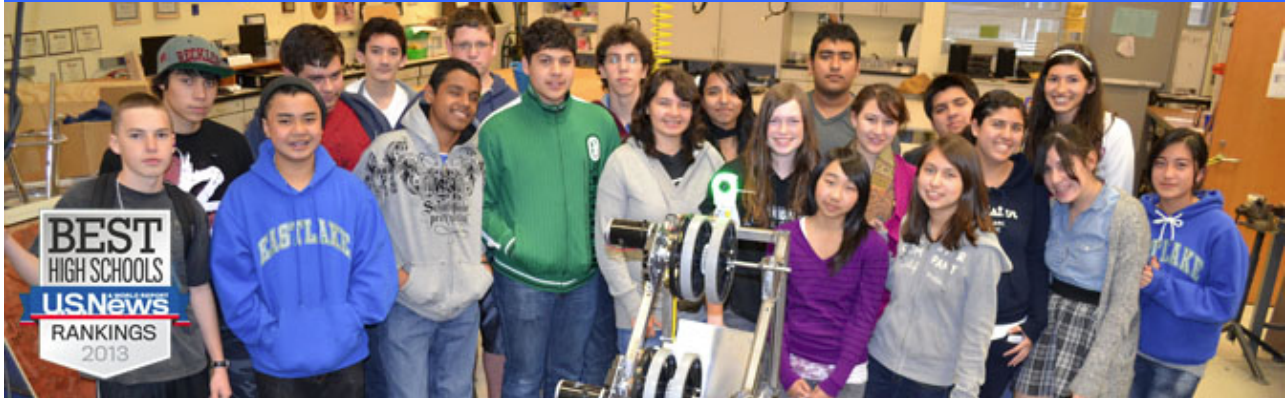




**SWEETWATER**  
UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SWEETWATER SPOTLIGHT

APRIL 26, 2013



### "U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT" NAMES SWEETWATER SCHOOLS AMONG BEST OF 2013

*Annual Study Ranks America's Best High Schools*

In its annual ranking of schools, U.S. News & World Report magazine has named the best schools in the nation. For the second year in a row, all 12 of the Sweetwater District's comprehensive high schools were named Silver Medal winners, placing them among the top 10 percent of over 18,000 eligible schools in the U.S.

Schools were also ranked within each state. Sweetwater Schools ranked in the top 440 out of over 2,100 schools. Eastlake High (#136 in CA and #713 in the U.S.) and Olympian High (#163 in CA and #803 in the U.S.) were the top schools in the district.

#### SWEETWATER *in Brief*

National City Middle School Stands Out

Olympian Academic League takes Metro League Title

Eastlake to Represent SUHSD in First World Robotics Championship

Autism Awareness Month

*"It's an incredible honor to be ranked among the best schools in the nation."*

In addition to Olympian and Eastlake, several other Sweetwater District schools were among the top 1,000 schools in the nation. Included were Southwest High (#182 in CA and #886 in the U.S.), Castle Park High (#191 in CA and #925 in the U.S.), Bonita Vista High (#206 in CA and #984 in the U.S.), and San Ysidro High (#208 in CA and #992 in the U.S.).

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## NATIONAL CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL STANDS OUT AT SAN DIEGO FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING



The San Diego Festival of Science and Engineering is one of the largest in the State of California with hundreds of student projects.

Although most Sweetwater District schools participate, National City Middle School (NCM) has had one of the largest participation rates in the district and Principal Arturo Montaña attributes that to the accelerated curriculum mandatory for all students.

"Without the teacher's participation, this program would not happen," said Montano.

"Our teachers and students work long hours on Saturday's to complete their projects. The dedication our science teachers Ryan Smith and May Lualhati



- Jim Cartmill  
School Board President

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL

April 26 \* District Color Guard & Drum Line Show \* 2:30pm - 4:30pm

April 27 \* Karangalan Magkaisa Student Conference \* 7am - 2pm

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May 1 \* SCPA Drama Spring Showcase \* 7pm

May 2 \* 2013 District Digital Media Showcase \* 6pm

May 3 \* SCPA Chula Vista Foundation Honors \* 7pm - 9pm

May 6 \* First Annual STEAM Summit \* 3:30pm - 7pm

May 7 \* District Orchestra Concert \* 7pm - 9pm

May 7 \* Superintendent's Hotline is Open \* 2:30pm

have to their students and the program is commendable."

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## OLYMPIAN ACADEMIC LEAGUE TAKES METRO LEAGUE TITLE



The Metro Conference League semi-finals and final matches were held on April 18, 2013 at the SDCOE. In the first match, Olympian and Bonita Vista exchanged leads several times before Olympian pulled ahead to win 138 to 67 for Bonita. In the second match Southwest challenged Eastlake from the start and finished with a 134 to beat Eastlake's 58.

The battle for the Metro Conference championship featured Olympian and Southwest, both from the Metro Conference South League. In an exciting match, Olympian retained its title as Metro Conference Champion by scoring 108 over Southwest's 83.

Congratulations to all of the finalists for their fine performances.

## EASTLAKE TO REPRESENT SUHSD IN FIRST WORLD ROBOTICS CHAMPIONSHIP

- 4:30pm

May 8 \* SCPA House of Guitars in Concert \* 7pm - 8pm

May 8 \* CBOC Meeting \* 6pm - 8pm

May 10 \* SCPA Spartan Bands Concert \* 7pm - 9pm

May 11 \* District Jazz Showcase \* 1pm - 5pm

May 13 \* Board of Trustees Meeting \* 6pm - 10pm

May 15 & 16 \* SCPA Dance Concert \* 7pm - 9pm

May 17 \* Mariachi Spring Concert \* 6:30pm - 8:30pm



An Exuberant Congratulations to Team 2543 - TitanBOT Eastlake High Robotics! The TitanBOTS are the Wild Card and will be competing in the FIRST Robotics World Championship from April 24-27 in St. Louis, Missouri!

Only 4 other FIRST robotics teams from the entire San Diego County have been invited to this invitation only World Championship. The team is coached by Joel Foust is assisted by Coach Daniel Newell and Former Coach Jesus Ulloa-Higuera.



**APRIL IS AUTISM  
AWARENESS MONTH**





What do you really know about Autism? Most likely you or someone you know is affected by autism and the number is rising. Here's a snapshot of the statistics surrounding autism:

- In 1995 autism affected about 1 in 10,000 children in the US. Currently about 1 in 88 children in the US have been diagnosed with Autism.
- More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes & cancer combined.
- Studies have shown that the increase in prevalence cannot be explained by better diagnosis alone.

The best way to promote awareness is to stay informed. Please spend a few minutes exploring autism by reading these articles from [Psychology Today](#) and [The Atlantic](#).



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