



San Ysidro

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QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

Weeks of March 17 & April 7, 2023



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

WILLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Principal Maria Connie Rodriguez and the teachers held grade level awards assemblies the week of March 13th. Students were recognized for outstanding academic achievement, attendance, citizenship, and for being reclassified as Fluent English Learners. Enjoy the photos below with a few of the students recognized.







SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT MEET WITH STUDENT LEADERS AND PRINCIPALS

On Tuesday, April 4th Superintendent, Dr. Gina Potter, and Assistant Superintendents, Dr. Jose Iniguez and Russell Little met with student leaders from each school to get an update on the progress of their school year projects which included: “No Place for Hate” program & promote positive student attendance; assemblies to promote attendance & recognize student academic achievements and acknowledge and recognize acts of kindness; Initiate math competitions: implement more after school sports programs such as fairs, festivals, cooking, art and video editing classes; promote a positive school culture and attendance; and lunchtime student activities.



SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER PLAYER SELECTED TO ATTEND INAUGURAL ALEX MORGAN FOUNDATION EVENT

San Ysidro Middle School soccer player, Isabela Estrada, was selected to attend the unveiling of The Alex Morgan Foundation at Montgomery Middle School on Tuesday, March 21st. She was selected due to her on and off the field hard work and leadership skills.

The Alex Morgan Foundation was established for the purpose of equity and developing opportunities for females on and off the field and supports mothers. During the first year, the foundation will focus on supporting “Let’s Go South Bay”, an organization dedicated to girls' recreational soccer in the South Bay area. They will also work with Casa Familiar, which helps low-income individuals in San Ysidro. Attending the event was Board Member Rudy Lopez, Superintendent Dr. Gina Potter, Assistant Superintendent Russell Little, SYMS Soccer Coach Eva Gonzalez, along with Isabela’s family. Congratulations Isabela!





SCI PHY PROGRAM RECOGNIZED BY CLASSROOMS OF THE FUTURE FOUNDATION



The San Ysidro School District's Sci Phy Program has been selected as the Classroom of the Future Foundation's (CFF) Inspire Award recipient for this year's 20th Annual Innovation in Education Awards scheduled for May 18 Qualcomm Technologies. The program will receive a \$5,000 grant for the Inspire Award to assist with scaling up the program.

This program has become a hallmark program for the district, providing access to ALL of our students to STEM instruction and providing focused high quality English language development during their lessons.

It is our hope that we will continue to provide this program for our students and continue to scale it up as the award intends. Congratulations to the entire Sci Phy team including the leadership of Educational Services who have believed in and nurtured the program since its inception.

SMYTHE INTERIM PRINCIPAL MARLO VASQUEZ NOMINATED FOR THE CALSA SAN DIEGO CHAPTER ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

On Wednesday, March 22nd, Dr. Jeannette Chien, CALSA San Diego Chapter Chair and Deputy Superintendent of Learning and Leadership Services for the San Diego County Office of Education, notified Smythe Interim Principal Marlo Vasquez of his nomination for the CALSA San Diego Chapter Administrator of the Year Award. She wrote, "I am writing to extend my warmest congratulations on your nomination for the CALSA San Diego Chapter Administrator of the Year Award. Your dedication and hard work in promoting quality public education and addressing the unique needs of Latino/a students have not gone unnoticed. While we had many outstanding nominees, the CALSA San Diego Chapter selection committee had the difficult task of selecting just a few winners. Please know that your nomination is a testament to your leadership and contributions to public education."

Mr. Vasquez will be recognized at the CALSA San Diego Chapter Association Administrator of the Year Award Ceremony on April 19th. This ceremony is an opportunity to come together as a community, celebrate the accomplishments of our colleagues, and connect with other education leaders in the San Diego area. The is open for colleagues, family members, and friends to attend as well.

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION (CABE) 2023 CONFERENCE

The California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) 2023 conference was held in Long Beach from Wednesday, March 22nd through Saturday, March 25th. Our district team that attended the conference were: Board Clerk Zenaida Rosario, Board Member Rudy Lopez, Assistant Superintendent Russell Little, Interim Assistant Principal Gloria Mena, Lead SCIPHY Teacher Elva De Baca, SCIPHY Teacher Juanita Nunez, SCIPHY Teacher Leticia Lemos, Resource Teacher Cynthia Mosqueda, Resource Teacher Sandra Guzman, Sunset Teacher Emilia Villanueva and Sunset Teacher Carla Garcia. The annual conference promotes equity and student achievement for students with diverse cultural, racial, and linguistic backgrounds. CABE recognizes and honors the fact that we live in a rich multicultural, global society and that respect for diversity makes a stronger state and nation.





SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE STATE OF THE DISTRICT AND STATE UPDATE

On Friday, March 17th, Superintendent Potter attended Southwestern College's Superintendent/President Dr. Sanchez's second annual State of the District Update. Other guest speakers at the event were Assemblyman David Alvarez and California Community Colleges Interim Chancellor Dr. Daisy Gonzales who joined him in serving as keynote speakers. Southwestern College has many wonderful collegiate and graduate pathways for students to access and utilize towards building a foundation for life success.

