



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 August 30, 2024



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AT SMYTHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The excitement continues at our interactive Back to School Nights at our district. Principal of Smythe Elementary School, Dr. Rebecca Bravo, shared important information with parents and students about the new school year 2024-2025. Parents had the opportunity to visit their child's classroom and learn all about their curriculum and school activities. Former San Diego City Councilmember, former Member of the Sweetwater Union High School District Board of Education, and award winning broadcast journalist Marti Emerald also visited our school and spoke to our families about the importance of education. A special thank you to teachers and instructional aides for beautifully preparing the classrooms for the Back to School event.

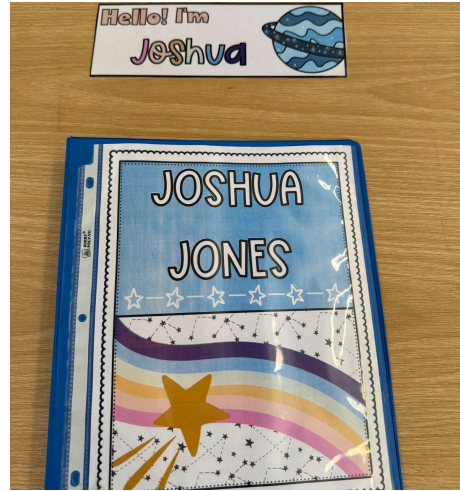














BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AT SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sunset Elementary School also held their Back to School Night on Wednesday, August 28th. Principal Efrain Burciaga shared valuable information for the 2024-2025 school year, such as the school team, their mission, the importance of attendance, Title 1 funds, school site council, resources available to families and much more.

Afterwards, parents had an opportunity to visit their child's classroom and teacher. A special thank you to Sunset Elementary School staff and Principal Efrain Burciaga for all of their efforts in creating a beautiful and successful Back to School Night for parents and students!

A special thank you to teachers and instructional aides for beautifully preparing the classrooms for the Back to School event.











Sunset Preschool





BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AT LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal Laura English presented her amazing La Mirada team to families on Thursday August 29th. Principal English shared important information with parents and students about the new school year 2024-2025 and afterwards parents had the opportunity to visit their child's classroom.

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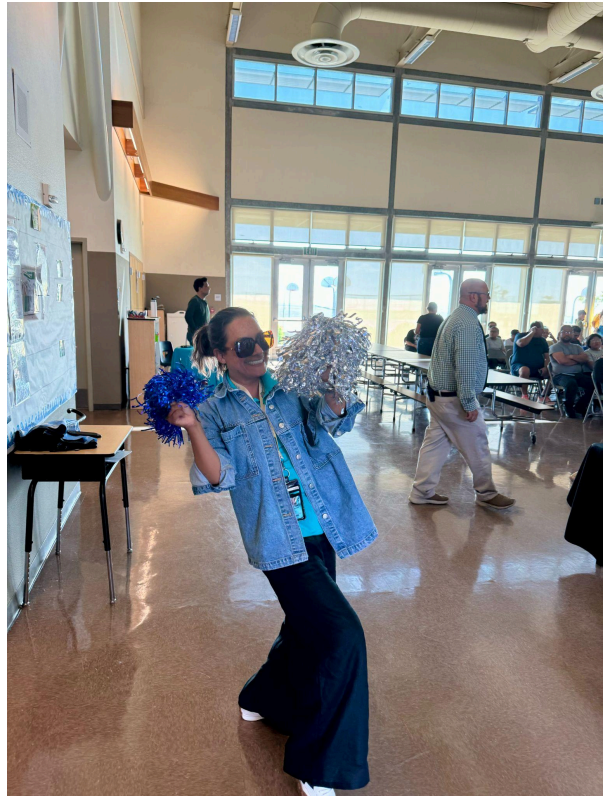
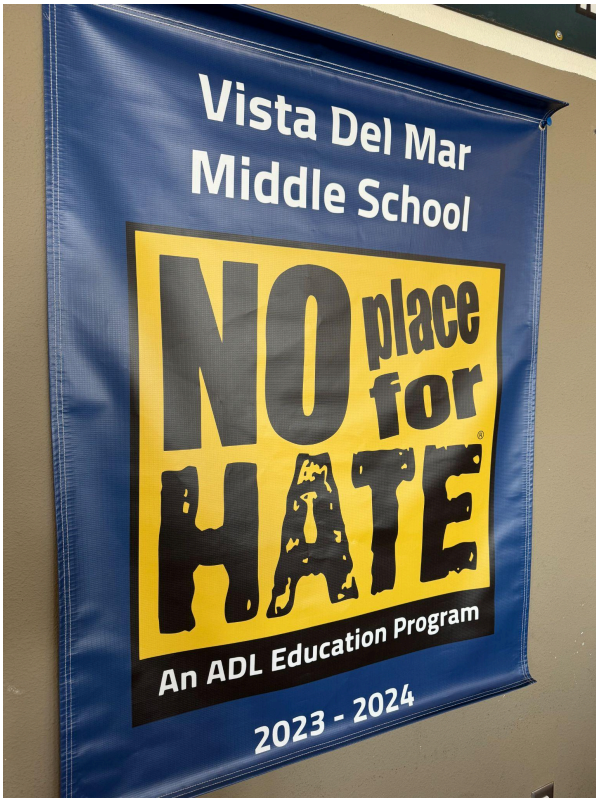
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AT VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

