



# Welcome CVESD Families

**August 1st, 2024**

**Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School**





# Our Vision

- At Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School we strive to provide meaningful student-centered learning experiences. Students will become life-long learners through collaboration and innovation rooted in the values of inclusivity, diversity, and equity.



# 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.



# 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 Science



Social Emotional Learning

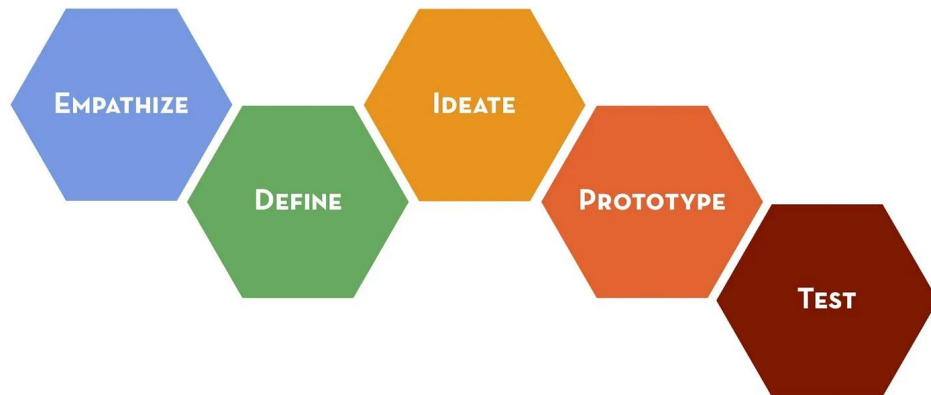
## Mod/Severe





# 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.





# Snowy Owl Expectations

## *Expectaciones de Búhos Nevados*



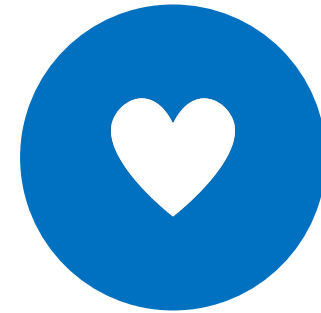
SAFETY  
*SEGURIDAD*



RESPECT  
*RESPETO*



RESPONSIBILITY  
*RESPONSABILIDAD*



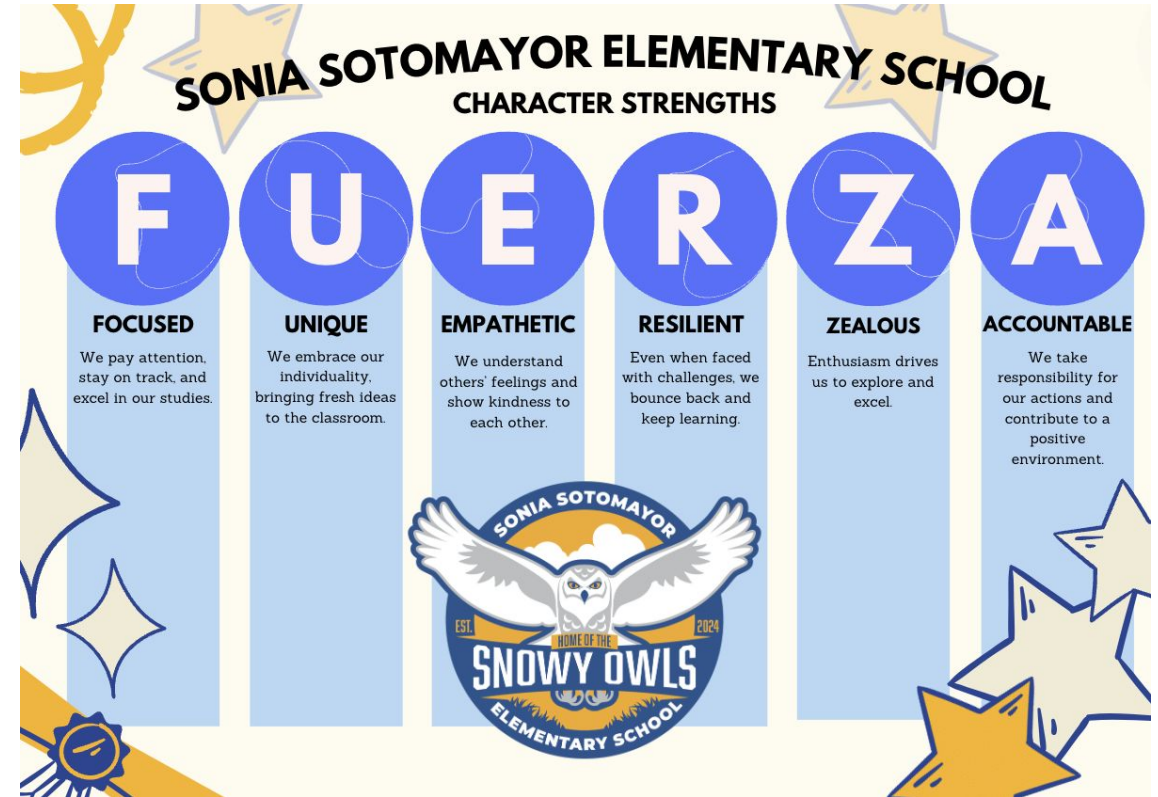
KINDNESS  
*AMABILIDAD*





# Snowy Owl Values

- Our Snowy Owl Values will be the common language and character strengths we will use to teach and empower all students to work toward their highest personal and academic potential.
- We will focus and highlight FUERZA character strengths bimonthly through morning announcements and recognize students for displaying these character strengths through our monthly student award assemblies.





# Programs at Sonia Sotomayor Elementary

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





# Collaboration



- Students rotate through enrichment classes with specialized teachers:
  - Music
  - Dance
  - Digital Media/Art
- Classroom teachers collaborate and plan curriculum together while students are in VAPA classes.



# Music

Our Snowy Owl musicians will be learning about multiple facets of music:

- Music theory
