



San Ysidro

School District

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District Highlights

Superintendent - Gina A. Potter, Ed.D.

Week of September 13, 2019

REGULAR BOARD MEETING: THURS, OCTOBER 10 @ 5PM - Ocean View Hills School

On Thursday, October 10th beginning at 5 p.m. there will be a regular Board Meeting.

GRAND OPENING OF THE SAN YSIDRO LIBRARY: SAT, SEPTEMBER 7 @ 9AM

The Grand Opening of the San Ysidro Library was held on Saturday, September 7th! Our gratitude is extended to our district Board Members, Cabinet, several management team members, staff, families and students who attended!

Each child that attended was able to receive a new book. This special event memorialized the three decades our San Ysidro community and leaders advocated for a new library. San Ysidro had the oldest library in the county until the opening of our new community library this past Saturday. The new San Ysidro Public Library will serve as a beacon of hope and inspiration to our students, their families and our community for many years to come!





CSBA MASTERS IN GOVERNANCE COURSE 1: FRI, SEPTEMBER 6 @ 8AM-4PM

Three Board Members (I.Lopez, H.Gurmilan, & R.Lopez) are joining Superintendent Potter in attending this year's California School Boards Association Masters in Governance Program. The first course is scheduled for Fri, September 6th beginning at 8am at the San Diego County Office of Education in Room 401. The title of Course 1 is: Foundations of Effective Governance/Setting Direction.

Photos from the MIG Friday, September 6, 2019 MIG Course 1:



Additional upcoming CSBA MIG Courses:

MIG Course 3: School Finance	Friday, October 18, 2019 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
MIG Course 4: Human Resources/Collective Bargaining	Saturday, October 19, 2019 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
MIG Course 5: Community Relations & Advocacy/Governance Integration	Saturday, October 26, 2019 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
MIG Course 2 (Makeup): Student Learning & Achievement/Policy & Judicial Review	Saturday, March 14, 2020

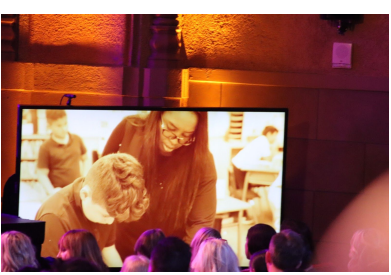
SALUTE TO TEACHERS: SAT, SEPTEMBER 7th

The Salute to Teachers gala took place Saturday, September 7th at the Balboa Theater in Horton Plaza located in downtown San Diego. A very special thanks to Board Vice President Humberto Gurmilan and Board Member Rudy Lopez who attended both the VIP Reception with Superintendent Potter and our San Ysidro School District Teacher of the Year Katina De Leon from Ocean View Hills. Also in attendance were about 20 administrators and Ocean View Hills teachers along with Ms. De Leon's beautiful children and family members.

SDCOE's Summary of the Salute to Teachers Event:

For the past 28 years, SDCOE has recognized teachers from across the region for their commitment to teaching and learning. Every year, teachers representing all 42 county districts are invited to apply for San Diego County Teacher of the Year.

On Sept. 7, 2019, all 2020 San Diego County Teacher of the Year nominees will be honored at the 29th annual Cox Presents: A Salute to Teachers, sponsored by San Diego County Credit Union. The event, held at the Balboa Theater, highlights San Diego County's more than 22,000 public school teachers and features celebrity emcees and presenters, and musical and dance performances. Five of the honorees will be named 2019-20 San Diego County Teachers of the Year. These five individuals will go on to represent the region at the California Teacher of the Year program.





2019 NASS/ACSA FEDERAL ADVOCACY CONFERENCE: Superintendent Potter in Washington, D.C. September 14-17 (Sat-Tues)



Superintendent Potter is one of two administrators selected by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 18 (San Diego & Imperial Counties) to advocate at the federal level in Washington, D.C. on behalf of education at the 2019 NASS (National Association of School Superintendents & ACSA Federal Advocacy Conference from Sunday, September 15 through Tuesday, September 17.

Below is an overview of this federal education advocacy IgnitED event:

The National Association of School Superintendents invites education leaders from across the nation to join policy experts as they ignite change during three days of advocacy centered on educational equity in the nation's capital.

This is a unique opportunity for leaders like you to come together to network, engage, hear from education experts, equity partners and students, and to level up your skills as advocates for the students and communities you serve.

The conference will begin Sunday with a legislative issues overview and media training before transitioning to an opening reception.

