



Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School

Home of the Snow Owls



May 9th, 2024





Martha-Irene Garza, Principal

Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos!





District Staff Present Tonight

- Dr. Eduardo Reyes, Superintendent
- **Jessica Morales, Assistant Superintendent**
- Sharon Casey, Assistant Superintendent
- **Rochelle Carroll, Assistant Superintendent**
- Lalaine "Lani" Perez, Executive Director Language Development
- **Rosemary "Rose" Tagnesi, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services**
- Aimee Sage, Coordinator of Special Education
- **Dr. Paula Madrigal, Director Early Childhood Education**
- Giovanna Castro, Director of Communications
- **Jovanim Martinez, Director of Maintenance and Operations**
- Corina Mitchell, Student Placement Manager
- **Ashley Campos and Michael Bruder, Coordinators of Innovation**
- Omar Calleros, Director of Expanded Learning Programs
- **Dr. Ryan Santos, Coordinator for Leadership Development, Equity, and Access**





School Staff Present Tonight

- Letty Real, Secretary
- **Geraldine Arreaga, Kindergarten**
- Eloisa Rivera, Kindergarten DI
- **Moki Carreon, 1st Grade**
- Jessica Gonzalez, 2nd Grade
- **Leticia Trujillo-Lopez, 2nd Grade DI**
- Stephanie Raygoza, 3rd Grade
- **Mariana Cate, 3rd Grade**
- Martha Lopez-Solis, 4th Grade DI
- **Veronica Rivera, 5th/6th Grade DI**
- Tory Acosta, 6th Grade
- **Jennifer Chatham, Photography and Digital Media Arts**
- Orna Edwards, Dance
- **Carolina Peters, Counselor**





Organizations Present Tonight

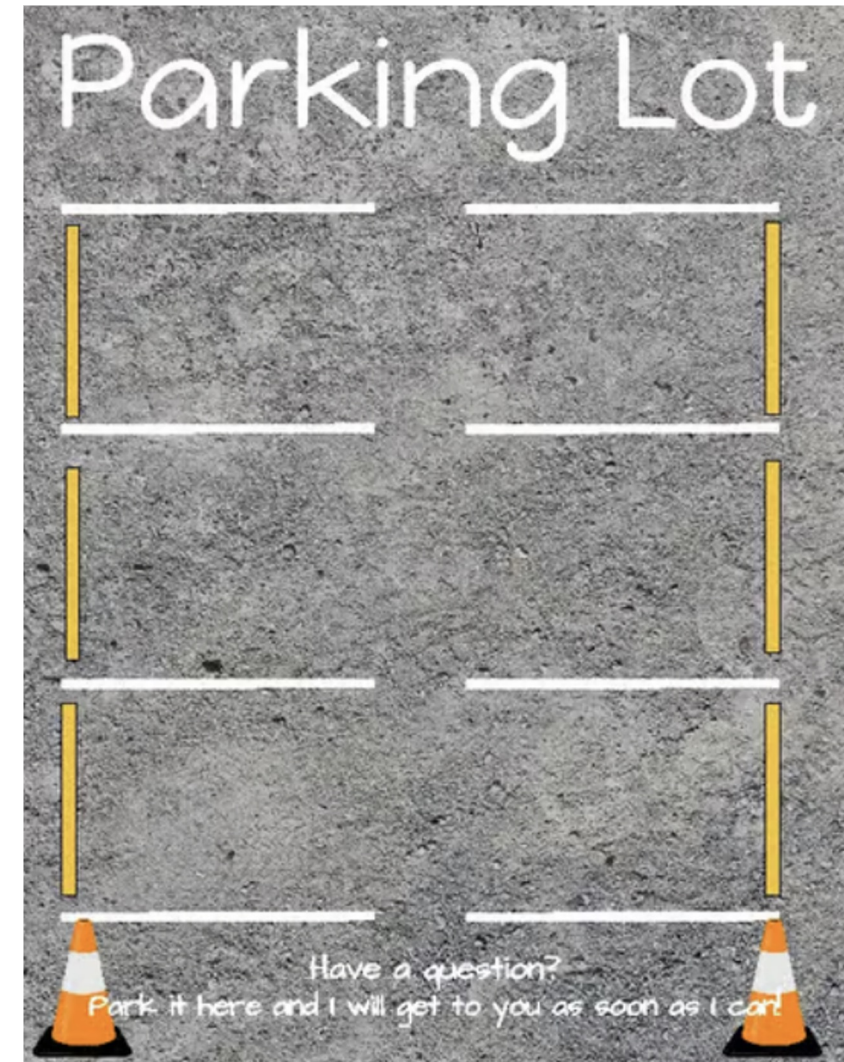
- Janice Oani, President of Chula Vista Council of PTAs
- **Miriam Martinez, YMCA Department Head – Child Youth Development**



