



# 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 4, 2023

### SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

#### NEW TEACHER ACADEMY

On Friday August 4th, 16 new teachers gathered in the Parent Center to attend the New Teacher Academy facilitated by Educational Services. The district resource teachers Adriana Aguilar, Sandra Guzmán, Cynthia Mosqueda, Josefina Villegas, and Carolina Hernández led this important professional development. Luis Ramos, Russell Little, and Veronica Medina also made brief presentations. The training included the SYSD instructional matrices, Data Review Sessions (DRS), assessments, and educational technology resources.

Thank you to our resource teachers: Adriana Aguilar, Sandra Guzmán, Cynthia Mosqueda, Josefina Villegas, and Carolina Hernández, as well as Director Ramos, for a fabulous and helpful new teacher academy!





## LA MIRADA SCHOOL WINNERS OF THE DANCE CONTEST AT OUR WELCOME BACK STAFF EVENT

La Mirada showed their amazing team spirit by dancing the morning away and winning our Welcome Back Staff dance competition. On Friday, August 4th, they received their prize and enjoyed delicious pizza to celebrate their unity and achievement.



## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT SCHEDULE

Date	School	Time
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

### **HEARTS & HANDS FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH**

On Tuesday, August 1st, as they have done for 25 years, Hearts & Hands in collaboration with the San Diego Food Bank, held a food distribution at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in San Ysidro. Baskets of pre-packaged and non-perishable foods were distributed, as well as eggs and a variety of fruits and vegetables. Each month, Hearts & Hands has a drive-thru food distribution at Las Americas Premium Outlets in San Ysidro.







## UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
<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

## WILLOW ELEMENTARY BEAUTIFICATION

The grounds crew has worked to begin improving the curb appeal at Willow Elementary.





## **SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL PBIS STAFF MEETING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Safe, welcoming and supportive school environments are essential for helping students reach academic success. Each of our school sites work towards creating these environments through their Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBI) teams. PBIS is an evidence-based tiered framework that guides educators into ensuring that behavioral expectations are being taught and practiced, positive behaviors are being recognized, and relationships between students and staff are being strengthened.

Monthly themes and slogans such as “Viking Strong,” were encouraged as a way to empower students by having a visual representation of who they are or who they can become. Pep rallies, motivational speakers, music assemblies, clubs during lunch, and monthly focuses such as “handling social conflict” month, or “managing emotions” month, were also a part of this discussion. We applaud our SYMS team for working diligently on creating a positive school climate for their students.



## **SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE FAIR**

The South County SELPA Community Advisory Committee held its annual Special Education Resource Fair. The free event allowed attendees to connect with local organizations, service providers, and support groups, which offered assistance and information. Some of the local organizations included the Autism Society of San Diego, Deaf Community Services, Special Olympics Southern California, San Diego Regional Center, and many more.

The Resource Fair also included representatives from our member school districts, community vendors, and prizes for both children and adults.



### **FLEET SCIENCE CENTER'S COMMUNITY MORNING**

Students from San Ysidro Middle School got the chance to experience a new community morning program. A fun filled field trip, at no cost, to the Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park. The adventure included complimentary admission and breakfast, as well as the opportunity to experience the exhibit galleries an hour prior to general admission.





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Henrique Ramos (center) and his two children experience the virtual reality space transporter exhibit at the Fleet Science Center, Saturday, San Diego, Calif., July 29, 2023.



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Isabella Pacheco (in pink), 16, is a junior at San Ysidro High School. Saturday, she created music with her sister in an exhibit at the Fleet Science Center, San Diego, Calif., on July 29, 2023.

## 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 22th, 2023 to October 12th, 2023, and lastly, San Ysidro Middle School will have classes available to parents from October 23rd, 2023 through December 6th, 2023.

Link to enroll: [opencccapply.net](https://opencccapply.net)

All brand new textbooks have been delivered by Southwestern College to Smythe Elementary and our Parent Resource Center. The new textbooks will be delivered to Willow Elementary in the upcoming week.

We have begun assisting parents with the enrollment process via mail or over the phone.

**Please click on the link to access the flier:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQcxsnA\\_U7nOyO6LtBkdcFX8LIBt2jd9PjoULwfVjJHMXhlfqXNI3gEYxNdCBxQw/pub](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQcxsnA_U7nOyO6LtBkdcFX8LIBt2jd9PjoULwfVjJHMXhlfqXNI3gEYxNdCBxQw/pub)

### **CIRCULATE SAN DIEGO**

The home of the Roadrunners, Willow Elementary, welcomed Circulate San Diego on Thursday, July 27th. CSD is a regional non-profit organization dedicated to advancing mobility in our neighborhoods. Its goal is to make our streets more walkable and bikeable, and overall making our region a better place to move, work, learn, and play.

Students learned about walking safety with an excitement-filled interactive session. Circulate San Diego created a “mini town” with cross streets, stoplights, and buildings, such as a “mini library” where students were able to practice safe travel and mobility.

Students, from kindergarten through 3rd grade were able to ask questions and have a real life immersive experience while learning about sustainable neighborhoods and growth.







## 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>