On Monday, hear from partner organizations, equity experts, and student advocates while continuing legislative and media advocacy training. The day will feature a keynote address by Rod Paige, former United States Secretary of Education and the first African-American to serve in the role. Paige served from 2001-2005 and is known as a controversial figure in educational leadership. He is the architect of the "No Child Left Behind" Act, and a vocal advocate for holistic school reform. He has worked with the NAACP to advocate for lessening prison spending and increased education funding.

The day will conclude with a visit to the Department of Education, where attendees will meet with staff and have an opportunity to weigh in on federal approaches. That day we will honor our 2019 Superintendent of the Year.

On the third and final day of the conference, attendees have the opportunity to take action starting with a press conference on Capitol Hill before they meet directly with their members of Congress and staff regarding the policy and budget priorities outlined throughout the event.

Our goal is to help guide federal leaders better understand what is working in education, while driving improvements that benefit all students and their communities.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION LOW INCOME OVERSIGHT BOARD

MEETING: Monday, September 16 from 9am-3pm (Mata)

Our district was selected to host the statewide California Public Utilities Commission Low Income Oversight Board Meeting on Monday, September 16th. A special thanks to Vista Del Mar Middle who will be staging the event in their auditorium. Also, we recognize Francisco Mata our Coordinator of Public Relations & Community Services who is serving as the district coordinator and facilitator for the event.

Below are details about the meeting. Also attached are the meeting agenda and celebration flyers.

Meeting Details:

The Low Income Oversight Board (LIOB) strives to strengthen its relationship with community-based and non-profit organizations who serve similar audiences and focus on topics and issues that complement the LIOB's mission, vision and guiding principles. In the spirit of continuous improvement, they invite feedback about ways they can encourage community based organizations to participate.

The LIOB likes to hear suggestions to help determine the agenda for the next LIOB Board meeting. As an organization that serves low-income Californians the Board values the roles of these community leaders.

Agenda Link:

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Celebration Details:

The celebration will feature the San Ysidro High School Mariachi and Vista Del Mar Ballet Folklórico. A Taquero will serve tacos and sides FREE for all attendees. Community based organizations and SDG&E will have informational booths available for the audience.

The dignitaries who are scheduled to be at the event are:

Ambassador Carlos Gonzalez Gutierrez, Consul General de Mexico in San Diego
California State Senator Ben Hueso
California State Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher

English Flyer:

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Spanish Flyer:

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MOTHERS OUT FRONT & SDGE ELECTRIC BUS GRANT APPLICATION

A very special thanks to Board Clerk Antonio Martinez for coordinating a meeting with representatives from Mothers Out Front and SYSD leadership to discuss applying for an SDGE Electric School Bus Grant to possibly secure 1-2 electric buses for our yellow school bus fleet that transports students on a daily basis to and from school. It was a pleasure to have Board Clerk Martinez introduce our team to the Mothers Out Front lead organizers: Sandy Naranjo and Jacqueline Marquez.

Mothers Out Front is an organization started by a group of women concerned about air quality and the safety and health of their children. They started in Boston about 6 years ago and their goals are to:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions & reduce carbon footprint
- Engage in a national movement to establish legislative policies to support air quality

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) awarded SDGE approximately \$100M to issue grants to school districts for electric school buses.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY ISIS OCHOA

Isis Ochoa led the pledge of allegiance at the September 12, 2019 Board Meeting.



DISTINGUISHED CHAMPIONS: SUNSET SCHOOL STUDENTS

Students from Sunset School attended the September 12, 2019 Board Meeting and read writings they wrote during classroom instruction.





DISTINGUISHED CHAMPIONS: HIGHEST SCORING CALIFORNIA ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS (CAASPP) STUDENTS IN MATH & ELA

The Board recognized the Highest Scoring California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Students in Math & ELA at the September 12, 2019 Board Meeting.



DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION: SAN YSIDRO PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Board recognized Adolfo Ocamp, San Ysidro Library Branch Manager, and the Friends of the San Ysidro Library at the September 12, 2019 Board Meeting. Thank you for being advocates for bringing a new library to the San Ysidro community.



DISTINGUISHED CHAMPION: RODRIGO AMEZQUITA, SUNSET OUTREACH CONSULTANT & SMYTHE PARENT

The Board recognized Rodrigo Amezquita at the September 12, 2019 Board Meeting. Rodrigo has worked hard in keeping student attendance high at Sunset School. He also has donated to school, district and community events. Thank you Rodrigo for your passion, dedication and support!



SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL VISIONEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (Colom)

On Tuesday, September 10th Connie Rodriguez and Omar Calleros launched the SYMS Visioneering Committee. This committee will lead the way into the new vision and future for San Ysidro Middle School.

WILLOW POWER OUTAGE

On Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at approximately 1pm Willow School experienced a power outage which impacted over 1300 SDG&E customers within San Ysidro. The district office immediately contacted SDGE for detailed information regarding the power outage, ensured the school was able to remain open until the end of the school day and sent out the communication below to both families and staff. SDGE reported power was restored at approximately 7pm; therefore Willow was able to open with a regular school day for students on Wednesday.

A special thanks to our MOTF, technology, CNS and Cabinet for helping respond immediately to this event and for having members on our district's Crisis Management Team to safely navigate the matter for students and staff.

Message to Willow Families and Staff:

Dear Willow Families and Staff,

This is to notify you that we are experiencing a power outage at Willow Elementary. Due to the outage, the school phone lines are down and there is no internet. SDGE has estimated that power will be restored at approximately 6:00 pm.

We want to reassure you that your children are safe and secure, and Willow Elementary is able to stay open until the end of school dismissal bell. We will keep you updated as we receive information from SDGE.

Estimados padres y equipo de Willow,

Este mensaje es para avisarles que la escuela Willow está sin electricidad. Por causa de la pérdida de electricidad, no tiene servicio de teléfono o Internet. SDGE nos avisó que esperan que regrese la electricidad aproximadamente a las 6:00 de la tarde. Le aseguramos que sus hijos están seguros y tranquilos y que las clases siguen hasta terminar el día escolar. Los vamos a mantener informados con cualquier comunicado que recibamos de SDGE sobre la electricidad.

BRUSH FIRE NEAR OCEAN VIEW HILLS, VISTA DEL MAR MIDDLE AND SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Message to Ocean View Hills, Vista Del Mar Middle and San Ysidro Middle School Families and Staff:

San Ysidro School District Families and Staff,

A brush fire located near Hawkins Drive in the Otay Mesa region is close to being contained by the San Diego Fire Department. This brush fire is closest to Ocean View Hills Elementary, Vista Del Mar Middle and San Ysidro Middle School. Our school district is closely monitoring the brush fire and is in communication with the San Diego Fire Department.

At this time the fire department has indicated that our schools are safe and may remain open. In an abundance of caution students are being kept indoors at school due to potential air quality concerns.

Although our after school programs will remain operational, if your child is in the after school Pathways or YMCA program families are encouraged to pick them up early.

Please know that safety is our first priority for our students and staff.

Familias y empleados del Distrito Escolar de San Ysidro:

Un incendio de arbustos cerca de Hawkins Drive en el área de Otay Mesa está por ser apagado completamente por el Departamento de Bomberos de San Diego. El incendio de arbustos está más cerca de Ocean View Hills Elementary, Vista Del Mar Middle y San Ysidro Middle School. Nuestro distrito escolar está monitoreando de cerca el incendio de arbustos y está en comunicación con el Departamento de Bomberos de San Diego.

En este momento el departamento de bomberos ha indicado que nuestras escuelas están seguras y pueden seguir abiertas. En abundancia de precaución, los estudiantes están siendo mantenidos en interiores en la escuela debido a preocupaciones acerca de la calidad del aire.

Aunque nuestros programas de después de clases seguirán funcionando, si su hijo o hija está en el programa de después de clases Pathways o YMCA, se alienta a las familias a que los recojan temprano.

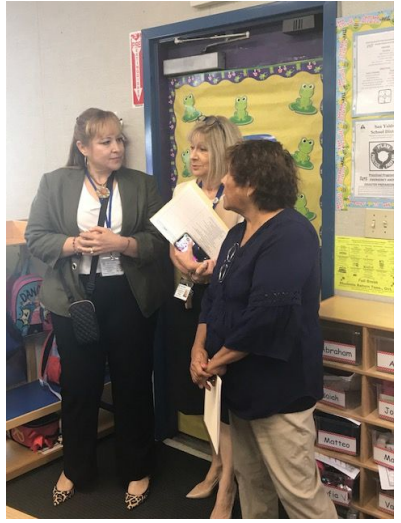
Por favor sepan que la seguridad es nuestra prioridad principal para nuestros estudiantes y empleados.