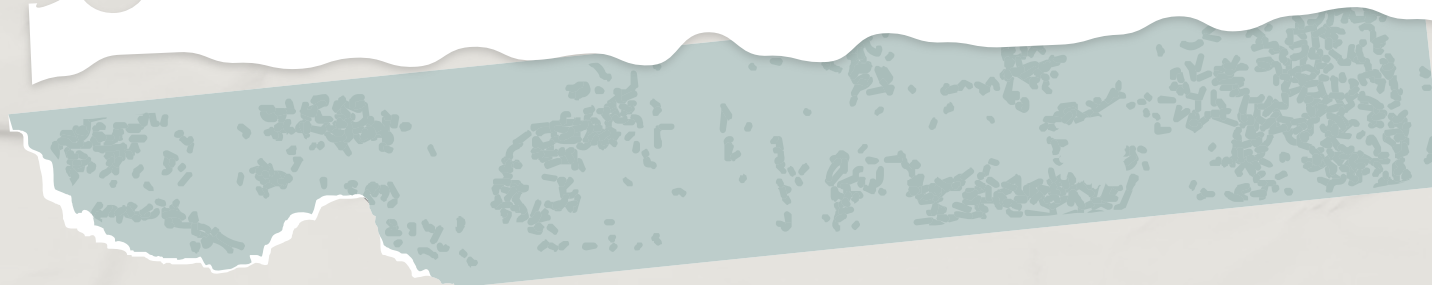


Virtual Parking Lot

- Write down general questions and place in our Virtual Parking Lot.
- Please include your contact information in case time doesn't permit us to address all questions this evening.
- District staff and I will be available to respond to individual questions upon the conclusion of the meeting.



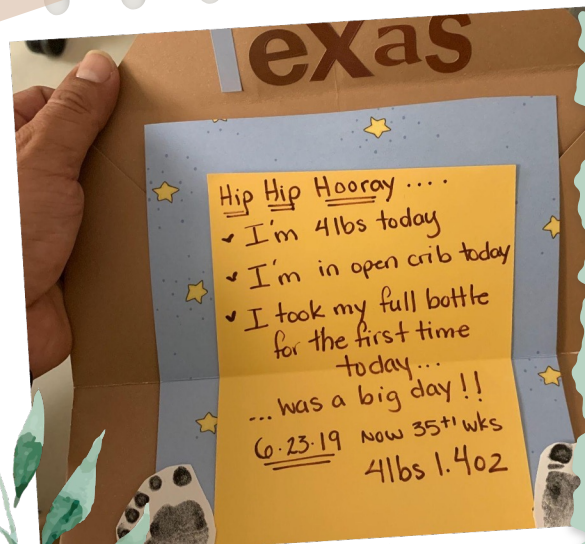
My Why







Major Milestones



50 days later...





Meet Texas
Jackson!



