



San Ysidro

School District **EST - 1887**

QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

Week of July 15, 2022



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: MONDAY, JULY 25TH

Dear Families,

Our Governing Board Members and I are excited to welcome you back to the 2022-2023 school year! We are so proud of the notable accomplishments our district achieved last school year and we look forward to continuing to build on our successes for students this year! Our district is sensitive to the significant impact the COVID pandemic has had in our community and in our schools over the past 2 years. With this in mind, our Governing Board has identified the theme for this school year as **“Rise Above” or “Asciende”** as we strive to return to a more normal life at school, at home

and in our community. Our district is working together as a strong united team to implement our vision and mission which focus on student achievement.

District Vision:

The San Ysidro School District, in partnership with our teachers and community, is committed to providing a high quality, multicultural learning environment that promotes academic excellence, social responsibility and physical and emotional well-being for all students.

District Mission:

Quality education and opportunity for **all students to succeed.**

The first day of school for all students is Monday, July 25th. Each school is mailing or emailing letters to families this week welcoming students back to school and either providing your child's teacher classroom assignment **or** indicating the date and time of a school orientation with classroom schedule information. If your family does not receive a letter from your child's school by Thursday of this week, please call or visit your school's office for support as soon as possible. Schools are unable to place a student in a class or provide classroom teacher information to families that have not yet registered their child for school or have not submitted verification of residency information. Student online registration is available on our district website at:

<https://www.sysdschools.org/Page/1057>

To ensure the safety of our students and staff the district asks that all students take a COVID self-test on Sunday, July 24th prior to beginning the first day of school on Monday, July 25th. The district provided free self-test kit distributions for families on July 18th and 19th, and COVID self-test kits are available at the district office receptionist area. If your child tests positive for COVID please contact the school office for support and guidance. COVID positive individuals are required to quarantine. Independent student study contracts will be made available by schools for students in quarantine. The California Department of Public Health COVID safety guidance for schools indicates face masks are not required, however they are strongly recommended indoors.

The **7th Annual Families First Resource Fair** has been scheduled for **Saturday, July 30th 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at San Ysidro Middle School.** Our district is grateful to the community organizations that donate backpacks and school supplies for distribution to students at this event.

All school offices and the district office are open every day this week to assist families with student registration, verification of residency, transportation requests, before and after school program applications, and more. Below is a list of our schools and contact information for any questions and staff assistance.

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
La Mirada Elementary	222 Avenida De La Madrid San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-4424
Ocean View Hills Elementary	4919 Del Sol Blvd San Diego, CA 92154	(619) 661-0457
Smythe Elementary	1880 Smythe Ave San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-4447
Sunset Elementary	3825 Sunset Lane San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-1148
San Ysidro Middle School	4345 Otay Mesa Road San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-5551
Vista Del Mar Middle School	4885 Del Sol Blvd San Diego, CA 92154	(619) 661-6753
Willow Elementary School	226 Willow Road San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-2231
Smythe Child Development Center	1880 Smythe Ave San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-2352

Your family's help to ensure our students start school on the first day of school (Monday, July 25th) and have great school attendance this year is important. Research data shows that students who attend school every day are most likely to succeed in academics and in life. In fact, students with great attendance read at grade level or higher, are 4 times more likely to graduate from high school, attend college, and develop healthy life habits.

Here is the district web page link to the **2022-23 Student Calendar** to help you plan for the upcoming school year: <https://www.sysdschools.org/Page/1145>.

Below are our grade level school start and dismissal times:

Reminder: The first week of school (July 25-29) will have a Minimum Day schedule.

