



San Ysidro

School District

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QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

Weeks of May 19 & 26, 2023



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.

SCI PHY PROGRAM WINS THE CLASSROOM OF THE FUTURE FOUNDATION 2023 INSPIRE AWARD

On Thursday, May 18th, the Classroom of the Future Foundation presented the 2023 Inspire Award to our Sci Phy Program. During the presentation the following remarks were shared: "The Sci Phy is an extraordinary program that has crossed classroom and school walls to unite the San Ysidro community and STEM partners with the focus on developing love for oneself. This program measures social emotional learning and has served over 3,400 students this year. Through the power of community they have created a unified force to empower students, parents and outside partners with the knowledge that they can succeed with any goal that they envision." A special thank you to the Educational Services department for supporting the Sci Phy program with the day-to-day behind the scene duties that are needed. A special thank you to the Sci Phy team for providing exceptional science and physical activities to our students.

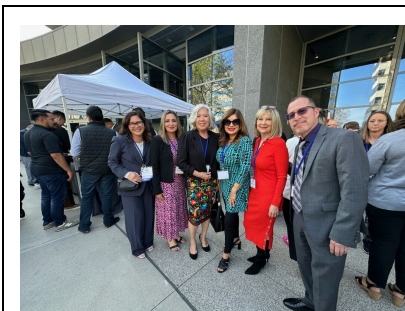
The following Sci Phy teachers were recognized: Elva De Baca (Resource Teacher/SciPhy Lead), SciPhy Teachers: Patricia Burch, Rudy Constantino, Liana Davis, Melissa Hasemyer, Veronica Hernandez, Leticia Lemos, Vanesa Murphy, Juanita Nunez, Lorna Piggee, Thelma Sotelo, Allison Reik, Janell Wright, Eugene Yepis and Socorro Santos (SciPhy Sub Teacher) along with our Director of Educational Services Luis Ramos. A special thanks to Board Clerk Zenaida Rosario for attending the ceremony.

Congratulations! Felicidades!

Please click on the link to access video:

- **Video:** https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DubYm58wBYbuJKZbzMjPFYpfoC7bIPCv/view?usp=share_link





UPCOMING DATES

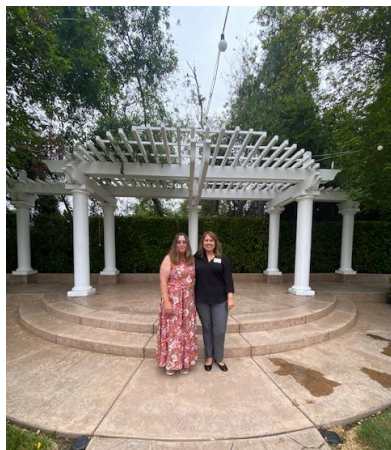
EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
Last Day of School for Students	Wednesday, June 7, 2023	All Schools
First Day of new 2023-24 School Year for Students	Monday, July 24, 2023	All Schools

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN!

It's time to register your children for the 2023-2024 school year. Our school office staff as well as SYSD staff are ready to assist families with the online registration process. School offices are offering extended office hours so that it is more convenient for families to register and families may register at any district school including in pupil services at the SYSD offices. For more information regarding registration, please click [here](#).

GREATER SAN DIEGO READING ASSOCIATION 2023 LITERACY AWARDS

On Saturday, May 13th, Ocean View Hills 5th grade SEI/ME Teacher Mary Padilla was one of the recipients of the 2023 Literacy Award. Every year each district selects one individual who meets the criteria of excellence in teaching and promotes literacy. Mary Padilla was selected and presented a framed Award of Excellence at the annual Celebration of Literacy Leaders event. Congratulations Ocean View Hills Teacher Mary Padilla for your recognition!





COLLEAGUES WELLNESS AND APPRECIATION AFTERNOON

On Friday, May 19th, the San Ysidro Chamber of Commerces' Education Collaborative, the District and VEBA organized a Wellness and Appreciation Afternoon for all our district colleagues. This event was scheduled in conjunction and in celebration of Principal Appreciation Day, Teacher Appreciation Week and Classified/Confidential Appreciation Week to show our gratitude for all they do for our children, families, and community. The afternoon event included a cooking demonstration, motivational speaker, chair yoga, deep stretching, sound healing and zumba. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success!



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION EVENT

The annual employee recognition event took place on Wednesday May 24, 2023 at San Ysidro Middle School. The district recognized staff who have completed 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 or 35 continuous years of service with SYSD. Classified employees of the year from each school site were also recognized with a beautiful plaque and flowers from their Principal. Teachers of the year from each school site were given an engraved apple along with flowers from their Principal. In addition, all 53 retirees were honored with a stunning glass clock engraved with their name and years of service to the district. A special thank you to Board Member Rudy Lopez for helping us honor our staff!







CLASSIFIED AND CONFIDENTIAL APPRECIATION WEEK

The week of May 22nd we celebrated Classified and Confidential Appreciation Week. On behalf of the San Ysidro School District, a sincere thank you to our classified and confidential colleagues for their hard work, outstanding service and dedication to our students, families and community throughout the year! As a special thank you, all classified and confidential staff received a SYSD lunch bag.



SOUTH COUNTY SELPA'S 15TH ANNUAL CAC ART & AWARDS SHOW

On May 25th, Marjorie Palacios, Speech-Language Pathologist, was recognized at the 15th Annual CAC Art & Awards Show. Throughout Marjorie's career at SYSD, she has served students and families with care, compassion and empathy. She has excelled in her role as part of the Preschool Assessment Team, and is an asset to our Special Education Department. The award was given by Mr. Russell Coronado, South County SELPA director as well as Special Education Director, Oscar Madera. Ms Palacios' family was able to join her for the celebration.





CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS MAGAZINE - SPRING 2023

The California School Boards Association (CSBA) produces quarterly publications of the California Schools Magazine. Superintendent Potter was recently interviewed to share the district's perspective on chronic absenteeism. Editorial Director Kimberly Sellery wrote the article titled, "Connecting to curb chronic absenteeism" where Dr. Potter is quoted in the article. Please click on the link to access the magazine and article:

[California Schools Magazine - Spring 2023 edition](#)

[Article by Kimberly Sellery - Connecting to curb chronic absenteeism](#)