Equity Work



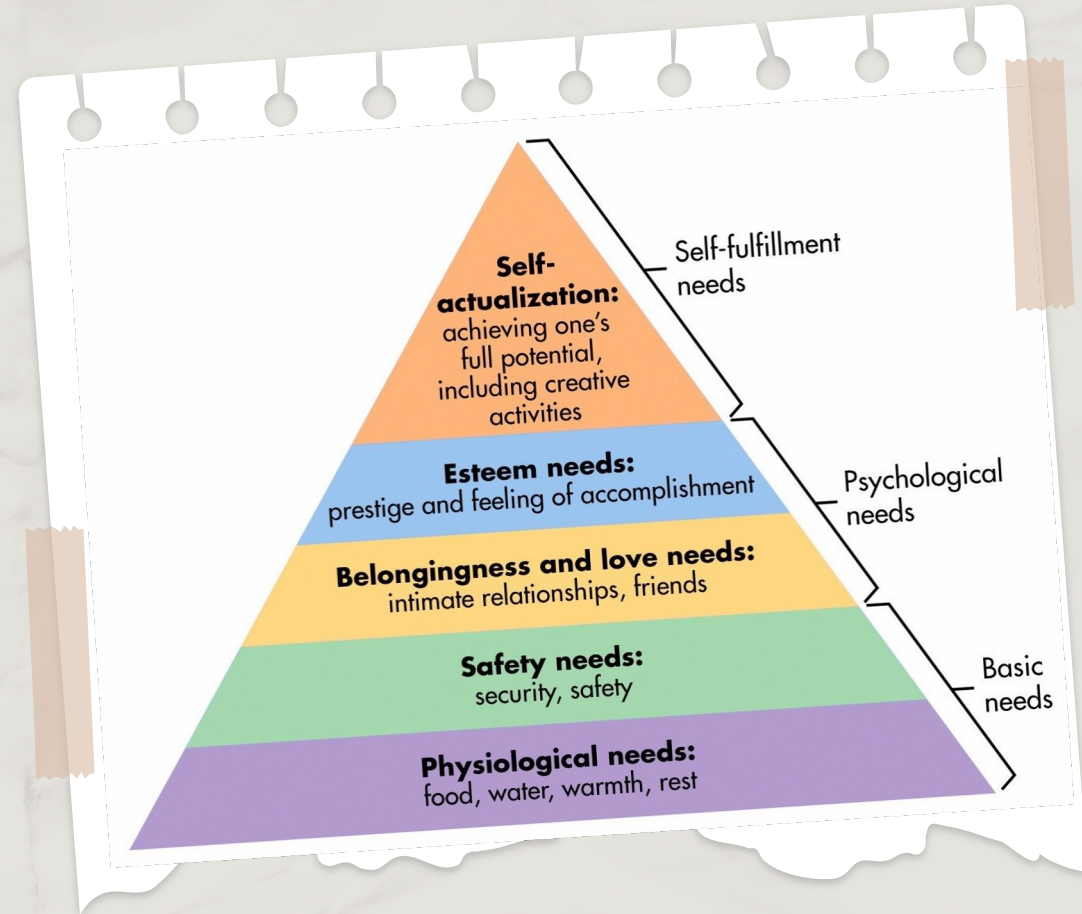
Measurable Growth



Whole Child



TEAM





"Alone we can do so
little; together we
can do so much."

—Helen Keller





Background and Experience

- Grew up in Chula Vista
 - Attended Chula Vista High School and participated in the School for the Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA)
- B.S. Biology from University of California, Los Angeles
- M.Ed. from University of California, San Diego
- Science Teacher
- Assistant Principal
- Principal
- In process of completing Ed.D. in Educational Leadership at San Diego State University





School Information

1790 Santa Christina Avenue

Chula Vista, CA. 91913

Temporary School Office Number: (619) 216-6511

2024-25 Daily Schedule

School Office Hours: 7:15 AM - 3:45 PM	School Gate Opens: 7:15 AM	Breakfast: 7:20 - 7:50 AM
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School Start and Dismissal Times

Grade	Monday - Thursday	Fridays/Minimum Days
TK - K	8:00 AM - 2:10 PM	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
1 st - 6 th	8:00 AM - 2:25 PM	8:00 AM - 1:15 PM

School Blog sotomayorelementary.org

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WHO IS SONIA SOTOMAYOR?

