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Mother's Day Flower Sale

The annual Mother's Day flower sale held in the SMSC lobby was a huge success this year. We sold out out of flowers and the line of students purchasing flowers went out of the gift shop into the lobby! Students appreciated the opportunity to buy flowers for their mothers, while parents and care-providers were pleased with the ease of purchasing flowers for family members and friends. Everyone was happy that proceeds from the flowers supports our programs and services.



Photos Top - Bottom
Nancy Gonzalez
Cody Cable
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Lucas Lemke



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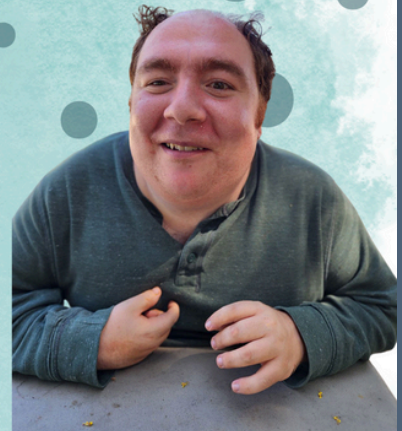
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SCRAPBOOK

Student Scrapbook



I am Emil!

Emil Elias enjoys volunteering with Meals on Wheels each week, where he is helping to deliver food to seniors in East County with a group from SMSC.



Everyday tells a story as SMSC students follow their interests, dreams, and favorite activities! Everyday dedicated DSP staff are there to guide them and take photos of their journeys. Emil Elias looks satisfied after a day of delivering food for Meals on Wheels, Robert Gibson proudly shows-off his Special Olympic swim meet metals, and Shannon Buxton enjoys feeding a horse at The Children's Retreat. Leslie Wable, Mitch Gricman, Luis Herrera, Janae Horn, and Jessika Reisor enjoyed riding the trolley during a day of Mobility Training.



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SMSC JANITORIAL WORKERS

Taking Care of Business



I am JJ

JJ helps to empty trash bins, change the trash bags, and clean the area around the bus shelter. It's a "rain or shine" job and JJ does his best no matter the weather!



JJ Carlisle and his co-workers Richard Neves, Muhammad "Mo" Hilali, and Geo Del La Torre are keeping the bus stops in Downtown El Cajon clean for commuters and the community! Cleaning up to 14 bus stops a day takes efficiency, attention to the details, a strong work ethic, and team work. JJ and his co-workers work hard but they enjoy their job!

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SMSC TRITONS SWIM TEAM

Spring Games

On Saturday, May 18th the Tritons participated in the Special Olympics Spring Games swim meet at West Hills High School in Santee. Lots of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals were won by our team. Our women's 4x25 relay won the gold



Cameron Cromwell



Chris Bradshaw



Emily Cunningham, Tori Ryan, Faith Davies, & Melissa Johns

medal for first place! Athletes were presented with their awards by members of the police and sheriff community. Everyone enjoyed a meet & greet with Little Chopper Junior, the motorcycle riding dog! Our next event will be June 8th and 9th, when 12 athletes and 3 coaches will travel to Long Beach for the Southern California Summer Games at California State University, Long Beach.

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FATHER'S DAY JUNE 16, 2024

HAPPY Father's DAY

By: Jennifer Catren

Father's Day is an annual holiday honoring our fathers. It's a day when children show appreciation for their dads and other father figures, and a day that adults can show how much they love and appreciate the hard work of their fathers and husbands. Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington started Father's Day in 1909, and today it is celebrated in the United States and worldwide on the third Sunday in June. It's important to celebrate Father's Day, on Father's Day I like to remember the good times I had with my dad. Like going to dinner, going to the 4th of July fireworks, going to the movies, and going fishing with him. I honor him by doing good at [SMSC's] program, going to church, doing my chores, and doing my homework! You can celebrate by making a phone call to your dad, send or give him a greeting card, or have a party. This Father's Day honor all fathers, father figures, and your extended family!