The amazing “No Place for Hate” school celebrated big milestones in inclusion, diversity, and socio-emocional progress at their engaging Back to School Night! Vista Del Mar Middle School Principal Irene-Herrera Cevallos and Assistant Principal Matthew Bandy presented information about their successful students and team. The presentation followed with parent and student classroom visits.

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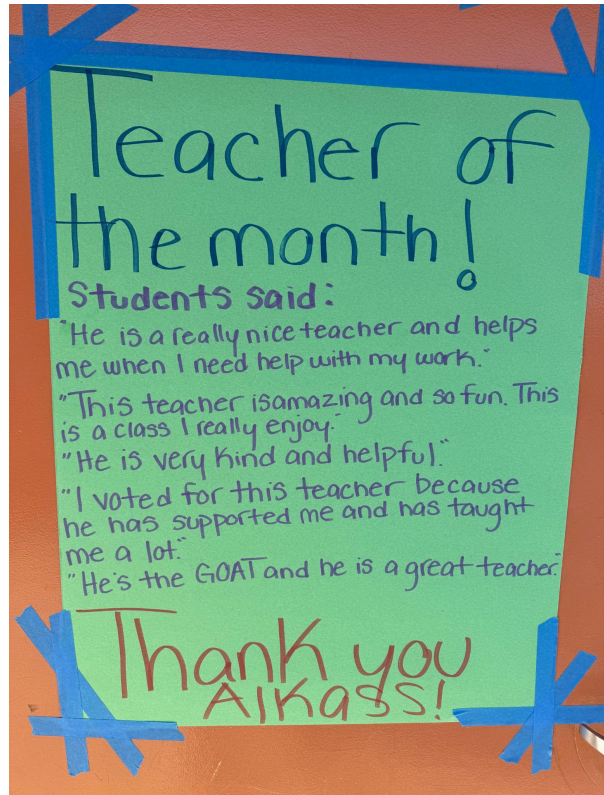
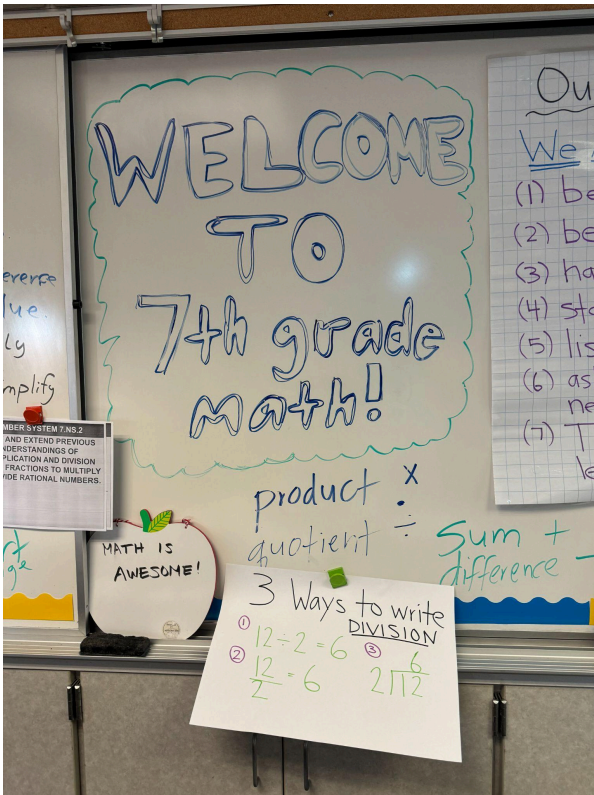


