Willow's Imagine Learning team for "above-and-beyond enthusiasm and innovative use of Imagine Learning" by the staff and student body. Willow will receive a banner to commemorate and recognize the school as an Imagine Nation Beacon School. Thank you and congratulations to Willow Elementary administrators, teachers, staff, students and parents for your hard work and dedication in achieving and earning this award!

SMYTHE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER VISIT

What a treat it was for Board Vice-President Rudy Lopez, Superintendent Dr. Potter and Asst. Superintendent Dr. Farkas to visit the Child Development Center on May 6th to observe their Hybrid Learning Program in action for our students! Overall, it was a wonderful school visit. Our district extends our gratitude to the Child Development Center team for their incredibly hard work to safely open their school for students to attend in person!



MAY IS ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

The San Ysidro School District is blessed to have many cultures and ethnicities in our district family. We celebrate each and every one of them for the richness and diversity that they bring to our schools and community. Here is a link to the [Asian Pacific Heritage.gov](https://www.asian-pacific-heritage.gov) site, hosted by The Library of Congress, with information and activities for teachers and parents to help celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.



Background image courtesy of: Carol M. Highsmith, photographer, May 2013 Detail of "Chinatown, San Francisco, California". (Library of Congress)

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Mon. May 10 - Fri. May 14	Teacher Appreciation Week	All Schools
Wed. May 26	PIQE Graduation VDM 6:00 pm	Vista Del Mar (Via Zoom)
Mon., May 31	Memorial Day Holiday No School & District Office Closed	All Schools and District Office
Thurs., June 10	Last Day of School for Students	All Schools

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, PUPIL SERVICES AND SAFETY

NEW! NO-APPOINTMENT VACCINE EVENTS IN SAN DIEGO

- [Walk-Up UCSD Health Vaccination Sites May 8 - 15](#)
 - Moderna (18 years old+) & Pfizer (16 years old+)
 - Several sites at schools in San Diego

ALL COUNTY COVID-19 VACCINE SITES NOW ACCEPTING WALK-UPS

- All County-hosted COVID-19 vaccine sites are now open for walk-up, no-appointment-required vaccinations. The walk-up vaccines will be available while supplies last each day at that site.
- The County will continue to offer vaccination appointments that can be

- scheduled online but will also set aside doses each day for walk-ups.
- COVID-19 vaccines are now available at no cost to anyone 16 and up who lives, works, or goes to school in San Diego County.
 - **New! [3 Vaccination Sites Offer Evening Hours](#) starting May 6**
 - [County Vaccination Website](#)
 - Informational Flyer: [English](#) / [Spanish](#)
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs](#) | Additional languages [click here](#)

COUNTY NEWS CENTER: EVENING COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS COMING TO NORTH, EAST, SOUTH COUNTY

<https://www.countynewscenter.com/evening-covid-19-vaccination-clinics-coming-to-north-east-south-county/>

2021-2022 SCHOOL REGISTRATION

On Monday, May 10th SYSD opened registration for families of both new and returning students. Instructions and a short video were also sent to assist families. The registration process has been updated this year to better serve our families. Through an incredible joint effort involving the new Pupil Services team, the I.T. team, and school office teams, we are very proud to open this year's registration window to better serve our San Ysidro families. Please click [HERE](#) to register for the 2021-22 school year.

PARENT SURVEY TO DETERMINE NEXT YEAR'S INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL PREFERENCES

SYSD families have received surveys regarding their preference for the instructional model best suited to serve their child next school year. To plan ahead, the survey asks families to share their preference between two choices, regular in person learning five days a week or distance learning. The information is necessary at this time to further plan for staffing and the possibility of beginning a Distance/Virtual Learning Academy school complete with a CDS code.

PROMOTIONS

This week we continued to plan for the exciting challenge of bringing in-person promotions back to our school sites to complete the school year in a celebratory manner with students and families. An informative letter was sent to families from the district to introduce the intention and reiterated our plan to maintain safety protocols. Although these celebrations will be held outside and host fewer numbers of guests, we expect wonderful events at each school for our kids. The eighth grade promotion ceremonies at the San Ysidro High School stadium will look as normal as possible while adhering to all safety protocols. The promotion ceremony for Vista Del Mar will be on June 10th and San Ysidro Middle School on June 11th. Preschool and Kindergarten will also celebrate promotions but schools will focus on drive through events to ensure safety measures for these two levels.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

2021 BIOCUM LIFE SCIENCE XP EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

Resource Teacher, Elva De Baca, presented some of the great work that she and the Sci-Phy team have engaged in with students over the past 2 years. The presentation was based on the work that Sci-Phy teachers Patricia Burch, Juanita Nuñez, and Janell Wright have led. Her session, “Brain-Based Breathing to Teach Science & Resilience”, demonstrated the integration of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) through breathing techniques to teach students brain-based coping strategies..

Ms. De Baca shared examples of how the Sci-Phy teachers link breathing techniques and mindfulness to SEL and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) via interactive lessons. Additionally, she presented samples of student work, teacher prompts, and evaluations.