Tony, Cali, and Becky Williams



Jennifer and Frank Catren



Ken and Janel Shortes



SAN DIEGO BRUSH WHACKERS

Love to Paint

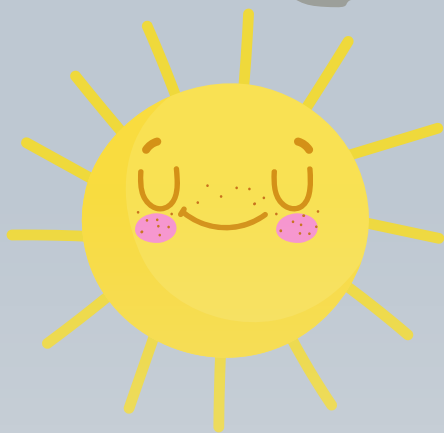
The San Diego Brush Whackers were busy working in classroom A making hanging plant holders using repurposed cans. The first step was literally stepping on one end of a can! Then they hammered on the bottom to push the two sides closer together. After layers of paint, sanding,



adding lace, materials, and moldings made from hot glue squeezed into cake decorating molds, their projects were finished. The Brush Whackers have remade SMSC into a studio for learning the art of crafts and to provide fellowship for decorative painters as they share their love of decorative painting. The Brush Whackers have met in the Education Building for several years, and have made several contributions to Sophie's Gallery for supplies and materials.

Flag Day

Friday, June 14, 2024

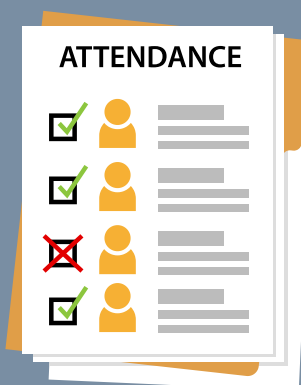


June marks the start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere and contains the summer solstice, the day with the most daylight hours.



Mitch Gricman shows off the zippered bag he sewed with material he handprinted using a Gelli plate. His bag will be for sale at Sophie's Gallery during Shifting Gears opening Wednesday, June 12th during the car show.

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Cultural Corner Celebrating Diversity

Juneteenth Independence Day Celebration

1863 Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation freeing enslaved persons

1865 Black Civil War soldiers rode into Texas to emancipate persons who were still enslaved

1866 The first Juneteenth Independence Day Celebration

1880 Photograph of the Juneteenth Independence Day Celebration held in Emancipation Park in Houston, Texas

2021 Juneteenth National Independence Day was made a Federal Holiday by President Joe Biden

JUNETEENTH
Freedom Day

June 19, 2024

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**The 158th
Anniversary of
Juneteenth
African American
Independence Day**



Seated Black Soldier 3 x 5 inches
Gladstone Collection of African American Photographs
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Prints
Keychains
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Zippered Bags
Umbrellas
Bandanas
& More!

Shifting Gears

June 12 - August 15, 2024

Public Reception

Wednesday, June 12

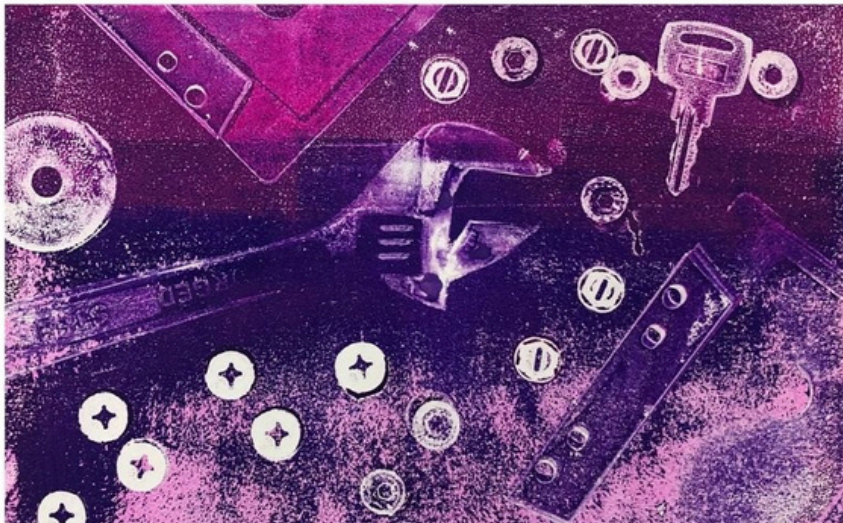
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During the Car Show

