



San Ysidro

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QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

District Highlights

Week of September 16, 2022



SUPERINTENDENT

Gina Potter, Ed.D.



Image courtesy of www.Hispanicmonth.net

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION!

Each year from September 15 through October 15 we celebrate and recognize the many contributions that families tracing their roots to Mexico, Spain, Central America, South America and Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean have made to our history, culture and the successes we enjoy in the United States. This annual celebration pays tribute to many generations of Hispanic Americans who positively influenced and enriched our communities, society and nation. [Guide to Observing Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

APPRECIATION FIESTA FOR 2022-2023 SAN DIEGO COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR, JUANITA NUÑEZ

On Friday, September 16th, all staff were invited to attend the Appreciation Fiesta to honor 2022-2023 San Diego County Teacher of the Year Juanita Nuñez. The celebration included students from the San Ysidro High School Mariachi Group that is facilitated by San Ysidro High School Teacher Wendy Charines. Sci Phy Teachers displayed art work and played a video that was created by her students. Light snacks and refreshments were also given to attendees. Superintendent Potter, Board President Rudy Lopez, Board Clerk Irene Lopez, Board Member Zenaida Rosario and Executive Director of Educational Services Cynthia Monreal González shared remarks about her achievements. A special thank you to the coordinating committee led by Elizabeth Originales and the Sci-Phy team under the leadership of Elva De Baca for making this event a success.

Links to media stories and broadcasts:

NBC7 FEATURE STORY ON JUANITA NUÑEZ' APPRECIATION FIESTA:

<https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/students-celebrate-san-diego-countys-teacher-of-the-year-along-side-mexican-independence-day/3049119/>

SDSU NEWS CENTER STORY ON JUANITA NUÑEZ:

https://newscenter.sdsu.edu/sdsu_newscenter/news_story.aspx?sid=78894







SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNIZES THE 2022-2023 SAN DIEGO COUNTY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

On Wednesday, September 14th, the San Diego County Board of Education recognized the 2022-2023 San Diego County Teachers of the Year. Our very own Junita Nuñez was presented with a certificate by the County and flowers by the San Ysidro School District. Congratulations Juanita Nuñez, 2022-2023 San Diego County Teacher of the Year.







LA MIRADA VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY - VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

A huge congratulations and thank you to Principal Laura English and Assistant Principal Marlo Vasquez , their teachers and staff for all the hard work that went into this great virtual event. Principal Laura English and Assistant Principal Marlo Vasquez met with parents via Zoom meeting to greet them and share information about the upcoming school year. Afterwards parents had an opportunity to virtually meet their child's teacher.

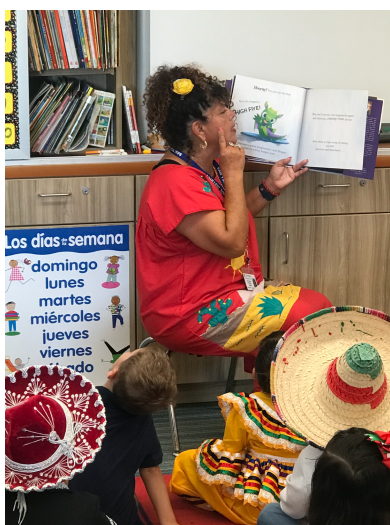
Please click on the link to access the presentation:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ENH6GICZH-m0F3ijF7p7JeHWGh9O3kWH/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117975998743952418574&rtpof=true&sd=true>

<p>La Mirada Virtual Learning Academy</p>  <p>Principal Laura English</p> <p>Assistant Principal Marlo Vasquez Thursday/Friday</p>	 <p>1st/2nd Mr. Delgado</p> <p>3rd Grade Ms. Sandez</p> <p>3rd/4th Ms. Bernard</p>	<p>1st-6th SDC MM Mr. Anderson</p> <p>Sci/Phy and Intervention Mr. Ritchison</p> <p>Ms. Rosario VLA Clerk</p> <p>Social Worker Jedzida Herron</p> <p>6th Grade Ms. Macias-Santos</p> <p>Speech Therapist Ms. Manriquez</p> <p>Irma Beltran RSP Teacher</p> <p>School Psychologists Ms. Rivera</p>
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BOARD MEMBER ZENAIDA ROSARIO VISITS SMYTHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES

On Friday, September 16th, Board Member Zenaida Rosario visited Smythe Elementary school to celebrate Mexican Independence Day. Smythe elementary staff and students wore traditional Mexican dresses with the colors green, white and red. A special thank you Principal Russell Little, Assistant Principal Marlo Vasquez and staff for coordinating these wonderful cultural activities to celebrate Mexican Independence Day. Please click on the link to watch Board Member Zenaida Rosario lead El Grito with Smythe Students: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CB4No2VhtM-2YH0g5WZ5V371vqd2oRU3/view?usp=sharing>



NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT OCEAN VIEW HILLS SCHOOL

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Vikki Viramontes-Castorena has been selected to serve as the Assistant Principal of Ocean View Hills Elementary School beginning September 14, 2022. Mrs. Viramontes-Castorena has served as a Classroom Teacher at Ocean View Hills for 21 years.

Mrs. Viramontes-Castorena possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies from San Diego State University and a Masters in Teaching from National University.

Mrs. Viramontes-Castorena is excited to serve alongside Principal Meza as the leadership team of Ocean View Hills Elementary School. Congratulations Mrs. Viramontes-Castorena!



NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT SAN YSIDRO MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Mairén Ruiz has been selected to serve as the Assistant Principal of San Ysidro Middle School beginning September 1, 2022. Mrs. Ruiz comes to San Ysidro with over 10 years of experience in education. Most recently, Mrs. Ruiz served as the Principal of Banyan Tree Foundations Academy.

Mrs. Ruiz possesses a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and a Masters in Counseling from Brandman University.

Mrs. Ruiz is excited to serve alongside Principal Bojorquez as the leadership team of San Ysidro Middle School. Congratulations and welcome to our district, Mrs. Ruiz!

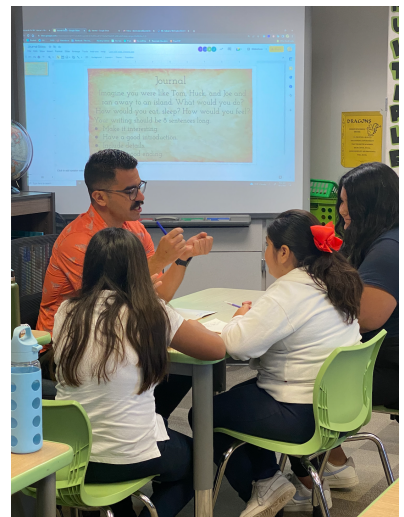


SMYTHE SCHOOL VISIT

On Monday, Sept 12th, Board Clerk Irene Lopez, Board Member Zenaida Rosario, Superintendent Potter and Cabinet (Interim Assistant Superintendent Manuela Colom, Executive Director of Educational Services Cynthia Monreal González and Chief Business Official Marilyn Adrianzen) had a great school visit to SmytheElementary School. They were hosted by Principal Russell Little and Temporary Assistant Principal Marlo Vasquez who facilitated classroom visits. Thank you Mr. Little, Mr. Vasquez, teachers and staff for hosting and facilitating our visit.









UPCOMING DATES

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
First Day back from Fall Break	Tuesday, October 4, 2022	All students return to school
Preschool Parent Conferences	Monday, October 17, thru Friday, October 21, 2022	Preschools
Parent Conferences	Monday, November 14, thru Friday, November 18, 2022	Elementary and Middle Schools
Veteran's Day	Friday, November 11, 2022	Schools and District Office Closed
Thanksgiving Break	Monday, November 21, thru Friday, November 25, 2022	All Schools Closed

UC SAN DIEGO EYE MOBILE AT SMYTHE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Source: [UCSD Shiley EyeMobile Website](https://www.ucsd.edu/shiley-eye-mobile)

The UCSD EyeMobile visited the Smythe Child Development Center (CDC) on Wednesday, September 14th. Smythe CDC children were given a vision screen and care for vision disorders for young children who would not otherwise have access to critical medical screening and care. ABC10 will air the screenings at a later date.



