



# 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 28, 2023



### SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.



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

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On Monday, July 24th, we successfully welcomed back students to our schools. Students and parents were filled with joy, excitement and enthusiasm to begin the 2023-2024 school year. Superintendent Potter, the Governing Board and Cabinet spent the morning visiting schools to offer support and welcome staff, students and parents. A special thank you to Board Vice President Irene Lopez, Board Clerk Zenaida Rosario and Board Member Rudy Lopez and Cabinet for visiting schools.

School office teams played a key role in ensuring families were able to register students prior to

the start of the school year. Their team's organization and commitment to our community was also crucial in assisting families in registering students on the first day of school.

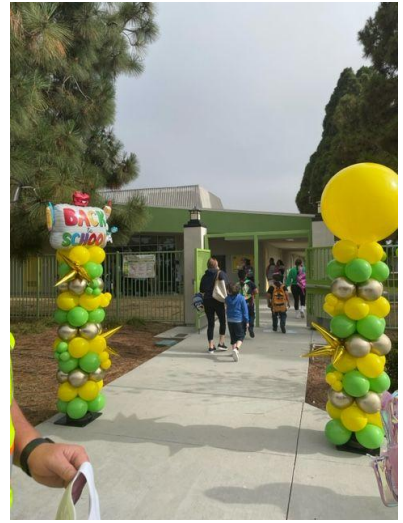
Together, school and district department teams achieved a smooth transition in welcoming our children back into our classrooms.















### WILLOW ELEMENTARY STAFF TEAM BUILDING

On Thursday, July 20th, Willow Elementary School Principal Maria Connie Rodriguez had a staff meeting which included the spaghetti and marshmallow tower challenge. This team building activity encourages people to work together, to practice problem solving, and to engage in design thinking and agility.





### **LA MIRADA STAFF TEAM BUILDING**

On Friday, July 21st, La Mirada Elementary School Principal Laura English had a staff meeting which included the spaghetti and marshmallow tower challenge. This team building activity encourages people to work together, practice problem solving, and engage in design thinking and agility.



### **LA MIRADA TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN/KINDERGARTEN PARENT ORIENTATION**

On Friday, July 21st, La Mirada held a parent orientation for parents whose children will be in transitional kindergarten or kindergarten. A special thank you to the team that coordinated the parent orientation and provided important information for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.







## UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
<b>Back to School Night Events</b>	Scheduled in August on various dates (See schedule below)	All Schools
<b>Labor Day Holiday</b>	Monday, September 4, 2023	No school & District office closed
<b>Fall Break</b>	September 25, 2023 thru Monday, October 9, 2023	No School
<b>First Day back from Fall Break</b>	Tuesday, October 10, 2023	All students return to school

## 8TH ANNUAL FAMILIES FIRST RESOURCE FAIR

Our 8th Annual Families First Resource Fair took place on Saturday, July 22nd, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the San Ysidro Middle School outside the parking lot. Families were provided with valuable resources such as health and job assistance, information on housing and food, San Diego County benefits, information on bus passes, and much more. A special thanks to Coordinator Veronica Medina for leading this event!

We were able to distribute 468 backpacks that were generously donated by the San Diego County Office of Education, Church 180, and the San Ysidro Woman's Club. A special thank you to all of our volunteers from Church 180, The San Ysidro Education Collaborative, The San Ysidro Women's Club, and our San Ysidro School District administrators and staff.

Approximately 16 community partners attended the Resource Fair to support our students and their families:

- San Ysidro Health
- San Ysidro Library
- County of San Diego HHSA
- SBCS, Church 180
- City of San Diego District 8
- Family Health Centers of San Diego
- South County Special Education Local Plan Area
- TACO LAND
- Goodwill Industries San Diego
- Mid-City CAN
- Otay Mesa Nestor Branch Library, SDPL System

- Fleet Science Center
- HHSA - Self-Sufficiency Services
- Casa Familiar
- San Ysidro School District







## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT SCHEDULE

Day/Date	School	Start/End Time with Detailed Schedule
Thursday, August 17, 2023	Sunset Preschool	4:00-5:30 pm
Thursday, August 17, 2023	Sunset Elementary School	4:00 - 4:30 Principal Welcome and Presentation 4:30 - 5:30 Classroom Visits
Wednesday, August 23, 2023	Smythe Elementary School	4:15 - 4:30 Principal Welcome and Presentation in Cafeteria 4:30 - 5:30 Classroom Visits
Thursday, August 24, 2023	La Mirada Elementary School	3:30 - 4:00 Principal Welcome and Presentation 4:00-5:00 Classroom Visitation
Thursday, August 24, 2023	Willow Elementary School	4:00 - 4:30 Principal Welcome Presentation 4:30 - 5:30 Classroom Visits
Friday, August 25, 2023	Ocean View Hills Elementary	2:00 - 2:30 Principal Welcome and Presentation 2:30 - 4:30 Classroom Visits
Thursday, August 31, 2023	Vista Del Mar Middle School	4:30-5:00 pm - Principal Welcome and Presentation 5:00-6:30 pm Classroom Visits
Thursday, August 24, 2023	San Ysidro Middle School	4:30-5:00 pm - Principal Welcome and Presentation 5:00-6:00 pm Classroom Visits
Friday, August 25, 2023	Ocean View Hills Preschool	4:00-5:30 pm
Wednesday, August 30, 2023	Child Development Center	4:00-5:30 pm

## PARENT ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER CLASSES FOR PARENTS - FALL 2023 SEMESTER

Southwestern College will be offering ESL Classes for the parents of our San Ysidro School District students at some of our schools as well as at our Parent Resource Center during the fall. Willow Elementary will begin its classes on August 21st, 2023, and they will conclude on October 10th, 2023. Smythe will begin its classes on October 24th, 2023, the last day of class will be December 6th, 2023. Our Parent Resource Center will offer classes from August 8th, 2023 to October 12th, 2023, and lastly, San Ysidro Middle School will have classes available to parents from October 23rd, 2023 through December 6th 9