UNCATEGORIZED

Principal Meet and Greet – May 9th, 2024

Published by marthairenegarza on April 29, 2024

Chula Vista Elementary School District is inviting you to an informational meeting for future families of Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School being held at on Thursday, May 9th, 2024 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm at Saburo Muraoka Elementary School's MPR. Parents will get an opportunity to meet the new principal, classroom...

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Hello,

*Welcome to Sonia
Sotomayor
Elementary School's
Blog!*



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Main District Phone: (619) 425-9600 ext. 800100

The school will open in July 2024. Please refer to the district's official website for information at www.cvesd.org.

Let's connect

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Stay in the know!



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Sonia Sotomayor Elementary is Underway

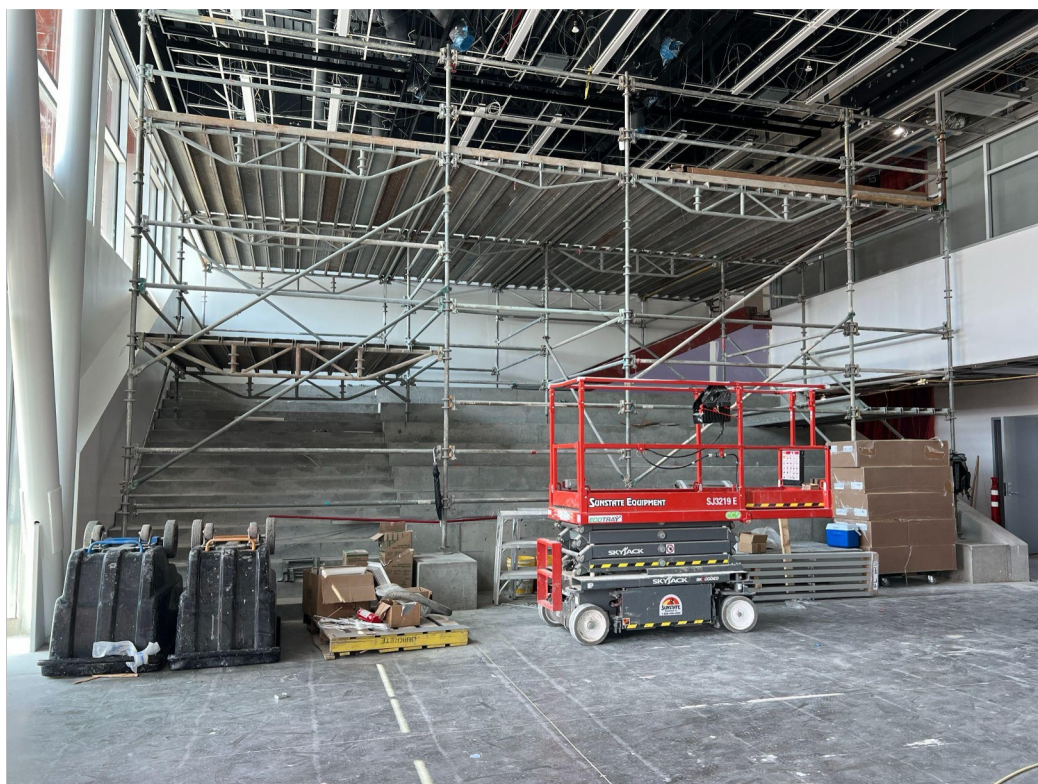


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Construction Fun Facts

- The 7,685 cubic yards of soil exported thus far could fill three Olympic sized swimming pools.
- The 8,300 cubic yards of concrete used is enough to lay a sidewalk stretching over 50 miles.
- The steel used could construct about 2.5 eiffel towers.





