



# 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 July 26, 2024



### SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

**CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE DR. SHIRLEY WEBER KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND HONORED WITH THE EDUCATION CHAMPION AWARD AT STAFF WELCOME BACK EVENT**



Our district proudly welcomed all of our colleagues back at our Staff Welcome Back this week, which included the honorable California Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Weber as our keynote speaker.

For more than 20 years Secretary Weber has served as a mighty and courageous leader in California, from serving as one of the youngest professors at San Diego State University where she helped found the African Studies Department, to serving on the San Diego Board of Education, to serving as an Assemblymember and now as the 30th Secretary of State. She has dedicated her life to service and has valiantly established legislation for education, civil rights, public safety, food insecurity, voting rights, and to protect persons with disabilities.

Dr. Weber was born on a farm in Hope, Arkansas where her father was a sharecropper. At the age of 3 her family fled the farm and moved to California when her father refused to back down in a dispute with a white farmer and a lynch mob that threatened his life. Her family landed in the Pueblo Del Rio housing projects in South Los Angeles where Dr. Weber grew up.

Dr. Weber is one of our very own students who grew up in our California public schools and she is an example of the power of education. From the Los Angeles School District she attended UCLA where she earned 3 degrees by the time she was only 26 years old! She is a powerful and compassionate voice for justice, equality, and education. Her activism and legislative work has transformed civil rights for all Californians. She is our state's first African American Secretary of State and only the fifth African American to serve as a state constitutional officer.

Our district recognized Secretary Dr. Weber with our District's Education Champion Award. Her legacy is etched in the hearts and minds of those that she has inspired. She is a true testament to the transformative power of education and we could not be more honored to witness the start of her career and her legacy in San Diego and all across California. We are grateful to Dr. Weber for always keeping San Ysidro in her heart.



The district and our union leaders also recognized our Classified Employee of the Year Rodrigo Amezcua and our Teacher of the Year Consuelo Carranza for their unparalleled dedication to our students.



We would like to thank our wonderful Vista Del Mar Middle School Ballet Folklorico student dancers and Mariachi Zapopan for adding that extra sparkle of music, fun, and artistry to our event.



A special shout out to our Ocean View Hills Student Safety Patrol for all their hard work during the year to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students. Thank you for your participation in our Staff Welcome Back by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.



Throughout the morning, Teacher Eriberto “Eddie” Garcia, took professional photographs of all of our schools and departments. We thank him for his hard work and organization in spotlighting our dedicated colleagues.



## SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM AT SMYTHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Smythe hosted a Summer Bridge Program for incoming 6th graders. We had over 18 students attend and participate in a day of learning and leadership. Parents attended an informational parent meeting in the morning to learn more about their student's transition to 6th grade.



## OCEAN VIEW HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ocean View Hills Elementary School received a certificate of recognition from Assemblymember David Alvarez in honor of being selected for the California Honor Roll as one of California's top performing school for excellent performance in English Language Arts and Math.

We are so proud of our OVH family, including students, teachers, colleagues, and parents, for all of their dedication and commitment, which led them to earn this outstanding accomplishment. Congratulations and keep up the great work!



## SELF & MATCH TRAINING

This week our general education, special education, and certificated colleagues participated in a training session called “The Self & Match System” at La Mirada Elementary School. A user-friendly program designed to teach self-monitoring.

*“By teaching practical ways to engage in positive actions, our system helps individuals - whether they are students or clients - achieve behavioral, social, and academic success. Our evidence-based system of self-monitoring is used by educators, therapists, and parents in a variety of settings to enhance skills, foster positive change, boost independence, and uplift lives. Self-monitoring is a proven tool that can be used across the lifespan; it’s a concept present in everyday tools like fitness tracking and budget management.”*



## SAN DIEGO PADRES TEAM SPIRIT DAY AT DISTRICT OFFICE

Our district office colleagues wore their San Diego Padres gear in support of our local baseball team and to build team spirit. Go Padres and congratulations on scoring the second no-hitter in Padres history since 1969!



## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT LIEUTENANT CESAR JIMENEZ**

We want to extend a BIG thank you to SDPD Lieutenant Cesar Jimenez for all of this hard work, commitment, collaboration, and compassion towards our education community.

Lieutenant Jimenez proudly served as an integral part of SDPD's Southern Division, ensuring the safety of our schools and neighborhoods.

He is now joining the Community and Youth Services Operation Division and will be working citywide and with our district in his new role.



## **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

We are making great progress and are on schedule to finalize our Willow Elementary School safety fencing construction project possibly by December. We are currently finishing widening the sidewalk in front of the library and front office this week in order to provide sufficient walking space on both sides of the planned interior fence.

Our next phase includes placing interior walls in the main office area and replacing the perimeter fence. We are also replacing the exterior lights with bright, modern LED lights.



We have also fixed our exterior lights and timer at Smythe and La Mirada Elementary schools and finished installing the new artificial turf just in time for our student's return at Sunset Elementary School!



## **SYSD SCHOOLS WEEKLY BULLETINS**

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

## UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Parent English as a Second Language Classes Begin	Monday, August 26, 2024	San Ysidro School District Parent Center
<b>Labor Day - Holiday</b>	Monday, September 2, 2024	District Office and Schools Closed
Progress Report #1 (Middle Schools)	Friday, September 20, 2024	
Fall Break	Monday, September 23, 2024 - Monday, October 7, 2024	All Schools
Students Return from Fall Break	Tuesday, October 8, 2024	All Schools
Progress Report #1 (Elementary Schools)	Week of November 18, 2024 - November 22, 2024	

## 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>