- Musical artists throughout history



Mr. Pandis

- Vocal performance technique
- Instrumental technique
- Listening skills
- Ensemble performance techniques



# Dance

## National Core Arts Standards Based Instruction

- Elements of Dance
- Creative Movement
- Literacy in Motion
- Cultural Dance
- Collaborative choreography projects
- Performance Opportunities/Talent Show



Ms. Edwards

Specialty Groups for students in 4th-6th grade

### Focus Group Fridays:

- Cheerleading Team
- Tap Dance
- Lyrical Jazz



# Digital Media/Art



Mrs. Chatham

- TK/K/1st Grade: Principles of Art through drawing and painting; coding
- 2nd Grade: Digital Storytelling (Storyboard, Record, Edit, Critique)
- 3rd Grade: Animation (Stop Motion, White Board, GIFs)
- 4th Grade: Videography (Short films, Music Videos)
- 5th Grade: "Photoshop" Style Editing + Critique
- 6th Grade: Photography using DSLR cameras (Principles of Photography)
- Broadcasting: Script Writing, Reporting, Editing, Videography





**When I miss school,  
my opportunities  
disappear...**



Missing just a few days of school a month can hurt a child's math and reading skills or even their chance of graduating. Please help us reduce chronic absence.

Find out more at [www.everystudentpresent.org/parents](http://www.everystudentpresent.org/parents)



Missing just two days in a month will result in a student being considered chronically absent. Data suggests chronic absence can hurt a child's math and reading skills or even their chance of graduating!



# Attendance

- To report an absence, add/remove emergency contacts, or any other question please send an email to:

**[sotomayor.school@cvesd.org](mailto:sotomayor.school@cvesd.org)**

- Or call (619) 216-6511, select option #2, and leave a voicemail.