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Tool Prints © Lauren Papworth 2024

A collection of original prints
inspired by the
Cajon Classic Cruise Car Show
in Downtown El Cajon

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OUR CHAMPIONS OF THE FUTURE!



*I believe you can do
anything you set your mind to!*

Michael Mercadante

Thank You!

Monthly Giving Members



At St. Madeleine's Everyday Tells a Story! Join Monthly Giving to help all our students reach their dreams like Michael Mercadante whose artwork was chosen as the logo for the People First Conference. Michael and his parents, Karen and Sean are Monthly Giving Champions of the Future Members.



Join our exclusive club, become a Monthly Giving Partner. No gift is too small! Your Monthly Donation Supports SMSC Quality Programs and Services for Persons with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities. Contact: Joe Perucca / jperucca@stmsc.org

Happy Birthday!

Juan Acevedo

Marisol Alcantara

Jeff Alton

Cody Alves

Beth Blair

Chelsea Chase

Ethan Coss

Anthony Davenport

Troy Dodd

Cesar Donovan

Jane Dutcher

Larry Finnegan

Ashley Gonzales

Suzanne Hazelebach

Karen Holley

Michael Hurtado

Chantilly Jones

Susan Kendrick

Victor McGill

Kristin McKenney

Josephine Pisciotta

Kip Rakowski

Rebekah Ring

Tori Ryan

Brant Simpson

Victoria Strayve

Brennan Sullivan

Tracey Taylor

Oscar Vizcarra

Anthony Wardlow

Ryan Wilson





June 3rd Corned beef sandwich and fries

June 4th Mexican pozole and tortilla chips

June 5th Eggplant parmesan and side salad

June 6th Thai chicken peanut pasta salad and pita bread*

June 7th Pizza and side salad

June 10th Blackened shrimp bowl

June 11th Chicken tamales, rice, and black beans

June 12th Summer strawberry salad and dinner roll

June 13th Italian sub sandwich and antipasto salad

June 14th Pizza and side salad

June 17th Cheese raviolis, garlic bread, and side salad (VEG)

June 18th Rolled tacos, rice & and beans

June 19th Egg salad sandwich on a croissant and chips (VEG)

June 20th Mandarin chicken rice bowl and stir fry vegetables

June 21st Pizza and side salad

June 24th Lemon butter pork over potatoes and roasted vegetables

June 25th Fish tacos, rice, and beans

June 26th Mushroom Swiss turkey burger and tater tots

June 27th Western scramble eggs, sausage, and roasted potatoes

June 28th Pizza and side salad

*** New Menu Item**



Big Kudos

BY: COLEEN BAUCOM



This month I am featuring SMSC's kitchen staff, Mike Bacon and Fermin Vasquez. They make up to 525 lunches every week, and make it fun each day to work in the kitchen. Mike has worked here for several years and Fermin four years. Fermin's specialty is baking. He taught me how to make frostings and how to ice cookies. Mike taught me how to make salads, flour chicken, and fill bowls of salad, pasta, or rice to serve with lunches. He creates a menu each month for the students and staff, and calls me *The Sandwich Lady* because I'm good at making sandwiches and am quick about it too! Thanks Mike and Fermin for being great role models for all of us.



ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE'S CENTER

WE'RE HIRING

St. Madeleine Sophie's Center is a day program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities situated in El Cajon, CA on a beautiful campus like environment. We offer excellent working conditions, as well as competitive pay and generous benefits. Come join our team of compassionate, dedicated professionals!

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Hawaiian Shirt Day



Robert Gibson



Gabe Harmon



Nick Horning