



# San Ysidro

School District **EST - 1887**

QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

## District Highlights

Week of September 9, 2022



### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Gina Potter, Ed.D.



**All Schools Closed September 19th - October 3rd, 2022**

**District Office Closed September 26th-30th, 2022**

**Students Return on Tuesday, October 4th**

*Todas las escuelas estarán cerradas del  
19 de septiembre al 3 de octubre de 2022*

*Las oficinas del distrito estarán cerradas  
del 26 al 30 de septiembre de 2022*

*Los estudiantes regresan el martes 4 de octubre*

## **SYMS STUDENT FEATURED IN KPBS SPECIAL REPORT: CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE FOR STUDENTS WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS**

On Tuesday, September 1, KPBS reporter, M.G. Perez, and his cameraman spent part of the early afternoon interviewing and filming Diego Caperon, 7th grade student at SYMS, & Jim Perondi, SDCOE Orientation and Mobility Specialist, for a special report on the work that is being done to support students who face visual challenges. Diego, who has been part of our SYSD family for 2 years, is very independent and has a great support team around him. He loves football and is a big Los Angeles Chargers fan. At SYMS he is a member of ASB and is a cashier at the student store. The report which features Diego was broadcast on TV and radio along with a written story distributed on Wednesday, September 7th. The link can be accessed below.

### **Source: KPBS Website Link**

<https://www.kpbs.org/news/local/2022/09/07/meeting-special-needs-and-celebrating-independence-for-students-who-are-visually-impaired>



*M.G. Perez*

Jim Perondi, SDCOE Orientation and Mobility Specialist, works with Diego Caperon, 12, on getting around campus at San Ysidro Middle School, San Ysidro, Calif., September 1, 2022.



## **MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, TRANSPORTATION AND FACILITIES (MOTF) RECOGNITION**

On Friday, September 9th, Board President Rudy Lopez, Superintendent Potter, Interim Assistant Superintendent Manuela Colom, and Interim MOTF Administrator Fidel Castro recognized the MOTF department for their dedication to the district. Thank you MOTF team for your incredible hard work to successfully launch the new school year with a



short summer window, for your tremendous work to set up for districtwide special events, for ensuring students who ride the bus safely arrive to and from school, for keeping our schools and facilities clean, nicely landscaped, and well maintained. MOTF serves as the strong backbone of our district and we extend our sincere gratitude to them for their hard work and commitment to our students.



**UPCOMING DATES**

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
<b>Fall Break</b>	Monday, September 19, 2022 thru Monday, October 3, 2022	No School
<b>First Day back from Fall Break</b>	Tuesday, October 4, 2022	All students return to school

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

On Thursday, September 8th, Vista Del Mar Middle School 6th grade student Micheal Devos led the pledge of allegiance at the Governing Board Meeting. Nicely done Micheal and go Sharks!



## **BOARD RECOGNITION: JUANITA NUÑEZ, 2022-2023 SAN DIEGO COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

On Thursday, September 8th, the Governing Board and Superintendent recognized Juanita Nuñez for being 1 of 5 teachers named 2022-2023 San Diego County Teachers of the Year. It has been 19 years since a teacher in our district was named both county and then state Teacher of the Year... this was our new Board Member Zenaida Rosario. Ms. Nuñez' speech the evening of the Teacher of the Year event was incredibly sincere as she expressed her heartfelt love for our students, our community, and her pride for the culture of our community. Ms. Nuñez epitomizes the definition of a truly remarkable teacher and she represents the important role each teacher plays in the lives of our children.

Ms. Nuñez has been with our District since 2002. She is currently our Sci Phy teacher working with 370 students at Ocean View Hills, Sunset, Smythe, Willow and La Mirada. Ms. Nuñez is known across the District for being an inspiring educator who combines compassion, humor and her infectious positive personality to connect and bond with her students. She incorporates her own life experiences as the daughter of hard working farm worker parents and her childhood experiences to inspire and motivate her students to learn, enjoy, and excel within their educational journeys.

We are incredibly blessed, proud and honored that Ms. Nuñez is part of our San Ysidro family. This award is a reflection of her hard work and dedication to teaching. Ms. Nuñez serves as a role model in education within our community and now within our county. The San Diego County Office of Education could not have chosen a better person to represent our community and teachers throughout San Diego County at the state level!

Congratulations! ¡Felicidades!





**BOARD RECOGNITION: SCI-PHY DISTRICT TEACHERS**

On Thursday, September 8th, the Governing Board and Superintendent recognized the district's Sci-Phy Team for their dedication, passion and commitment to our students. The Sci-Phy team was created by Interim Superintendent Manuela Colom with the vision of bringing access to STEM during the regular school week. The Sci-Phy program is in its 6th year and over the last 5 years it has been under the leadership of Elva De Baca. This team has led with heart and has incorporated STEM, physical education, social emotional learning and English/Academic Language Development. Each Sci-Phy teacher serves approximately 350 TK-6th students per week on a weekly basis.

Congratulations to our San Ysidro School District Sci-Phy Teachers:

Manuela Colom, <b>Program Founder</b>	Elva De Baca, <b>Lead</b>	
Patricia Burch	Leticia Lemos	Allison Reik
Rudy Constantino	Lorna Longmire Piggee	Janell Wright
Melissa Hasemyer	Vanesa Murphy	Eugene Yepis
Veronica Hernandez	Thelma Sotelo	Juanita Nuñez



**THE SAN YSIDRO WOMEN’S CLUB RECOGNIZED SUPERINTENDENT POTTER, NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER ZENAIDA ROSARIO, 2022-2023 SAN DIEGO COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND SCI-PHY TEACHERS**

On Thursday, September 8th, the San Ysidro Women’s Club Alice De La Torre, Martha Jacobo, Gabriela Gregory, Maria Maytorena and Gloria Bermea attended the governing board meeting to recognize Superintendent Dr. Potter, Board Member Zenaida Rosario, Juanita Nuñez and the district’s Sci-Phy Team.

The San Ysidro Women’s Club presented flowers to Superintendent Potter for recently being named the California Association for Supervision and Curriculum (CASCD) 2022 Outstanding Instructional Leader.

The San Ysidro Women’s Club presented flowers to Board Member Zenaida Rosario for recently being appointed by the Governing Board as a board member.

The San Ysidro Women’s Club presented flowers to Sci-Phy Teacher Juanita Nuñez for recently being named the 2022-2023 San Diego County Teacher of the Year.

The San Ysidro Women’s Club presented sunflowers to the entire Sci-Phy District Team.





**NEW OCEAN VIEW HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, VIKKI VIRAMONTES-CASTORENA**

On Thursday, September 8th, the Governing Board approved the promotion of Vikki Viramontes-Castorena from Ocean View Hills Temporary Intervention Specialist to Ocean View Hills School Assistant Principal. Congratulations Ms. Viramontes-Castorena.





**BOARD PRESENTATION: LONG RANGE MASTER FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - UPDATE**

On Thursday, September 8th, Consultant Tom Silva provided an update regarding the Long Range Master Facilities Implementation Plan. Please click on the link to access the board presentation: [Long Range Master Facilities Implementation Plan - Update](#)

**BOARD PRESENTATION: 2021-2022 UNAUDITED ACTUALS**

On Thursday, September 8th, Chief Business Official Marilyn Adrianzen presented the 2021-2022 Unaudited Actuals report. The district's budget is positive. Please click on the link to access the board presentation: [2021-2022 Unaudited Actuals](#)