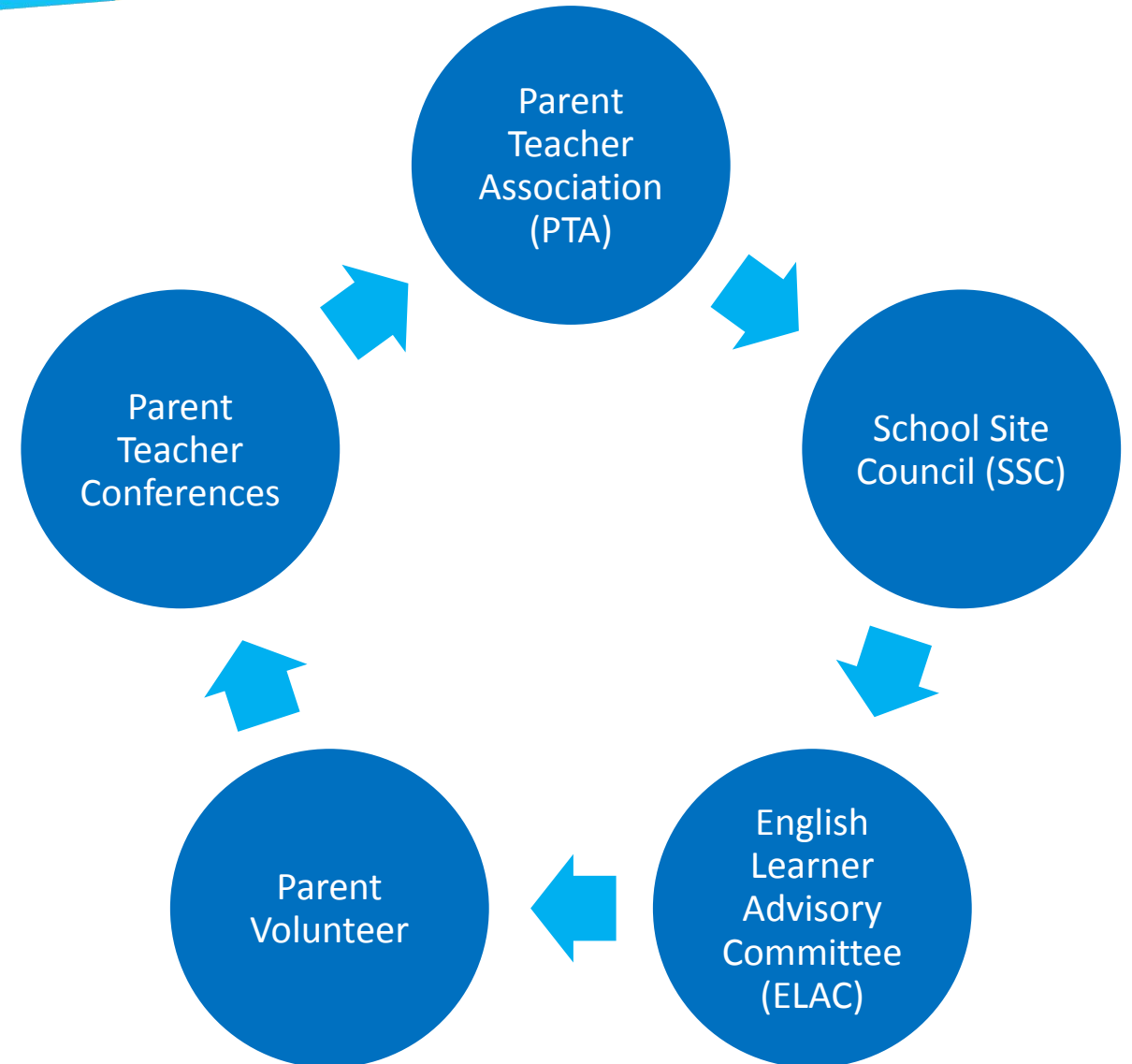
# Classroom Celebrations

- CVESD prohibits the use of food items in celebration of a student's birthday during the school day. Additionally:
  - No more than 2 class celebrations with food per year.
  - Food items should be store-bought and pre-packaged for food and allergy safety.
- Please click [here](#) to learn more about CVESD's Wellness Policy.
- By adhering to this policy we reduce possible life-threatening allergic reactions and protect students with other critical medical issues.
- This also minimizes interruptions to instructional time. Parents who wish to distribute non-food treats (stickers, pencils, etc.) to their child's class are strongly encouraged to discuss their desire with the teacher well in advance.



# 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.





# Working Together as Partners





# Parent Volunteers

- Parents interested in volunteering at Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School are asked to attend our Parent Volunteer Orientations.
  - Volunteers must have a current TB test on file and fingerprints if volunteering more than 2 times per month.

## Parent Volunteer Orientations

- Monday, August 12th
  - 8:15 AM in MPR
  - 5:00 PM through Teams



# SSC Elections

- Please vote for parent candidates of your choice to represent you in our School Site Council by entering the following URL or QR code:

<https://tinyurl.com/parentssc2024>



- Upon entering the URL above, you will be asked to write their full name, their student's full name, and their student's respective grade. Please read and select FIVE parent candidates for SSC, ONE parent candidate for DAC, and press Submit.
- Parent voting will close on Monday, August 5th at 2:30 PM. Thank you for taking the time to build our School Site Council.



