



San Ysidro

School District

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District Highlights

Weeks of January 21 & 28, 2022



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL CALIFORNIA PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS: OCEAN VIEW HILLS ELEMENTARY WINS!!!

CONGRATULATIONS Ocean View Hills Elementary for being one of the first schools to be recognized by the state as a California Purple Star School for your support of military families!!! To put this incredible accomplishment into perspective; the State of California has over 10,500 schools and only 31 schools were selected. A special thank you to our Student & Family Services Manager Veronica Medina for being the primary author, Assistant Superintendent Dr. David Farkas for supporting Ms. Medina throughout the process and Mindy Hayes, School Liaison Officer, Naval Base Coronado for being the Ocean View Hills School military liaison. Thank you to school administrators Manuela and Erika Meza, and Ocean View Hills Staff for your commitment to meet the unique needs of military-connected students and their families.

[California Department of Education Press Release RE: State Superintendent Tony Thurmond Announces Inaugural California Purple Star Schools](#)

Source: CDE Website <https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr22/yr22rel05.asp>

**ABC CHANNEL 10 NEWS' COVERAGE OF
OCEAN VIEW HILLS CALIFORNIA PURPLE STAR AWARD**



UPCOMING DATES

| Event | Day/Date | Time | Location |
|----------------------------|--|------|----------------------------------|
| Lincoln's Birthday Holiday | Friday, Feb 18th | | District Office & Schools Closed |
| Presidents' Day | Monday, Feb 21st | | District Office & Schools Closed |
| Spring Break | Monday, March 21st through Monday, April 4th | | Schools Closed |
| Students Return | Tuesday, April 5th | | All Schools |

ERIKA MEZA NAMED PRINCIPAL AT OCEAN VIEW HILLS ELEMENTARY



We are excited to announce that beginning Monday, February 7, 2022, Ms. Erika Meza will serve as Principal of Ocean View Hills Elementary. Prior to becoming an administrator in 2015, she taught students in the San Ysidro community for almost 10 years at multiple schools including at Beyer Elementary, Smythe Elementary, La Mirada Elementary, Willow Elementary and San Ysidro Middle School. Ms. Meza's time as a site leader includes serving as Assistant Principal at Sunset Elementary, Vista Del Mar Middle School and in her most recent position as Assistant Principal at Ocean View Hills Elementary with support at Vista Del Mar Middle. Ms. Meza is excited to have the opportunity to serve as the Principal of Ocean View Hills, which she has called home for the last 3 years.

SMYTHE ELEMENTARY RECEIVES A COUNTY SPONSORED "LITTLE LIBRARY"

A very special thank you to County Supervisor Vice Chair Nora Vargas and the County Board of Supervisors for granting a Little Library to Smythe Elementary! Our community is grateful for the opportunity to promote as many opportunities for students and their families to have access to the wonderful world of literature as much as possible! Our district was notified that every school site in our district will receive a Little Library. Our district will be the first in the county to have a Little Library at every school! Stay posted for a construction timeline for the installation of the Little Libraries at our other schools along with a date for a county Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Pictured below is Smythe Principal Russell Little next to the newly installed Little Library at his school.



FREE COVID AT-HOME TESTS AVAILABLE THROUGH US GOVERNMENT

The US government will provide each household 4 free home tests. Tests will be delivered to your home.

To order your tests:

Call 1-800-232-0233. (English, Spanish & 150 other languages) OR

Click here: [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov)

PRUEBAS CASERAS GRATUITAS DE COVID DISPONIBLES A TRAVÉS DEL GOBIERNO DE EE. UU.

El gobierno de los EE. UU. proporcionará a cada hogar 4 pruebas caseras gratuitas. Las pruebas se entregarán en su hogar.

Para ordenar sus pruebas:

Llame al 1-800-232-0233. (inglés, español y otros 150 idiomas) Ó

Haga clic aquí: [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov)

SAN YSIDRO HEALTH VACCINATION CLINICS

The Sweetwater Union High School District and San Ysidro Health partnered to provide vaccination clinics on Thursday, January 27, 2022 and Tuesday, February 22, 2022 from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. at San Ysidro High School in the PAC Theater Lobby Area. Please see the event vaccination flyers for detailed information.

[SYH Vaccination Clinic-Spanish](#)


[SYH Vaccination Clinic- English](#)

COVID VACCINATION CLINIC IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COLOR HEALTH AND SAN YSIDRO SCHOOL DISTRICT

San Ysidro School District and Color Health are partnering to bring a COVID-19 vaccine clinic on **February 5th and March 12th from 10am-4pm** at San Ysidro Middle School located at 4345 Otay Mesa Rd., San Ysidro CA, 92173. The Pfizer vaccine will be offered to both children 5+ and adults as well as flu shots on March 12th. If you would like to pre-register please click here: <https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/sanysidrovax>. Walk-ins are welcome but pre registration is highly encouraged. The COVID vaccine is safe, effective, 100% free, and the best way you can help protect your family and community. If you have questions about the vaccine, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

COVID CASE DASHBOARD

This Dashboard is an effort for our district to be transparent regarding COVID cases. From July 26 through January 28, there have been a total of 753 cases of which most have been contact traced to outside community transmission, and not from within our schools. Thus, of our total student and staff population of just over 5,000, 15%, have reported a positive COVID case. During the January Omicron surge the district implemented additional safety measures including but not limited to additional school cleaning and disinfection, enhanced rates of optional COVID testing, KN 95 masks for all staff and surgical masks available for all students. The district's multi-layered safety measures are proving highly effective in curbing the transmission of COVID within our schools.

 San Ysidro School District COVID-19 Dashboard

BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE VACANT SEATS

The district will be accepting BOC member applications for the following vacant seats:

- Parent: One (1) member shall be the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District.
- Parent: One (1) member shall be both a parent or guardian of a child enrolled in the District and active in a parent-teacher organization, such as the P.T.A. or a school site council.
- Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

Application and committee information are posted on the District's website at <https://www.sysdschools.org/sanysidro> under Announcements. We hope to fill these vacancies as soon as possible.

Note: Applicants cannot be SYSD employees.

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION/DISTRIBUCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS GRATIS:

San Diego Food Bank: <https://sandiegofoodbank.org/gethelp/>

Feeding San Diego: <https://feedingsandiego.org/find-food/#locate>

COMMUNITY COVID RESOURCES

Please click on the link to access the COVID Community Resources:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRHa3eSXww70KLcnAro21nIFBAdB1BPDL5cLTwBD5J3UYdUhY17DHNmazYRD7sgVmagg3IUALM9oLF_c/pub