

## SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT



## **RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS** "GRANDPARENT APPRECIATION MONTH"

Throughout our history, families have been guided and strengthened by the support of devoted grandparents. Whether they are our own or surrogate grandparents, these mentors have a special place in our homes and our communities. During Grandparents Month we thank these role models for their immeasurable acts of love, care, and understanding, and recognize them for the significant role they play in supporting their grandchildren's education.

Grandparents witness great milestones in the lives of their children and grandchildren. They celebrate our early triumphs, console us when we are distressed, and cultivate our dreams. They help ensure that cultural traditions, stories, and timeless values are passed on to future generations. We honor the many grandparents that selflessly step in to raise their grandchildren in difficult circumstances, and this month we show our profound appreciation and respect for the central roles that family elders play in our lives.

Today, our grandparents continue to serve our community and our school district in many ways. Their spirit of service and persistence to leave a better world for the next generation instills in each of us the values of community and compassion and inspires all of us to reach for ever greater heights.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, does hereby proclaim September, 2023, as Grandparents Month and call upon all Santee School District families and staff to take the time to honor their own grandparents and those in their community.

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