# Follow CVESD on social media

- Follow our school on Instagram and the district on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn to stay connected! @sotomayorelementary @CVESDNews
- Tag the district and use the hashtag #CVESD for a chance to be featured on their social media channels.

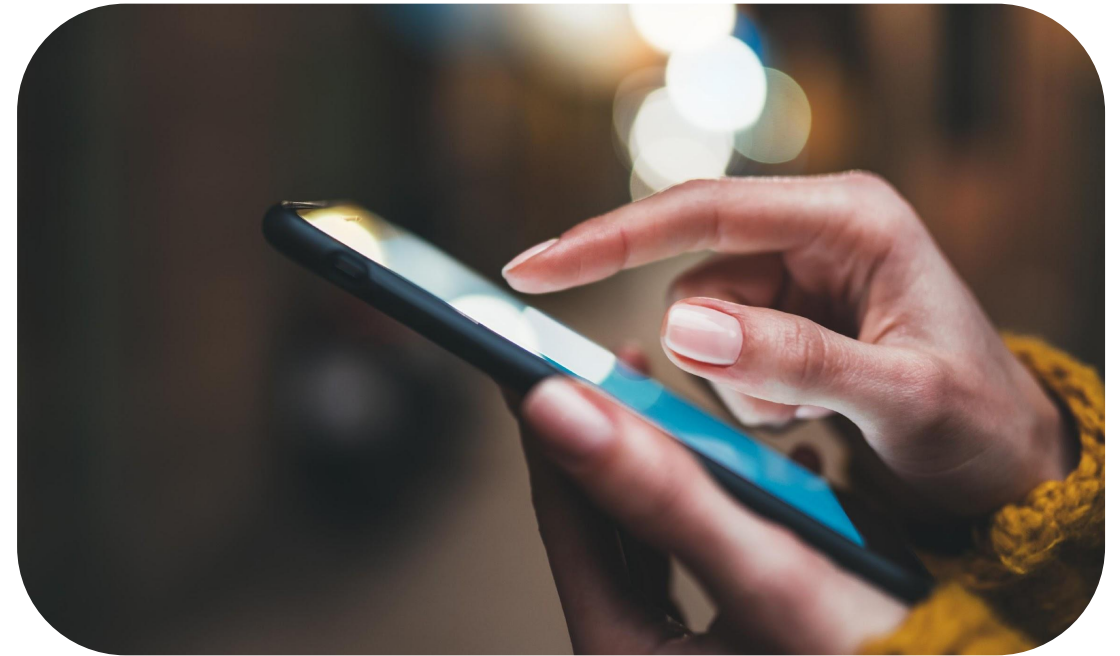






# Opt-in to communications

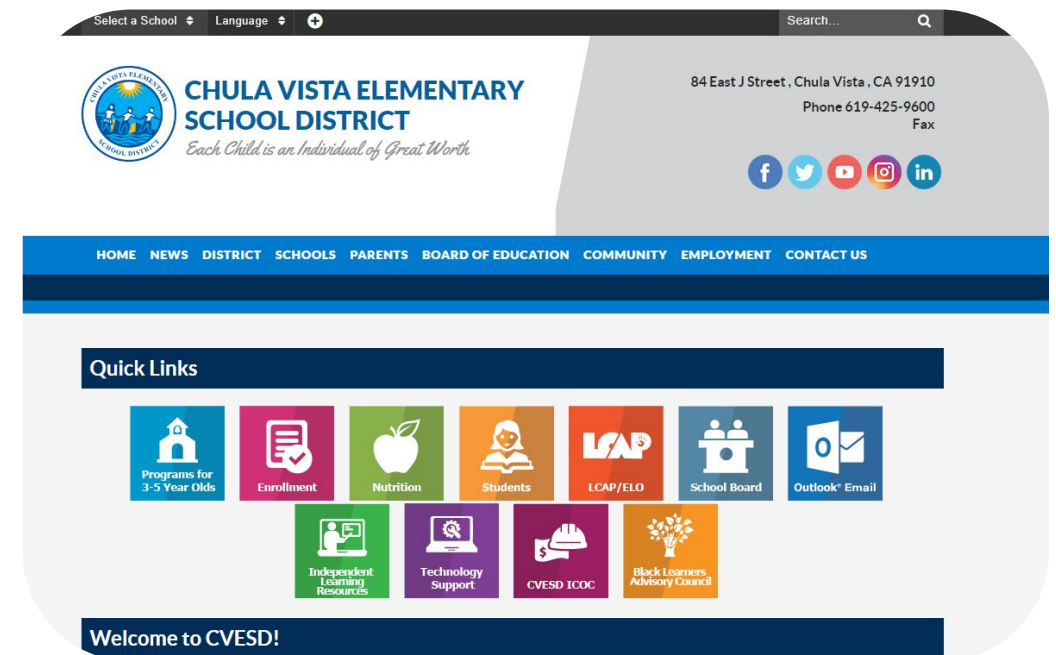
- Opt-in to receive mass notifications and emergency texts and calls.
- To opt-in to CVESD text messages, send a “Y” or “Yes” to 67587.





