



San Ysidro

School District **EST - 1887**

QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

Weeks of August 27 & September 3, 2021



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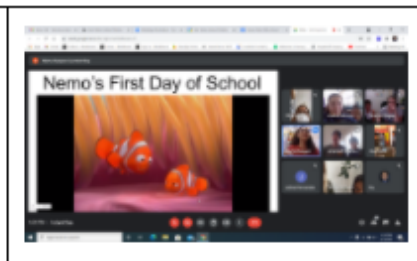
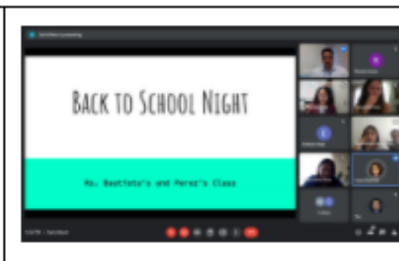
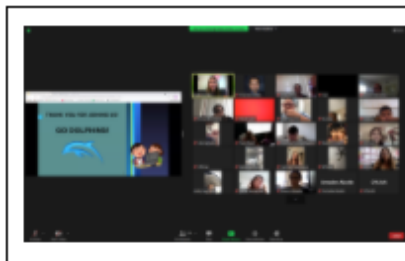
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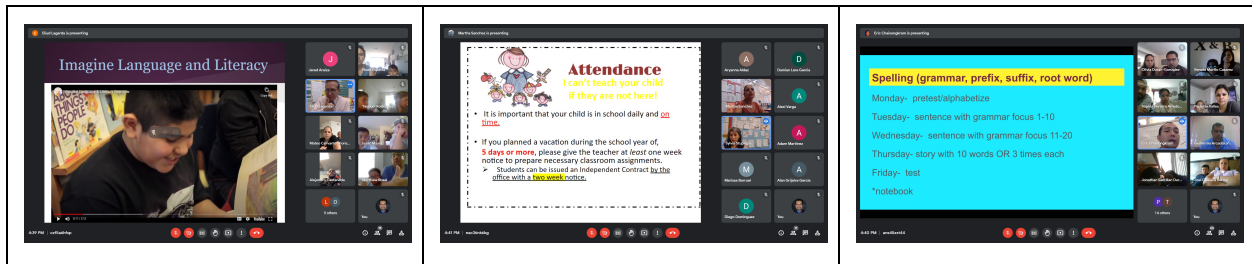


Monday, September 6, 2021 - Labor Day Holiday - No School

OCEAN VIEW HILLS ELEMENTARY - VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Congratulations Principal Nadia Aviles, Assistant Principal Erika Meza, teachers and staff for all your hard work in creating a great virtual Back to School event. The successful event created a great opportunity for parents to interact with their child's teachers and share information about the upcoming school year.





MARISSA BEJARANO APPOINTED SAN DIEGO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

San Diego County District Attorney's Office Community Partnership Prosecutor Marissa Bejarano has been appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom to serve as a judge in the San Diego County Superior Court. Ms. Bejarano has served in the District Attorney's Office since 2014. She also served as a Deputy Attorney General at the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General from 2006 to 2013. She attended the University of San Diego Law School where she earned her Juris Doctor degree. Ms. Bejarano has been a remarkable partner with the San Ysidro School District providing training in Restorative Justice and other programs for our staff. She also serves on the San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce's Educational Collaborative which works directly with our District providing many needed services and resources for our students and families. Congratulations and we wish you much success!



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 SAFETY UPDATES FOR K-12 SCHOOLS 9-1-21

On Tuesday, September 1st, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued updates on the current COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California for the 2021-22 school year. The 2 areas of focus for the updates were for school-based extracurricular activities and amended modified quarantine guidelines. These updates were sent in a letter from the [California Department of Public Health \(click to access letter\)](#) to all K-12 California schools. Here is a summary of the updated school safety guidance:

School-based Extracurricular Activities

The requirements apply to all extracurricular activities conducted and overseen by school personnel and includes all activities that occur on school sites during or after school hours. The activities include sports, band, chorus and clubs.

All indoor athletics require participants to wear a mask. The exception for not wearing a mask during participation in the sport is if it poses a choking hazard as determined by a credible, well-recognized health authority such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, which currently includes: competitive cheerleading, gymnastics, wrestling, swimming, diving and water sports.