PRESCHOOL & CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (CDC)	
Yellow Room (Head Start)	8:15 – 2:45 (Mon-Thurs) & 8:15-11:15 a.m. (Fri)
Orange Room (Head Start)	8:30 – 3:00 (Mon-Thurs) & 8:30-11:30 a.m. (Fri)
Blue Room	8:00 – 11:00 a.m. (Mon-Fri)

Blue Room	12:30 – 3:30 p.m. (Mon-Fri)
Purple Room	8:00 – 11:00 a.m. (Mon-Fri)
Red Room (Sp. Ed.)	8:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Mon-Fri)
Red Room (Sp. Ed.)	12:30 – 3:30 p.m. (Mon-Fri)

OCEAN VIEW HILLS PRESCHOOL	
Room 49	8:15 - 11:15 a.m. (Mon-Fri)
Room 49	12:15 - 3:15 p.m. (Mon-Fri)
Room 48 (Sp. Ed.)	8:15 - 11:15 a.m. (Mon-Fri)
Room 14	1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Mon-Fri)

SUNSET PRESCHOOL	
Room 33	8:30 - 11:30 a.m. (Mon-Fri)
Room 34 (Head Start)	8:00 - 11:30 a.m. (Mon-Thurs)
Room 35	8:15 - 11:15 a.m. (Mon-Fri)
Room 33	12:00 - 3:00 p.m. (Mon-Fri)

WILLOW PRESCHOOL	
Room 3	1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Mon-Fri)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS			
La Mirada, Ocean View Hills, Smythe, Sunset, & Willow			
GRADE/S	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME	MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE (All Fridays are Minimum Days)
Transitional Kindergarten	8:30	1:00	8:30 - 12:35
Kindergarten	8:30	2:30	8:30 - 12:35

1st - 6th	8:30	3:00	8:30 - 1:30
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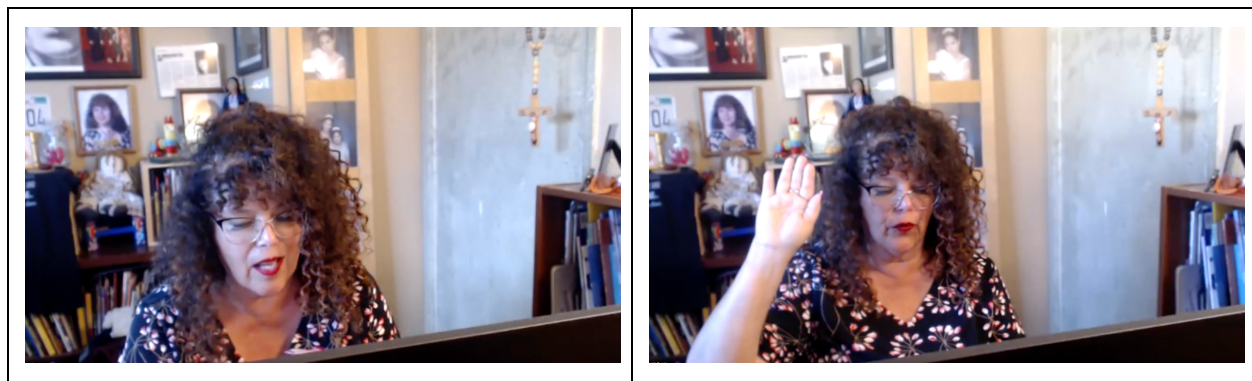
SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL			
GRADES	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME	MINIMUM DAYS (All Fridays are Minimum Days)
7th - 8th	8:00	2:19	8:00 - 12:45

VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL			
GRADES	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME	MINIMUM DAYS (All Fridays are Minimum Days)
6th	8:30	3:00	8:30 - 1:15
7th - 8th	8:00	2:19	8:00 - 12:45

We are planning to provide a great school year for our incredible students!

GOVERNING BOARD BOARD APPOINTS ZENAIDA ROSARIO TO THE SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

On Thursday, July 14th, the Governing Board interviewed and appointed Zenaida Rosario to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Gurmilan’s resignation. Zenaida Rosario will serve until November 2022. She has served as an educator for almost 40 years all of which were in San Ysidro (38 years as a Bilingual/Dual Language Educator in grades K-3 and 2 years for pre-service). As a retired teacher, she continued to serve as a member of the School Site Council for Smytle Elementary. She continues to be an advocate for children, staff and the San Ysidro community and now will continue her advocacy as a Governing Board member.



UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
First Day of School for Students	Monday, July 25	All Schools
<p>7th Annual Families First Drive-Up Resource Fair and Backpack Giveaway</p> <p><i>Providing access to resources and supplies for SYSD students and their families.</i></p> <p><i>Backpacks will be given to our K-8th students while supplies last. Children must be present.</i></p>	Sat, July 30 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	San Ysidro Middle School Multicultural Complex 4350 Otay Mesa Road San Ysidro, CA 92173

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

On Wednesday, July 13th and Thursday, July 14th our management team kicked off the new school year by participating in the annual Leadership Academy. The Leadership Academy consisted of team building activities that promoted trust, communication, teamwork and creativity. Also, each Cabinet/Department covered professional development topics such as the mission, vision, LCAP Goals, data, SABERs, threat assessment protocol, staffing, evaluations, collective bargaining agreements, COVID protocols, school finance, McKinney-Vento, etc. The new district theme of the year "**RISE UP/ASCIENDE**" was introduced to the Management Team. A special thank you to all of the presenters that made this Leadership Academy a success!



MILITARY & FAMILY LIFE COUNSELOR

Our Military School Liaison Mindy Hayes shared that Leidos, the Navy contractor overseeing the Military & Family Life Counseling program, has been able to hire a Child & Youth Behavioral Military & Family Life Counselor (CYB-MFLC) to support Ocean

View Hills Elementary and Vista Del Mar Middle School. Her name is Holly Gines and will start on July 21, 2022.

A CYB-MFLC provides confidential non-medical counseling to military-connected students and their families to help participants learn to anticipate and resolve challenges associated with the military life. CYB-MFLCs may observe, participate and engage in activities with children, provide coaching, guidance and support to staff and parents; and model behavior management techniques for staff and parents.

We are excited to be able to provide additional support to Ocean View Hills and Vista Del Mar military families.

DIAMOND SAFETY TRAINING

On June 13th through June 16th, several staff participated in a five-course Diamond Safety Team Series. The team consisted of Efrain Burciaga (Sunset School Principal), Irene Herrera-Cevalls (Vista Del Mar Middle School Principal), Laura English (La Mirada School Principal), Manuel Bojorquez (San Ysidro Middle School Principal), Maria Connie Rodriguez (Willow School Principal), Russell Little (Smythe School Principal), Erika Meza (Ocean View Hills School Principal), Mathew Bandy (Vista Del Mar Middle School Assistant Principal), Frankie Asio (Willow Campus Security), Terry Williams (Ocean View Hills Campus Security), Kirstine Hernandez-Flores (Willow Psychologist), Denise Villezcas (Lead Psychologist), Rick Quintana (Lead Psychologist) and Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter.

The Diamond Safety Team was packed with teamwork exercises designed to educate and explore the roles of each Diamond Safety Team member. This dynamic, but sensible approach to school safety took participants through an actual case in which the application of a variety of prevention, intervention, and response techniques and protocols proved to be critical to the outcome of the case. The participants leapt past the theory phase of school safety and landed in the fast-paced world of life-saving execution and decision-making. Topics included but were not limited to: Threat Assessment; Building a Positive School Culture and Climate; Developing Effective Campus Security Teams; Options-Based Response Strategy; and Stop the Bleed certification course.



EXPANDED LEARNING PROGRAMS - SUMMER SESSION

The school district launched its annual summer programming on June 13th with 3 programs this year. The three programs were:

1. **Youth Excellence and Success (Y.E.S.) Academy: College for Kids @ Southwestern**
2. **Expanded School Year (ESY)**
3. **Expanded Learning Opportunities Program**

