



# San Ysidro

## School District

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QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

### District Highlights

Week of July 21, 2023



#### SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.



**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: MONDAY, JULY 24TH**

#### SUPERINTENDENT & BOARD WELCOME BACK MESSAGE TO FAMILIES

July 20, 2023

Dear Families,

**Our Governing Board Members and I are excited to welcome you back to the 2023-2024 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! Please click [here](#) to view the district, school and student successes.

The Governing Board identified the new theme for this school year as **“EXCEL”** or **“SOBRESALIR”** as we continue to focus on the goals of student achievement, English

language proficiency, safety, student engagement, social emotional support and wellbeing and parent engagement.

#### **District Vision:**

The San Ysidro School District, in partnership with our educators 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 24th.** Teacher assignments will be posted via Synergy [ParentVue](#) on Friday, July 21st. [Click here](#) for login directions to ParentVue. Please check your portals on Friday, July 21st end of day to get your child's teacher and room number. School staff will be available for any questions on Monday, July 24th and will also have class rosters available. If your family does not receive an email from your child's school by this week, please call or visit your school's office for support.

Student online registration is available on our district website at:

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

For preschool registration, parents can either register in person at the Smythe Child Development Center Office or complete the registration online by using the following link: <https://www.sysdschools.org/Page/1057>. Below you will find important preschool transitional kindergarten and kindergarten information.

GRADE	BIRTH DATE ELIGIBILITY	REGISTRATION LOCATION
Kindergarten	09/02/17- 09/01/18	La Mirada, Smythe, Sunset, Ocean View Hills and Willow Elementary Schools
Transitional Kinder/or Preschool	09/02/18- 04/02/19	La Mirada, Willow or Ocean View Hills Elementary Schools
Preschool (4 year old)	04/03/19- 12/01/19	Child Development Center
Preschool (3 year old)	12/02/19- 12/01/20	Child Development Center

#### **Transitional Kinder Program Options for Families**

1. **Regular TK** Register at school site (8:30am - 1pm)
2. **Extended TK Option 1** -Requires an application for **Preschool** in addition to TK Registration. TK registration is the same (TK 8:30am-1pm & PK to 1-4pm)
3. **Extended TK Option 2** - Requires an application for **Preschool & ASES** in addition to TK Registration (TK 8:30am-1pm & PK to 1-4pm & ASES 4-5:30pm)

The **8th Annual Families First Resource Fair** has been scheduled for **Saturday, July 22nd 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 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 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 with address and phone contact information for any questions and staff assistance. Also, click [here](#) for the online district staff directory with email addresses (toggle to the school/department location and click on the name).

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

According to the United States Department of Education: “Parents who play an active role in their children’s education make a huge difference in their success.” Here are some things you can do to help your child prepare for the upcoming school year:

- ❖ Go to bed on time and transition from a summer to a school schedule and routine a few days before school starts
- ❖ Ensure your child eats breakfast & lunch
  - All schools provide breakfast before school & lunch
- ❖ Let your child know the start & end times of school
  - Be at school on time
- ❖ Ensure your child knows who will drop them off and pick them up from school each day; or if they will walk home
- ❖ Help your child prepare their school backpack

- Elementary: Check the backpack each day for important school/teacher information, homework & more
- Middle School: Ask your child each day about important school information, homework & more
- ❖ Reassure your child that they will do well on the first day of school
- ❖ Review information in the district [Parent Handbook](#) with your child

School attendance 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 **2023-2024 Student Calendar** to help you plan for the upcoming school year: <https://www.sysdschools.org/Page/1168>.

Below are our grade level school start and dismissal times:

**Reminder:** The first week of school (July 24-28) will have a Minimum Day schedule.

<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS</b> La Mirada, Ocean View Hills, Smythe, Sunset, & Willow			
<b>GRADE/S</b>	<b>START TIME</b>	<b>DISMISSAL TIME</b>	<b>MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE</b> (All Fridays are Minimum Days)
<b>Transitional Kindergarten</b>	8:30	1:00	8:30 - 12:35
<b>Kindergarten</b>	8:30	2:30	8:30 - 12:35
<b>1st - 6th</b>	8:30	3:00	8:30 - 1:30

<b>SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>			
<b>GRADES</b>	<b>START TIME</b>	<b>DISMISSAL TIME</b>	<b>MINIMUM DAYS</b> (All Fridays are Minimum Days)
<b>7th - 8th</b>	8:00	2:19	8:00 - 12:45

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

<b>Smythe Preschool (CDC)</b>			
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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)

We have planned a great school year for our incredible students!