Playing a musical instrument that cannot be done with a mask or face covering and poses a choking hazard can be accomplished with one of the following options: a) Conducted outdoors; b) Use modified face coverings and bell coverings when playing wind and brass instruments, and maintain 6 feet of physical distancing; c) Weekly screening testing including for those vaccinated.

Modified Quarantine Guidance

- ❖ **Modified Quarantine:** Allows students who are close contacts to remain in school if they are vaccinated and/or if both parties were wearing masks at the time of exposure. During the modified quarantine period the close contact may attend class but must quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school, including sports, and activities within the community setting.
- ❖ **Close Contact:** 0-6 feet for more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period
- ❖ **Vaccinated Close Contacts**
 - Fully vaccinated students who are asymptomatic are not required to quarantine. COVID testing 3-5 days after exposure is recommended.
 - Vaccinated close contacts with symptoms follow the [COVID Decision Tree guidance](#).
- ❖ **Unvaccinated Close Contacts**
 - For unvaccinated students exposed when both parties were wearing a mask, a modified quarantine may be applied wherein the close contact student remains in school, and a COVID test is performed w/ parent consent after day 5 from the exposure comes back negative. Previously, twice a week testing for 10 days was required. A negative test on Day 6 allows students in modified quarantine to return to all activities on Day 8, instead of Day 11. Thus, the new modified quarantine period is now 7 days w/ a negative COVID test, rather than 10 days.

NEW RESEARCH ON PLEXIGLASS BARRIERS

On August 27th, Channel 10 News published an article titled, [Plastic barriers likely don't block COVID and may increase the risk](#) which indicates there is a growing body of research suggesting it is time to rethink COVID plastic barriers. According to recent research by a group of scientists who advise the U.K. government plexiglass may not

be as helpful as initially thought on helping filter the air and prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Air in a typical room is replaced every 15 to 30 minutes with fresh air. The rows of plexiglass barriers can create pockets of dead air that become trapped and prevent ventilation. U.C. San Francisco infectious disease expert Dr. Peter Chin-Hong described plexiglass barriers as “potentially harmful rather than being helpful... [as] it basically may redirect airflow and concentrate aerosols in a particular way that may be more dangerous.”

In addition, a large research study by John Hopkins University indicated that these barriers could potentially increase the risk of coronavirus infection. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) no longer recommends the usage of plexiglass barriers in schools. With this new research the district recommends that plexiglass barriers not be utilized.

Many aerosol scientists agree that improved ventilation with HEPA air filters (such as the ones installed by our school district all schools) and the usage of masks are still the best for combating the spread of the coronavirus.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, PUPIL SERVICES AND SAFETY

COVID SAFETY OVERVIEW PRESENTATION

As we conclude a very successful sixth week of the 2021-2022 school year our district invites you to view an updated COVID-19 Safety Presentation within the video link below. The presentation clarifies safety mitigation strategies in place throughout the San Ysidro School District and provides clarity on how the district rapidly responds to positive COVID-19 cases and contact traces with support of the county health department. We have heard and probably used the saying, “it takes a village” but it has never been more appropriate through our current challenge. Because of our collective efforts and prevention strategies we continue to make safety our top priority. Thank you for everything you have done to keep yourselves, your loved ones, and all of the SYSD community safe.

[COVID School Safety Overview Video](#)

[COVID-19 Prevention Program \(CPP\) - English](#)

[COVID-19 Prevention Program \(CPP\) - Spanish](#)

[COVID-19-Decision-Tree- Checklist](#)

SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID-19 DASHBOARD

This Dashboard is an effort for our district to be transparent regarding COVID cases. For the first six weeks of school from July 26 through September 3, there have been a total of 62 cases of which 60 have been contact traced to outside community transmission and not from within our schools. Thus, of our total student and staff population of just over 5,000, only 1.24%, have reported a positive COVID case. The district's multi-layered safety measures are proving highly effective in curbing the transmission of COVID within our schools.

[San Ysidro School District COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

COVID TESTING

Thanks to the leadership of our Asst. Superintendent Dr. David Farkas our district has implemented a COVID rapid antigen testing system using the BinaxNOW kits. These tests are primarily for students who have been identified as close contacts and have parent consent to test. In addition, close contact staff members also have access to the district's BinaxNOW testing option.

Our Governing Board has also approved an agreement with the California Department of Public Health to utilize the Concentric pooled testing option. Both staff and parent consent is required. This will allow our district to test a pool of individuals from a class or school on a regular basis to determine if COVID is present and if individual testing is required.