Innovative Learning Environments

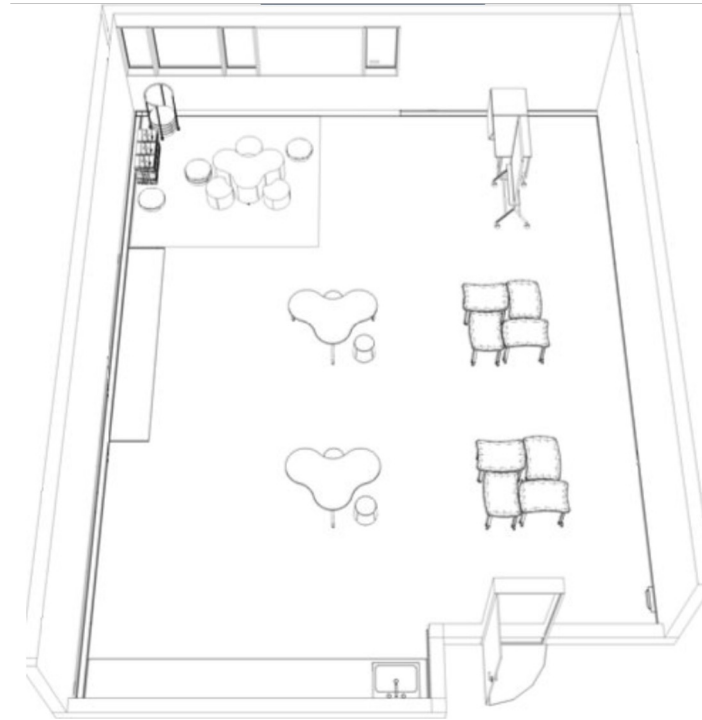
The learning space designs at Sotomayor have been guided by three themes:

- **Collaboration** - selecting affordances and furniture that support collaborative learning opportunities where students can easily learn together.
- **Flexibility** - selecting affordances and furniture that move easily to support active learning and a variety of classroom layouts.
- **Comfortability** - providing various options for work surfaces (desks, tables, & floor space) and seating choices (benches, booths, ottomans, stools, floor pads, & chairs) to support an array of learners, learning styles, and learning needs within the classroom space.





Innovative Learning Environments





Innovative Learning Environments



Learning
Commons



STEAM
Studio



- Throughout the instructional day, science, technology, engineering, and art skills will be developed and student ideas brought to life in the school's unique spaces, including our **Learning Commons** and **STEAM Studio**.
- Flexible seating in all learning spaces.
- Student thinking and student needs will be at the center of classroom learning.





State and District-Approved Curriculum

- The District uses state-adopted curriculum and supplemental instructional resources to provide standards-based instruction to all students.
- Textbooks, workbooks, and online resources are utilized to deliver instruction and provide practice.

General Education and Mild/Mod



Mathematics



Science



Language Arts



Social Emotional Learning

Mod/Severe



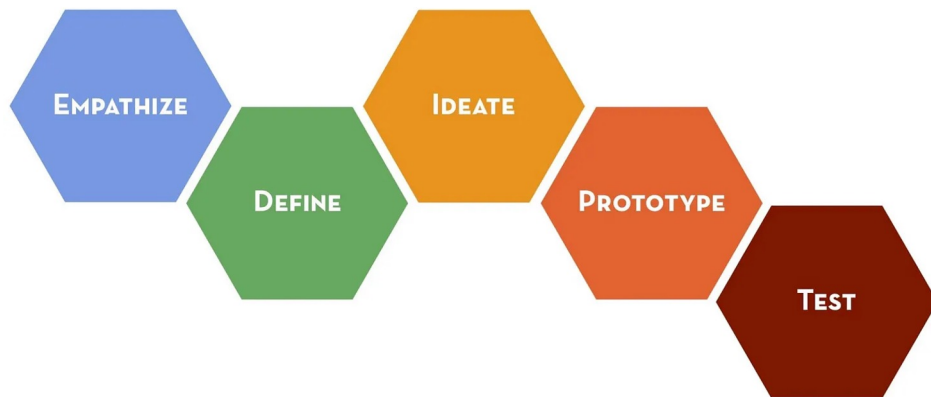
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Utilizing District-Approved Curriculum in an Innovative Manner

- Design thinking can be defined as a creative, human-centered approach to problem-solving and learning.
- By definition, design thinking lends itself to a framework that provides hands-on, project-based, **interdisciplinary learning** opportunities.