EVERY ABSENCE MATTERS

September is “Attendance Awareness Month” and The San Ysidro School District believes it takes a village to help with attendance issues that our families are facing on a daily basis. Attendance is not one person’s responsibility but we must all take ownership and understand our roles in addressing truancy and chronic absenteeism. We are here to help solve problems and commit the time and resources to identify and intervene before it reaches a critical level. For any further questions regarding attendance or resources please contact Veronica Medina; Coordinator of Pupil Services at veronica.medina@sysdschools.org or at (619) 428-4476 x 3083 or any of our Outreach Consultants that are listed below.¹³

School	Name	Email	Phone Number
La Mirada Elementary	Adriana Garcia	adriana.garcia@sysdschools.org	(619) 428-4424
Ocean View Hills Elementary	Maida Gonzales	maida.gonsales@sysdschools.org	(619) 661-0457
San Ysidro Middle School	Marisela Gonzalez	marisela.gonzalez@sysdschools.org	(619) 428-5551
Smythe Elementary	Veronica Aguayo	veronica.aguayo@sysdschools.org	(619) 428-4447
Sunset Elementary	Rodrigo Amezcuita	rodrigo.amezcuita@sysdschools.org	(619) 428-1148
Vista Del Mar Middle School	Nirvana Bustos	nirvana.bustos@sysdschools.org	(619) 661-6753
Willow Elementary	Darlene Herbert	darlene.herbert@sysdschools.org	(619) 428-2231

Every Absence Matters

We will help create a district-wide focus on improving student achievement and wellness.

Inspire



We are dependable and you can trust us with your needs.

Reliable



We care about every single student in our schools.

Caring



We will help improve student achievement through partnerships with parents.

Helpful



Communicate

We send out messages to express our concerns.



Resourceful

We will help with resources to help improve student achievement.



Available

We are always available by either telephone or email.



Supportive

We are hear to support all of our students to achieve academically.

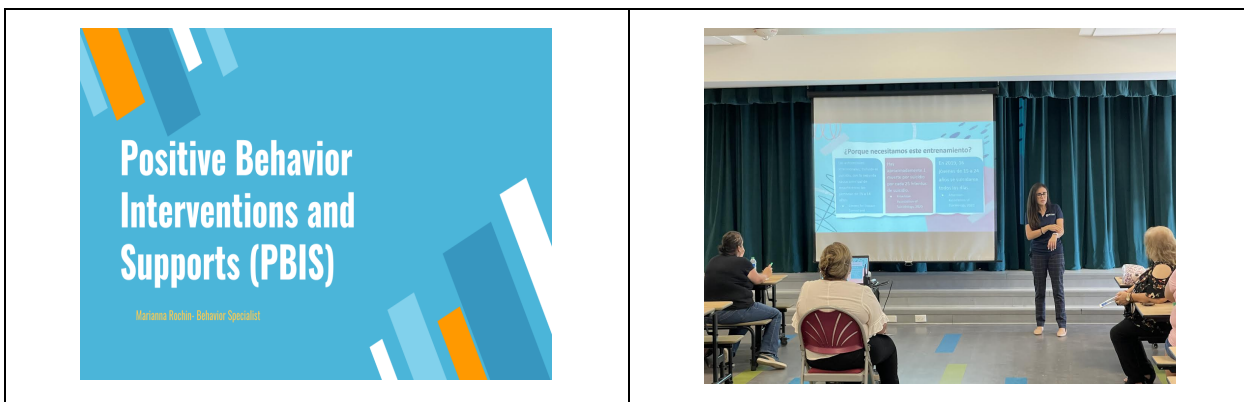
PARENT WORKSHOPS OFFERED DURING COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

The Special Education Department has launched their parent workshops during Coffee with the Principal at all of our school sites. These workshops have been focused on Mental Health and Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) with the intention of strengthening our partnership with families in improving student outcomes.

Ms. Karina Victorino, School Social Worker, is presenting for our district parents at Coffee with the Principals at the different schools. So far she has presented at Smythe, Sunset, La Mirada and San Ysidro Middle School. She will continue presenting at different schools during the months of September and October. Ms. Victorino was also invited to present on this topic to the parents of San Ysidro and neighboring communities at “Cafecito con CASA Familiar” on September 15th. Her presentation educates parents on how to identify the warning signs of suicide, tips on how to support their children, the protocol and interventions that our School District follows when one of our students is experiencing a crisis and community and school resources available to support our children and families.



Ms. Marianna Rochin, Behavior Specialist, is presenting at Coffee With The Principals around the district. So far she has presented at OVH and Willow, and her next presentation will be at Sunset Elementary on October 5, 2022. Her presentation provides information to parents about what Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is and how our schools are using PBIS to build positive school cultures. She includes the importance and benefits of using PBIS and provides strategies for parents to use at home to support the work our schools are doing.



LA MIRADA PBIS TEAM

La Mirada PBIS team working together to establish expectations for various areas throughout the campus. Our goal is to elevate what we are already doing to make it an even more successful Learning Community at La Mirada.

