



San Ysidro

School District **EST - 1887**

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District Highlights

Superintendent - **Gina A. Potter, Ed.D.**

Week of September 7, 2018

SMYTHE PRESCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!



A special thanks to Smythe preschool teachers and the Director of Child Development, Lorena Varela-Reed for their hard work on their classroom learning environments and for creating a warm and inviting preschool setting for students and their families!

WILLOW TEACHER RECOGNIZED BY WALMART!!!

A shout out to our district's Coordinator of Public Relations and Community Service for securing a teacher spotlight moment for our district's Teacher of the Year, Ryan Dickes who was recognized by Walmart! Please see the article below and the weblink to the CBS Channel 8 news story:

<http://www.cbs8.com/story/39000006/willows-elementary-school-teacher-surprised-with-reward>

Willows Elementary School teacher surprised with reward

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By Abbie Alford, Reporter

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SAN DIEGO (NEWS 8) – Kids are heading back to school and that means it is time to stock up on supplies, but sometimes when families cannot afford all their essential items, teachers will step in and buy them with their own money.

Ryan Dickes, is a fourth-grade teacher and teacher of the year at Willows Elementary School. Classes at the San Ysidro School District have been in session for nearly a month, but Mr. Dickes said there are students “who do not have backpacks. Probably every week I am coming in [to Walmart] getting something I might be missing or a kid was not able to get it.”

In the San Ysidro School District, one in three children are homeless. “Our kids have a lot of other issues they face and we do not want learning to be one of those issues,” said Francisco Mata, a San Ysidro School District spokesperson. On Thursday, Mr. Dickes filled his cart at Walmart with the essentials: markers, binders, paper, white boards and technology. “I like to change it up a lot and stay up to current trends in technology. It is critical that you find what connects with your students and keep adapting.” His efforts with the San Ysidro School District for 12 years have not gone unnoticed. “I wish we had 100 teachers like him,” said Mata. Like many local teachers and teachers across the nation, Mr. Dickes digs into his own pocket to buy school supplies. “I never put a dollar amount to it. I just do what needs to be done.” On Thursday, Mr. Dickes was surprised with a dollar amount he did not know about. Walmart presented him with a \$530 gift-card. “We understand that you buy a lot of supplies for your children and we would like to give back and say, thank you,” said

Melissa Jacobsen, Walmart manager. Mr. Dickes said he will share the gift card with his principal and the school.

SCHOOL VISITS TO WILLOW & SMYTHE!



It was wonderful to visit Willow and Smythe Elementary Schools this past Tuesday to tour the new education reporter from the San Diego Union Tribune, Kristen Taketa. Our appreciation is extended to Principals Manuel Bojorquez and Russell Little for hosting our school tours. Reporter Taketa asked questions about our district's proximity to the

border and the support systems we put in place for our students to be successful. She was also interested in our dual language immersion program.

FALL 2018 DISTRICT TEAM PHOTO



On Thursday, our district office staff came together to meet and appreciate their hard work to successfully kick off the 2018-19 school year!

FAREWELL & ALL THE BEST TO OUR DIRECTOR OF CHILD NUTRITION - PALOMA PEREZ

This Friday was the last day of work for our Director of Child Nutrition, Paloma Perez. She has accepted a position with the Hunger Coalition to help combat child hunger. The child nutrition department surprised her this afternoon with a farewell gathering at SYMS. Cabinet wished her a warm farewell with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Paloma Perez will be recognized at the Thurs, September 13th board meeting with a Distinguished Champion Award.



LOOKING AHEAD

Below is a chart of upcoming dates and events.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sat, Sept. 8	9:00 a.m.	Board Room	Special Board Meeting
Tues, Sept. 11	8:30 a.m.	La Mirada	Coffee with Principal
Thurs, Sept. 13	4:00 p.m.	SYMS	Special Board Meeting
Thurs, Sept. 13	5:00 p.m.	SYMS	Regular Board Meeting
Fri, Sept. 14	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	SYMS	16 de Sept. Chalk Art
Tues-Thurs, Sept. 18-20	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Board Room	CSBA Board Policies Review
Tues, Sept. 18	9:00 a.m.	Smythe	Coffee with Principal
Wed, Sept. 19	8:30 a.m.	Willow	Coffee with Principal
Tues, Sept. 25	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	OVHS MPR	Tea with Principal
Wed, Sept. 26	9:00 a.m.	SYMS	Coffee with Principal
Thurs., Sept. 27	TK-Kinder 8:30 am - 8:50 am	La Mirada	Awards Assembly

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