Here are some quotes that were collected from 4th grade students that were included in the presentation:

One word that describes how mindfulness makes me feel:

“Calm”

- 4th Grade Student, San Ysidro SciPhy

What does mindfulness mean to you?

“What mindfulness means to me is being able to concentrate, being more calm, and being able to focus more without any stress.”

- 4th Grade Student, San Ysidro SciPhy

Why is breathing an important part of mindfulness?

“If you are breathing fast and short then you might be stressed and worried. But when you are breathing slow, calm, and longer breaths. then you might be worry free, calm and more focused.”

- 4th Grade Student, San Ysidro SciPhy

What are some positive effects of mindfulness?

“Mindfulness can help you in many ways when you are feeling some bad emotions.”

- 4th Grade Student, San Ysidro SciPhy

When might be a time you need a mindfulness break?

“A time when you might need a mindfulness break is probably during a big test.”

- 4th Grade Student, San Ysidro SciPhy

RESPIRACION BASADA EN ESTUDIO DEL CEREBRO PARA enseñar ciencia y resiliencia

SYSD Integra SEL con Ciencia en K-6

"Lo que la atención plena significa para mí es poderme concentrar mejor, sentirme más calmada, y poderme enfocar mas sin estres."
-Estudiante de Sci Phy en 4to Año

ELEVATED HEART MODEL FOR RESILIENCE

Humanidad Tenacidad
Empaño Reflexión
Participación Activa

91.9%
Estudiantes de 4to año que intentaran actividades de atención plena en el futuro

NGSS: LSI.D Information Processing:
Los diferentes receptores sensoriales están especializados para determinados tipos de información, que luego pueden ser procesados por el cerebro de un animal. Los animales pueden usar sus percepciones y recuerdos para guiar sus acciones.

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SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

In order to support students and families with expanded learning opportunities over the summer, we are developing a plan for Summer School Programs. The Special Education Department is planning their annual Extended School Year (ESY) program for students who qualify for this program based on their Individualized Education Program, the theme for this program will be, “**Reading is my Superpower.**” The ESY program will run from June 15th - July 6th and will be held at Willow Elementary School. Additionally, the district will run a 3 week summer program with limited capacity on a first come first serve basis which will include academic and enrichment activities. The theme for this program will be, “**Summer of Heroes, The Hero in You.**” This Summer School program will run from June 15th - July 2nd and will be held at two locations: Willow Elementary School and San Ysidro Middle School.

HUMAN RESOURCES

UPCOMING EMPLOYEE CELEBRATIONS

As we approach the end of the school year, we are organizing multiple employee celebrations for the month of May. The HR Department will recognize employees with small gifts. Please see the schedule below:

- Teacher Appreciation Week, Monday May 10th - Friday May, 14th
- Week of May 17th - Classified and Confidential Employee week
- Wednesday May 26th - Employee Recognition (Retirees, Years of Service, Employee of the Year)

NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

CASA FAMILIAR FOOD DISTRIBUTION

On Tuesday, May 4, 2021, Casa Familiar held its monthly Food Distribution at the Old Kmart Parking lot located at 4330 Camino De La Plaza in San Ysidro. The event began at 8 am with more than 300 bags of food distributed to San Ysidro families.

The next Food Distribution is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2nd.



CASA FAMILIAR PRESENTA:

DISTRIBUCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS GRATIS

MARTES, 2 DE FEBRERO A LAS 8:00 A.M.
MARTES, 2 DE MARZO A LAS 8:00 A.M.
MARTES, 6 DE ABRIL A LAS 8:00 A.M.
MARTES, 4 DE MAYO A LAS 8:00 A.M.
MARTES, 2 DE JUNIO A LAS 8:00 A.M.

¿DÓNDE?
EN EL ESTACIONAMIENTO DEL ANTIGUO K-MART
4330 CAMINO DE LA PLAZA, SAN YSIDRO, CA.
92173

IRECOGE TU COMIDA EN EL AUTOMÓVIL PARA MAYOR SEGURIDAD!

FAVOR DE USAR MASCARILLA EN TODO MOMENTO

Las personas que van a pie necesitan traer un carrito
Hay un número limitado de bolsas para los que van a pie

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>

Please click on the links below to access various vaccination appointment information:

[County Managed Locations: MyTurn](#)

[Rady Children's Hospital: MyChart](#)

[Sharp Locations: PrepMod](#)

[UC San Diego Health Petco Park Super Station: MyChart](#)

[County Fire Locations: PrepMod](#)

Project SAVE:

Source: County News Center

"The County is reserving a portion of available COVID-19 vaccination appointments each day for a pilot project that aims to equitably distribute the novel coronavirus vaccine.

Project SAVE (Scheduling Assistance for Vaccine Equity) sets aside appointments for people who are in the [currently eligible groups](#) and at high risk for complications from COVID-19.

The reserved appointments will be filled through outreach by community health workers or promotoras who are contacting people 65 and older at locations that include grocery stores, faith centers, food distribution sites and housing complexes in the South Bay."

Vaccinate All 58

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

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%20city%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/5fceb4801eaf4591e16de83/1607388149116/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

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

Asistencia funeraria COVID-19 de FEMA

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

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

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