Also, UCSD has agreed to continue their partnership with our district for certain schools to participate in their SASEA COVID wastewater research program.

Finally, the district is in the process of establishing a centralized COVID testing location at the district office for weekly COVID testing of unvaccinated staff which will begin on October 12.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM - LEARNING WALK AT OCEAN VIEW HILLS

The Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) participated in the first Learning Walk of the year at Ocean View Hills on Thursday, August 26th. These Learning Walks serve as support and professional development for site administrators led by Educational Services and focused on instructional practice and instructional leadership.

We observed high levels of student engagement, instructional practices designed to support academic language acquisition, and routines and safety protocols in place to support student learning and safety.



Cognitive Content Dictionary

New Word	Prediction	Definition	Picture/ Illustration	Sentence
Term: rural	Listen	Living in the countryside		People in rural areas live by farming.
Part of Speech: Noun	Learn	relating to a country		Many rabbits live in the forest.
Term: urban	Learn	relating to a city		
Part of Speech: Adjective	Learn	relating to a city		

Narrative Input

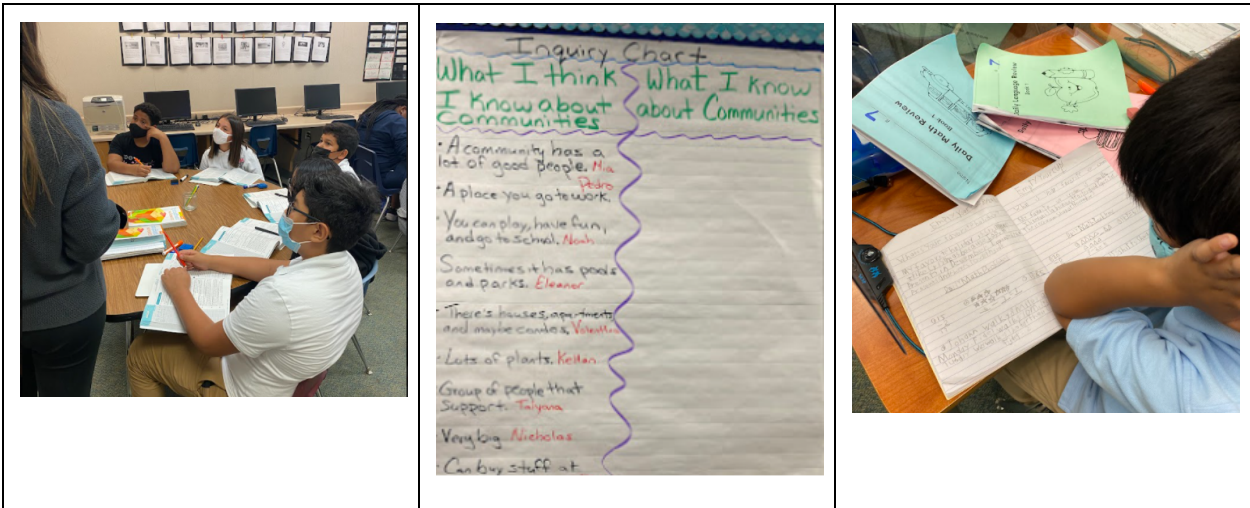


Adjective	Noun	Verb	Prepositional Phrase
- Chubby	Zebra	run	When, Where, How
- Chunky	boy, girl	walk	at the ...
- big	playground	skip	on ...
- blue	hair	jump	with ...
- bright	tiger	sing	
- light	fish	roll	
	chicken	drive	
	laptop	swim	
	rooster	laugh	
	puppet	talk	
	pizza		



5th

- Give Evidence
- According to the text ...
- Identify place value for multi-digit numbers
- The digit ___ is in the ___ place
- Main Idea, Summary
- Remember to ___ before the first page
- Identify
- Fluently divide multi-digit numbers
- Form groups



NEWS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Coordinator of Public Relations & Community Service - Francisco Mata

SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK AND FEEDING SAN DIEGO FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION: DISTRIBUCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS GRATIS DE SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK Y FEEDING SAN DIEGO:

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:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRH3eSXww70KLCnAro21nFBAdB1BPDL5cLTwBD5J3UYdUy17DHNmazYRD7sgVmgg3IUALM9oLF_c/pub