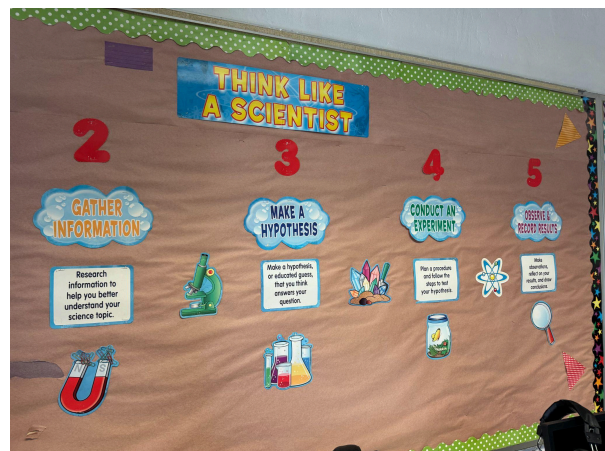
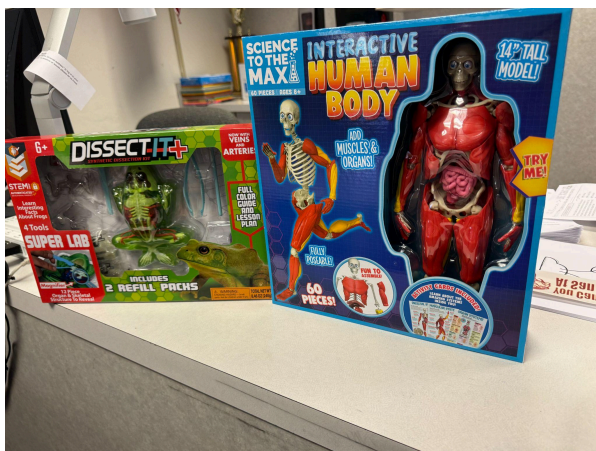
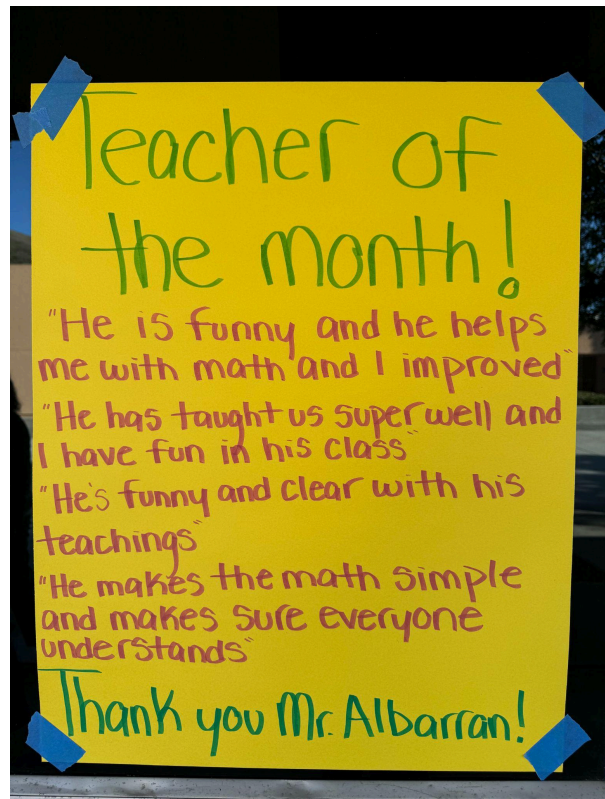
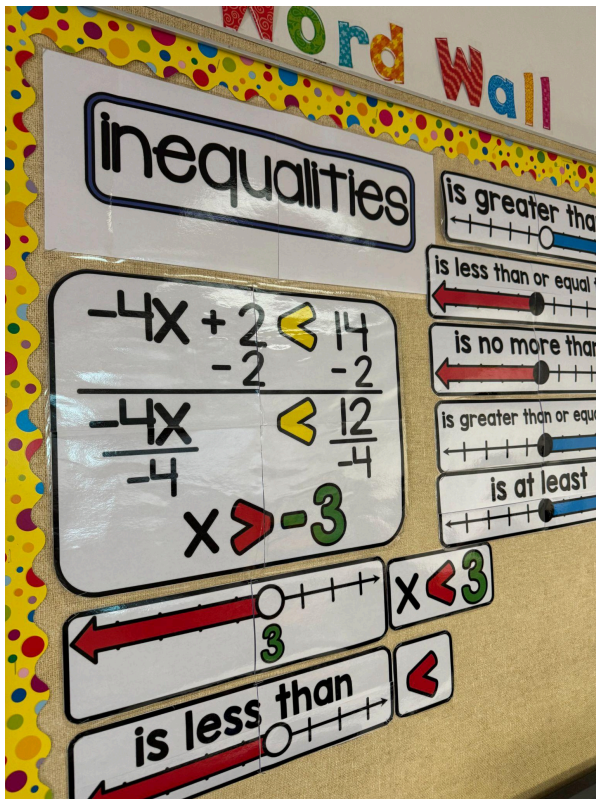
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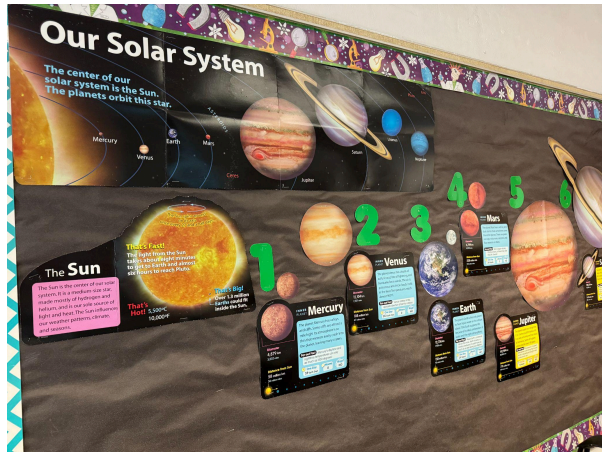
San Ysidro Middle School also held their wonderful Back to School Night on Thursday, August 29th. Parents had an opportunity to visit their child's classroom and teacher. Thank you to Principal Mairén Ruiz, Acting Vice Principal Gloria Mena, and all of their wonderful staff for their hard work in coordinating this event for parents and students.