# School Site and CVESD Website

- Bookmark school site and CVESD website to stay updated on announcements, upcoming events, and more.
  - Website: [sotomayor.cvesd.org](https://sotomayor.cvesd.org)
  - Blog: [sotomayorelementary.org](https://sotomayorelementary.org)





# Peachjar Flyers

- Turn your email notifications on for new flyers through Peachjar.
- Check your spam and junk mail.



## Community EXPO

*Save the Date*

CVESD's second annual Community Expo is back to showcase our programs, provide resources to our families, and connect with the community as we start the 2023-24 school year.

- Free food for all attendees while supplies last
- Interactive activities for kids
- District resources and community services

 **Saturday, July 29, 2023**  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
84 East J Street, Chula Vista 91910  
More information to come soon!



## CHARACTER BUILDERS 2023-24 REGISTRATION

Character Builders is an affordable way to ensure your child is in a safe, low ratio, fun, and supportive environment while offering times for working families. Each day includes activities to help students learn, build life skills, and develop healthy relationships — including STEAM projects, games, homework support, mindfulness activities and more! Y staff are trained to focus on social emotional learning and have Behavior Support Resources to ensure the well-being of each student.

**PROGRAM LOCATIONS:**

- Arroyo Vista Elementary
- Camarillo Elementary
- Chula Vista Hills Elementary
- Clearview Elementary
- Discovery Elementary
- Eastside Elementary
- Fabian L. Jeffers Elementary
- Hedderkamp Elementary
- Heritage Elementary
- Liberty Elementary
- Marshall Elementary
- McMillan Elementary
- Mission Valley Elementary
- Olympic View Elementary
- Rosebank Elementary\*
- San Creek Elementary
- Taffery Elementary
- Veterans Elementary
- Wolf Canyon Elementary

**PROGRAM HOURS:**

- 8:00 am to start of school bell
- End of school bell to 5:00 pm

**PROGRAM FEES:**

**Member Plans NEW 23-24**

**ANYTIME**  
Member: \$148 | Participant: \$175

**Aft ONLY**  
Member: \$59 | Participant: \$70

**PM ONLY**  
Member: \$111 | Participant: \$130

**3 DAYS**  
Member: \$98 | Participant: \$115

\*Nonmember will only offer aft program

Character Builders operates from July 19, 2023 to June 5, 2024!  
For more information: Marian Martinez • [mmartinez@cvsd.org](mailto:mmartinez@cvsd.org) • (619) 421-9622 • [southcoast@cvsd.org](mailto:southcoast@cvsd.org)  
[cvsd.org/character-builders](http://cvsd.org/character-builders)



## DOCENT WITH THE LIVING COAST

**GET INVOLVED**

 [@thelivingcoastvolunteers](https://www.instagram.com/thelivingcoastvolunteers)

 [volunteers@thelivingcoast.org](mailto:volunteers@thelivingcoast.org)

 [thelivingcoast.org](http://thelivingcoast.org)

 619-409-5909



**SCAN FOR MORE INFO!**

Docents help us achieve our mission to inspire the community to connect with and care for our coastal environment.

They support us by giving guided tours, specialized talks, helping with school programs, and spreading our mission at community events, hikes, and clean-ups.





# Parent Helpline: 619-409-6638

- CVESD's Parent Helpline provides technical support for our district-adopted online programs (i.e., Achieve 3000 and Microsoft Office).
- Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.







**Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School**  
1790 Santa Christina Avenue  
Chula Vista, CA. 91913  
**Temporary school office number: (619) 216-6511**

Principal: Martha-Irene Garza  
School Secretary: Letty Real  
Attendance Health Secretary: Ivonne Jimenez  
[sotomayor.school@cvesd.org](mailto:sotomayor.school@cvesd.org)

# Looking forward to a memorable year!

## Thank you!