### STAFF WELCOME BACK EVENT

On Wednesday July 19th, Governing Board Members, Superintendent, and Cabinet welcomed back over 600 of our employees at San Ysidro Middle School to launch the 2023-2024 school year! Our staff was treated to breakfast by Cocina35 accompanied by our district or school logo polo shirt, a pin with this year's theme, **EXCEL/SOBRESALIR**, and the keynote speakers book.

The Ocean View Hills Student Safety Patrol led the pledge of allegiance at the districtwide Welcome Back Staff Event. A very special thank you to Principal Erika Meza and the Ocean View Hills safety patrol: Lili Moreno, Gala Valenzuela, Emilia Salcido and Yannuel Rodriguez.



A big “Thank You” to our Maintenance, Operations, Transportation and Facilities, Information Technology and Child Nutrition Services team and our event coordinators Miguel Ortega, Araceli Felix and Blanca Barrera for their hard work in planning, setting up and executing this special and successful event!



Below you will find photos of the Welcome Back Staff Event.







Our keynote speaker was 2009 California Teacher of the Year Alex Kajitani. Alex Kajitani was the 2009 California Teacher of the Year, and a Top-4 Finalist for National Teacher of the Year. He is the author of several books, including *Owning It*, which was named "Recommended Reading" by the U.S. Department of Education.





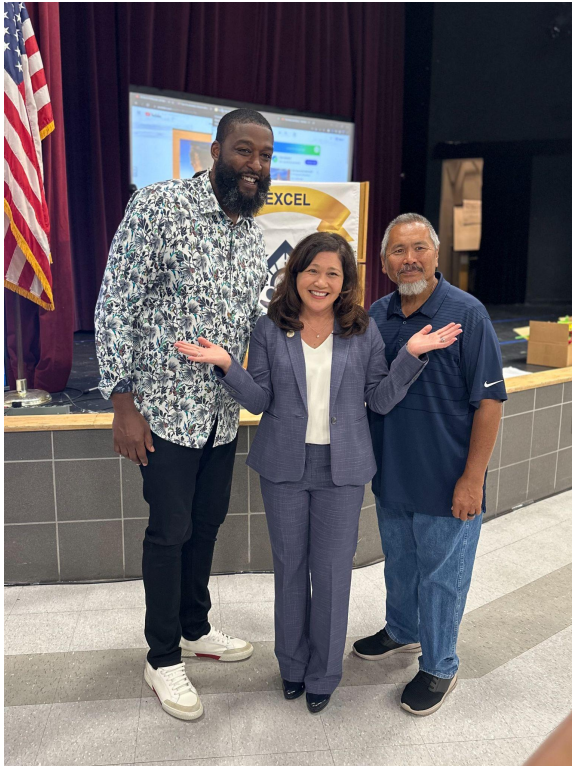
Our Director of Special Education Oscar Madera, Coordinator of Student Services Denise Villezcas and Lead School Psychologist Rick Quintana presented Mental Health Data and shared toolkit resources to our staff.



Our entire San Ysidro School District family was overjoyed to listen to former professional football player Marcus McNeill and his stance on education. Mr. McNeill has shown us through his impressive NFL career and the Chargers foundation's accomplishments in providing children with resources such as shoes, school supplies, and basic necessities, the importance of having compassion but also social responsibility.

Mr. McNeill has worked hard for our community and in making its youth a priority, we are grateful for his powerful speech and we will never forget his beautiful HEART acronym.





Overall, the District's team had a successful Welcome Back Staff Event and they are ready to have a great start to the new school year!

### NEW CURRICULUM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We would like to thank the Educational Services, Information Technology, Child Nutrition Services, and Maintenance, Operations, Transportation and Facilities for all of the support with the week of professional development. District staff participated in the following professional development experiences:

- ❖ Twig Science Grades K-5
- ❖ McGraw Hill Science Grades 6-8
- ❖ Benchmark/Adelante Grades K-6
- ❖ Trauma Informed Practices
- ❖ Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports Brain Based Training
- ❖ McGraw Hill Social Studies