Sotomayor's Core Values

Valores Esenciales de Sotomayor



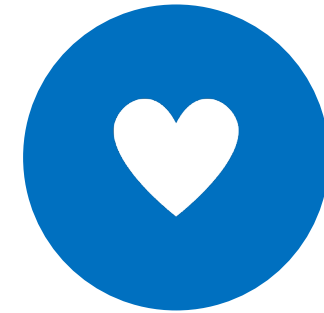
SAFETY
SEGURIDAD



RESPECT
RESPETO



RESPONSIBILITY
RESPONSABILIDAD



KINDNESS
AMABILIDAD



Programs at Sonia Sotomayor Elementary

- Transitional Kindergarten
- Spanish Language Dual Immersion (90/10) for Kindergarten through 6th Grade
- Special Day Class Mild/Moderate Classrooms and Moderate/Severe Classrooms
- LEAD Programs and YMCA Character Builders
- VAPA Program - Photography and Digital Media Arts and Dance





Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

- TK is a high quality program between Preschool and Kindergarten.
- It is designed for younger students to engage in early academic learning experiences designed to promote success in Kindergarten and beyond.
- For 2024-2025 registration: The student must be born between September 2, 2019 thru June 2, 2020.
- All registrations are done online at www.cvesd.org/EnrollNow.



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All About Transitional Kindergarten: Our Wonder Years

Come join the Early Childhood Education Department for an engaging presentation on how you can prepare your child for transitional kindergarten! Childcare will be provided while you enjoy free food, access to resources, and the chance to win exciting prizes.



Date: May 29, 2024



Location: District Office at 84 East J Street,
Chula Vista, CA 91910



Times: Morning Session from 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Afternoon Session from 4 - 5:30 p.m.

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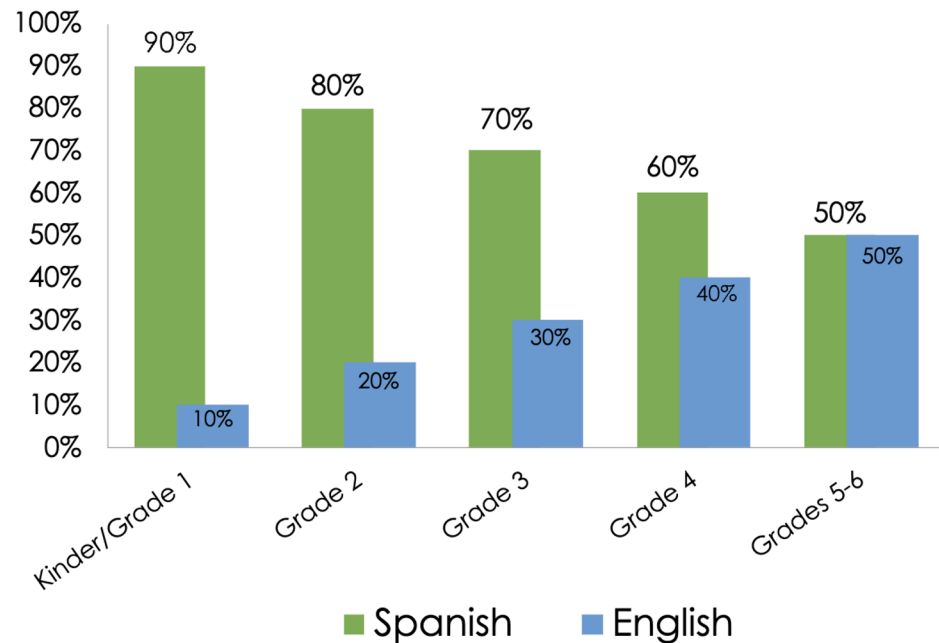


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Spanish Language Dual Immersion (90/10) Model



- **Bilingualism and Biliteracy** - Students develop a high level of thinking, listening, speaking, reading, and writing proficiency in English and the partner language.
- **High Academic Achievement** - Students strive for academic excellence in all subject areas, meeting or exceeding Common Core State Standards.
- **Socio-Cultural Competence** - Students develop positive attitudes and appreciation toward world languages and cultures in our global society, promoting their civic involvement.