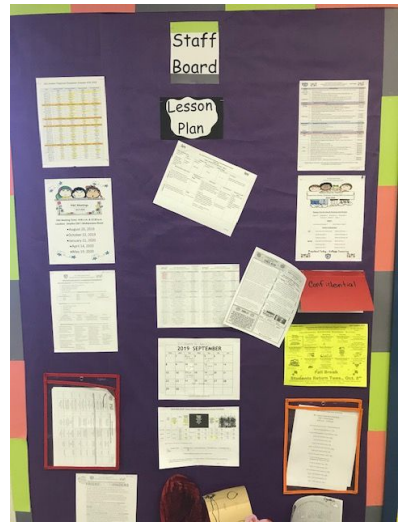
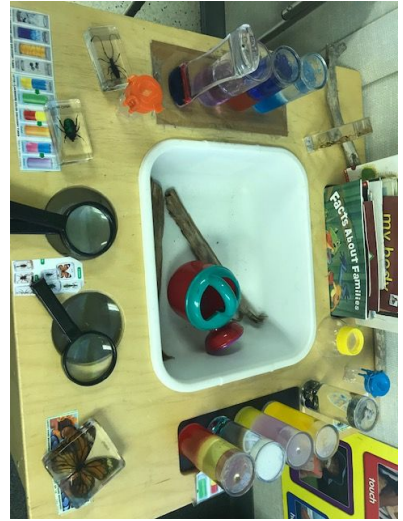
SCHOOL VISIT: SMYTHE'S CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER PRESCHOOL

A special thanks to our Director of Child Development, Lorena Varela-Reed for hosting the school visit at Smythe CDC. Our Board President Irene Lopez, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Manuela Colom and I very much enjoyed our time visiting the preschool classrooms, interacting with staff and students, and learning about the curricular and instructional program.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

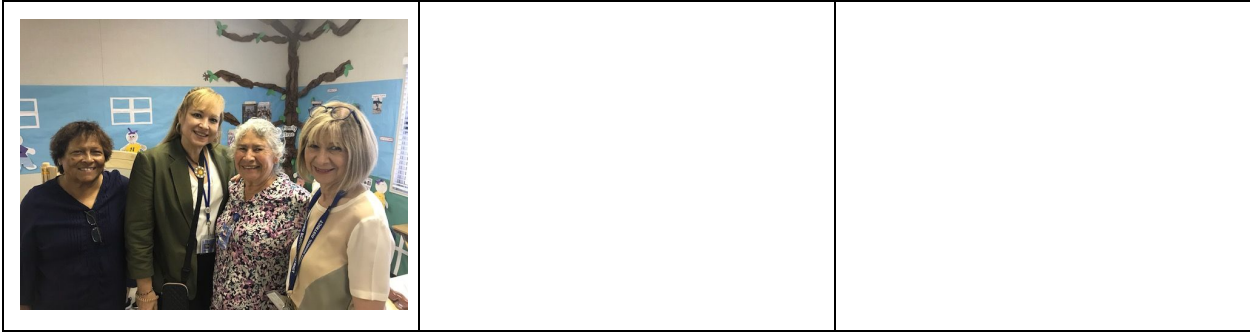






San Vicente School District Professional & Clinical Demonstration Program				
Lesson Plan				
Theme: Life takes care of each other - 1st Grade				
Skills Acquisition 2.0 Language & Literacy Children learn phonics, spelling, handwriting, reading, and oral language.	Math Measurement Compare length.	Science Observation Balancing	Social Emotional Observation Kindness	Visual Arts Letter of the week Drawing, coloring, painting, sculpture, etc.
Big Experience & Main Goal Have the Big Bear we have our handprint on the back of a family member's shirt. Ask them to wear their shirt to school every day for a week.	Big Experience & Main Goal Measure items.	Small Group ELL: Focus on the word 'care' and the meaning of the word. Children will use the word 'care' in a sentence.	Learning Centers Math: Compare lengths of objects.	Review on a daily basis Letter of the week Reading Counting *Prayer of the day *Prayer of the week
Assessment Observe the children take out their shirts and wear them to school.	Assessment Measure items.	Assessment Children will receive who the members of the family are.	Assessment Children will show what they know about the word 'care' in a sentence.	Assessment Children will receive the letter of the week.





LA MIRADA PRINCIPAL HIRING TIMELINE (Human Resources)

The District is utilizing standard hiring protocol for this position which includes: accepting online applications via EdJoin, paper screening, two rounds of interviews and reference checks.

- Posted: August 16, 2019 - September 2, 2019
- Paper Screening: September 5, 2019 - September 9, 2019
- First Round Interviews: Week of September 9th
- Second Round Interviews: September 24, 2019
- Candidate recommended to Board: October 10, 2019