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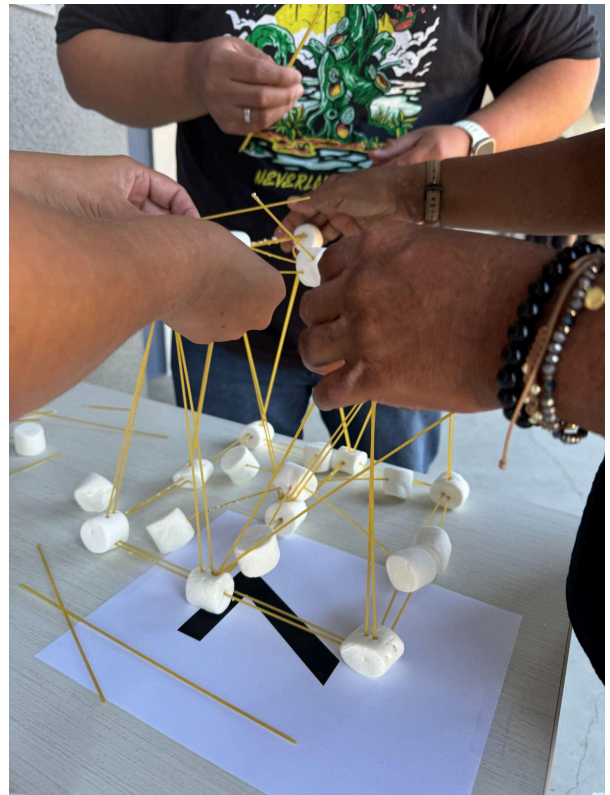




DISTRICT OFFICE MEETING & TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY

Our district office departments met to review our district successes in these past few months. They also participated in a collaborative team building activity to promote this year's theme of Transcend/Trascender.









LEADERSHIP ACADEMY DAY 2

We want to extend our gratitude to all of our amazing school leaders and administrators who have taken our students to another level of excellence with their invaluable leadership skill set.

Our last day of the Leadership Academy for this school year took place on Friday, August 30th. Professional development on professional learning communities was provided by Leadership Associates founder and partner Rich Thome, and training on instructional leadership was conducted by the National Center for Urban School Transformation (NCUST) with the Executive Director Dr. Francisco Escobedo (and current California State Board of Education Member) and our two NCUST Cohort leaders Dr. Jeff Thiel and Luz Vicario.

Miguel Ortega and Cristina Inzunza coordinated the management team building activity titled, "Spot It" which was engaging and competitive.

Superintendent Dr. Potter trained the management team on administrative expectations, board policies and administrative regulations, school visit protocols and procedures, district responders for school support, master calendaring for 2024-25, our professional book studies: *Start With Why* by Simon Sinek, *Revisiting Professional Learning Communities at Work* by DuFour, Dufour, Eaker, Mattos, and Muhammad, and *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Covey. She shared the importance of leadership with kindness and courage.





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>

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION

- ❖ **Measure KK = \$68.5 million:** Build a new school in the Otay Mesa region
- ❖ **Measure LL = \$66.5 million:** Build a new school in the Otay Mesa region

❖ **Measure MM = \$12.9 million:** Repairs and improvements, safety & security, technology upgrades, phone and fire alarm upgrades (La Mirada, Smythe, Sunset, Willow, SYMS and Preschool/CDC)

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR PARENTS KICK OFF

Our parent English as a second language classes have begun at our Parent Resource Center. We warmly welcome all of our amazing and dedicated parents and Southwestern College teacher Nancy Bartels. We can't wait to follow our parents along in their English learning journey and watch them TRANSCEND!





UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
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
Veteran's Day - Holiday	Monday, November 11, 2024	District Office and Schools Closed
Progress Report #1 (Elementary Schools)	Week of November 18, 2024 - November 22, 2024	

SYSD SCHOOLS WEEKLY BULLETINS

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