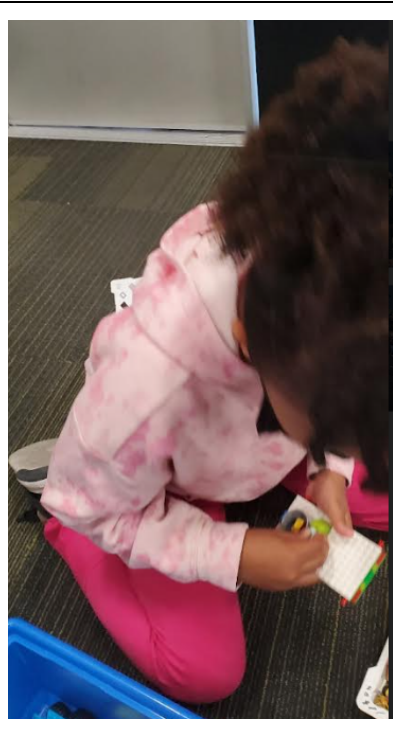
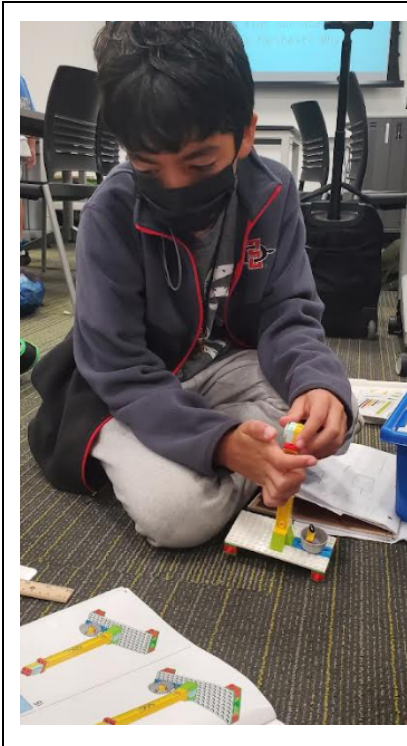
These programs worked together to bring our students a broad range of enrichment and learning opportunities during the summer intersession.

Youth Excellence and Success (Y.E.S.) Academy: College for Kids @ Southwestern

As part of the District's Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program the district offered all eligible 4th-8th grade students an opportunity to attend the Southwestern Colleges Y.E.S. program. This program offered a variety of summer academic and enrichment programs. Y.E.S. Academy provides a positive, early-on college experience where students can thrive by trying something new, learning new skills, and challenging themselves in a college environment.

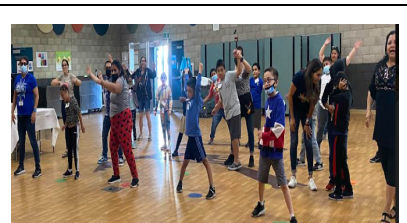
Please see the photos below of our students at Southwestern College participation in the Design Lab course.





EXPANDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY)

The Special Education Department facilitated a 3 week summer program at Willow Elementary School, for their Expanded School Year program. This summer the program was focused on Life Science and included academic enrichment activities centered around hands-on project-based learning modules related to the NGSS standards for Life Science. Additionally, the students participated in enrichment activities with the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program including Dance to Evolve, GA Art, GA Music, NOAA Soccer, Radical Reptiles, Robo Think, and Ponyland. Please see the photos below of our students participating in dance class with Dance to Evolve.



EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

In partnership with the YMCA, the district hosted a 3 week summer program open to all students at Ocean View Hills, Willow, and San Ysidro Middle School. The program was focused on enrichment for students that enhanced the regular school year instruction through enrichment activities that provided students with a well rounded educational experience. This year the program provided students at all 3 schools to onsite and off site experiences, including:

STEM (Robotics and/or coding), Dance to Evolve, GA Art, GA Music, NAOA Soccer, Radical Reptiles, Robo Think, Camp Surf, and Ponyland.





CERTIFICATED PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

The following certificated employees are recognized for perfect attendance during the 2021-2022 school year:

1. Dorado, Marisa
2. Galante, Martin
3. Khamsingsavath, Sonkhith
4. Kinney, Shirley
5. Portillo, Maggy
6. Railey, Sophia
7. Raygoza, Maria
8. Ritchison, Jonathan
9. Villanueva, Emilia

CASA FAMILIAR SERVICES

On Thursday, July 14th, Casa Familiar Social Worker Susana Torres provided a general overview of services available to San Ysidro families. Please click on the link to access the Casa Familiar website and services they provide to San Ysidro families.

[Casa Familiar Social Services](#)

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION/DISTRIBUCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS GRATIS:

San Diego Food Bank: <https://sandiegofoodbank.org/gethelp/>

Feeding San Diego: <https://feedingsandiego.org/find-food/#locate>

COMMUNITY COVID RESOURCES

Please click on the link to access the COVID Community Resources from San Diego County Health & Human Services: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus.html>