Spanish Language Dual Immersion (90/10) Model

- Program participation is voluntary. An English only program is available to families.
- Parents must sign a Parent Commitment Form pledging to remain in the Dual Language Program from Kindergarten - 6th grade.
- Parents are required to attend required meetings throughout the year.
- Parents understand that combination classes may be created at times.





Special Day Class Mild/Moderate Classrooms and Moderate/Severe Classrooms

- A full continuum of services to eligible students in the least restrictive environment.
- We strive to build a partnership with parents by working collaboratively to develop Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for children that include services and supports according to their unique needs.
- The school will have flexible and diverse seating to support student learning with lots of light and biophilic elements (nature in the school). Unique spaces are being crafted for all students to support academic and social-emotional well being. Students will still have access to same curricular resources for their program.
- Sonia Sotomayor will maximize mainstreaming opportunities (VAPA, library, recess, and lunch) with access to general education peers as well as other SDC students.





LEAD Program

- CVESD's LEAD Program is a **free program** that offers different enrichment opportunities, including language, robotics, music, sports, and more.
- Students participating in the program learn a new skill and interact with peers in a physically and emotionally safe environment.
- **The LEAD Program is free to transitional kindergarten through sixth grade students who meet program requirements.**





YMCA Character Builders

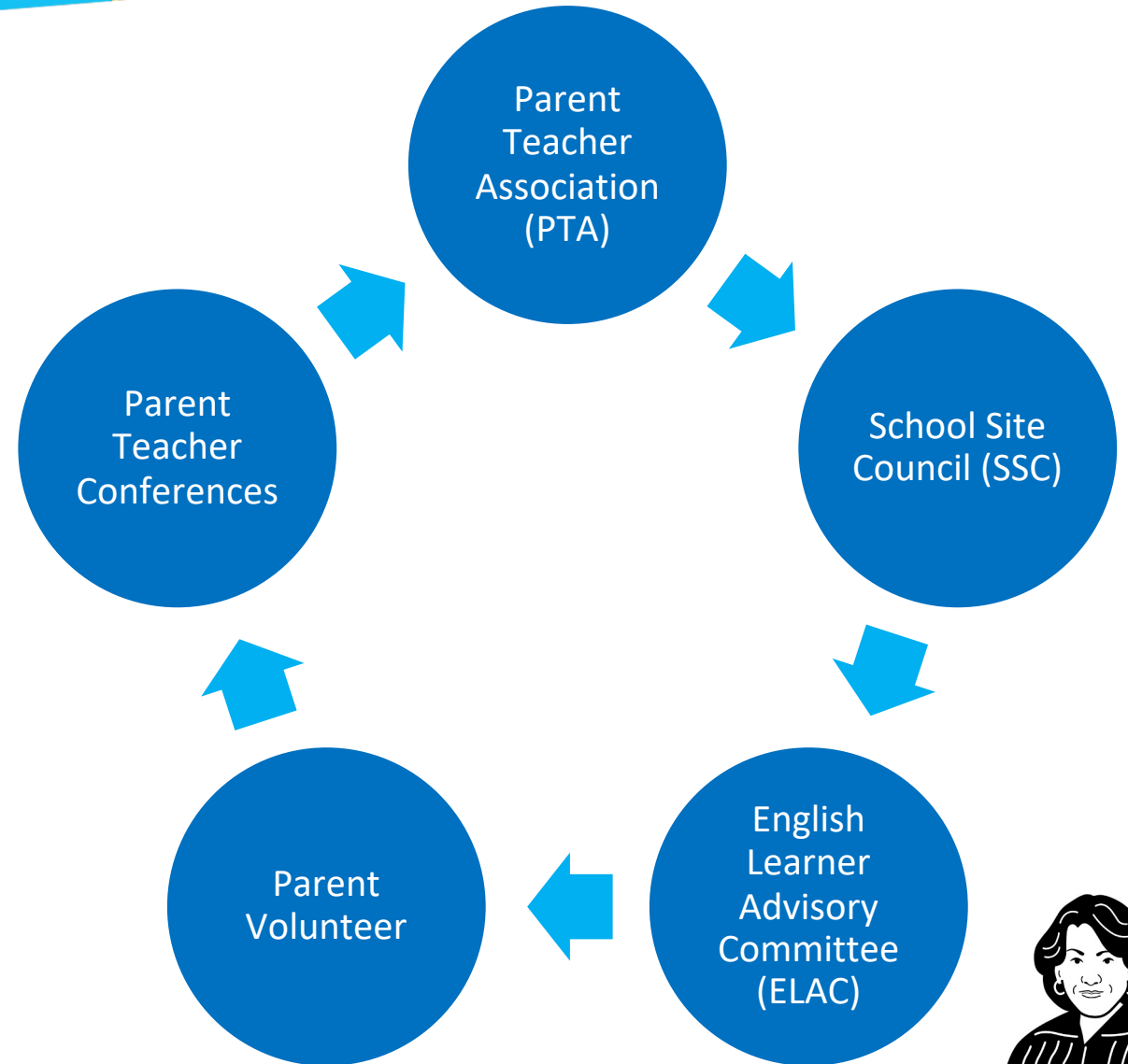
- Character Builders program provides **affordable** and dependable childcare to elementary school students **before and after-school**.
- Activities include homework support, health and wellness, visual and performing arts, sports, leadership development, service learning, and character development.
- An affordable program from the South Bay Family YMCA, serves students from TK to Grade 6 at Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School.





Your Involvement is Key to Your Child's Success!

- You are your child's first teacher.
- You have the ability to influence your child's education more than any teacher, book, curriculum, or school.
- You know your child best:
 - Share information about your child's interests and abilities with teachers.
 - Ask to see progress reports and works samples from your child. View the HAC/Parent Portal for information on child's academic progress.
 - Maintain two-way communication with your child's teacher.
 - Follow our school blog and district social media.





Parents and Legal Guardians are Essential Partners in Education

We need parent leaders and volunteers to help our school thrive!

Parent Interest Form - Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School





Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

- **PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.**
- PTA is at the forefront of boosting parent involvement everywhere.
- PTA connects school communities across the country.
- PTA fights for funding.
- PTAs focus on local schools and communities, and they are networked globally.
- PTA provides peace of mind with oversight, responsibility and knowledge.





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Parent Support Live Event: A Summer Like No Other with Literacy, Leadership, & Innovation!

Join us to kick off a summer filled with literacy, leadership, and innovation! By attending, you will gain valuable insights and resources to support your child's learning journey at home over the summer.

Presenters:

- Ashley Campos, Coordinator of Innovation
- Melissa Noble, Coordinator of Literacy
- Ryan Santos, Coordinator of Leadership, Equity, and Access



Date:

Tuesday, May 14, 2024



Time:

6 - 7 p.m.



Place:

Online (QR code)



For more information, please email ashley.campos@cvesd.org

Learn more at cvesd.org



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CVESD Job Fair

The Chula Vista Elementary School District (CVESD) is hiring instructional assistants and student attendants to fulfill our staffing needs for our ever-growing district. We will be hosting a job fair where we will provide potential candidates with information regarding available positions as well as conducting on-the-spot interviews for qualified candidates. Make sure to save the date so you don't miss this exciting opportunity!



Date:

Friday, June 7, 2024



Location:

Chula Vista Elementary School
District, 84 East J Street,
Chula Vista, CA 91910



Time:

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.



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Thank you!

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**Continuing Student Enrollment for verifying
residency will be sent out on May 28th to all
students.**

