

Allison Elementary

Principal: Jacqueline DeWitt



Nancy Olson
Office Manager

Nancy does it all. She keeps things moving forward in a positive manner daily. She covers all the bases. She covers for the principal when she is busy. It's all the extra things she does each and every day that makes her stand out. She plans ahead and is always willing to meet the needs of anyone and everyone. She always makes sure there is fresh coffee daily for all.

In addition to all she does for our students, she's always putting out the little situations that pop up. She is just amazing!



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Tim Brown

4th Grade Teacher

Tim is a real team player. He will always answer his phone and help with questions from his peers. He is always available to support difficult students. He likes to help people and is very friendly.

He is a valuable member of the Allison educational community.

Arts and Career Education

Director: Danise Egan



Genesis is the consummate educator. His students are well versed in music fundamentals. I have witnessed his leadership and teaching skills as the lead teacher for elementary VAPA music.

He is integrating research for his masters degree into his teaching practice.

Genesis Set Santos
Elementary Music Teacher



Babcock Elementary

Principal: Paula Roach



William Robinson, Sr.

Head Custodian

Bill is very helpful, engages with students and encourages them to be involved in helping to keep our school clean.

Bill is always available for anything needed! He is very detail oriented.



Babcock Elementary

Principal: Paula Roach



Stefanie Heisdorf
2nd Grade Teacher

Stefanie is a very caring and committed teacher. She has consistently gone above and beyond with her students. She leads with empathy and kindness.

She is a team player and her colleagues look to her for support and guidance. Her enthusiasm for teaching is apparent!



Castori Elementary

Principal: Leslie Sargent



Minerva Rodelo
Administrative Clerk

Minerva has been a dedicated member of Castori's team. She supports our front office with a positive attitude and diligent effort to ensure student attendance is monitored and improved.

Minerva communicates effectively with family members and students in English and in Spanish and she helps all stakeholders feel supported and heard at school.



Castori Elementary

Principal: Leslie Sargent



Jennifer Williams
1st Grade Teacher

Jennifer has worked at Castori since her first year of teaching in 1997. She is dedicated to Castori and her passion shows. Her first graders thrive in her classroom because she knows and connects with our school community. Jennifer lives in our neighborhood and invites students to stop by her house during Halloween so that she can pass out cupcakes. She attends current and former student's birthday parties, quinceaneras and athletic events. She has been at Castori so long that she is now teaching her students' children. Many parents request Ms. Williams to be their teacher because she is loving, caring and nurturing. Former students come back to Castori year after year to thank Ms. Williams and seek her advice and support.

Jennifer is also dedicated to teaching her first graders academic content. Each year her students grow as writers. Her passion for teaching writing is evidenced in her students' work and the growth. She continues to set new goals for herself as a professional each year. Recently, she decided to infuse more technology into her classroom. She collaborates with colleagues and her confidence is growing and she continues to push herself to infuse the latest technology into her classroom.

She is a pillar on our campus, a leader and caretaker. Jennifer strives to make Castori a school where families want to send their students.

She is known for inspiring students to be more than they thought they could be.



Creative Connections Arts Academy K-6

Principal: Brian Emerson



Anna Rath

YYard and Duty Assistant

Anna is an exemplary noon duty employee. She is a stabilizing force for our students and campus in her actions as a noon duty assistant.

Anna is always on time, willing to help at a moments notice, positively supports and genuinely cares about CCAA students. Without her, our noon duty actions would not operate as smoothly nor as competently.



Creative Connections Arts Academy K-6

Principal: Brian Emerson



Kelly Carter
RSP Teacher

Kelly is a passionate supporter of student rights and regularly advocates for them at parent meetings and with staff. She is an actively engaged supporter of the school program and activities.

Her dedication to the program, students, staff and the community are an indicator of her strong character and values.



Creative Connections Arts Academy 7-12

Principal: Brian Emerson



Wendy Hatt
Office Manager

Wendy is a consummate professional who, in all ways, supports the needs of the students, families and staff of CCAA.

She is very knowledgeable about the school, its history, its policies and procedures, as well as those of TR.

Creative Connections Arts Academy 7-12

Principal: Brian Emerson



April Adorno
Dance Production Teacher

April is exceptional! She possesses an infectious energy and a passion for dance, which she shares with staff and students alike. She has the ability to connect with each students' unique needs. Her dedication to both the students and the dance program as a whole is truly commendable. In short, April is not only an outstanding educator but also a source of inspiration, encouragement, and support.

April makes the dance class an unforgettable experience, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a wonderful teacher guiding us on our dance journey.



Curriculum Materials Center

Director: Kirsti Schroeder



Joshua Crotts

Instructional Materials Coordinator

Josh consistently goes above and beyond, ensuring seamless compliance within the district. His unwavering commitment to excellence is evident in his tireless efforts to navigate through Williams compliance with remarkable success year after year.

Josh's collaborative spirit and positive demeanor make him a pleasure to work with, fostering a harmonious and efficient work environment. His willingness to bend over backward to fulfill his responsibilities showcases his exceptional dedication.

Without a doubt, Josh is a deserving candidate for CEY, embodying the qualities of a true professional and team player.

Joshua is the 2024 Twin Rivers District Classified Employee of the Year, the 2024 Sacramento County Classified School Employee of the Year, and a 2024 California Classified School Employee of the Year for Transportation Services

Del Paso Heights Elementary

Principal: Becky Mutua



Nokou Thao
Head Custodian

Nokou shows much commitment to Del Paso Heights Elementary by doing his best to keep the school safe and appealing. He is constantly helping others in need.

I have seen days where Nokou is out and the school doesn't look clean, but once Nokou is back the school is back to being spotless.



Del Paso Heights Elementary

Principal: Becky Mutua



Liz Haskell

4th Grade Teacher

Liz goes above and beyond building community for her students. She is one who is eager to learn about how best to support her students.

This is Ms. Haskell's second year at Del Paso Heights, but she has already made such an impact.



Dry Creek Elementary

Principal: Amanda Forde



Jhonalyn desires that every student who passes through Dry Creek be safe, fed and cared for. She does an outstanding job keeping the cafeteria running smoothly, but her most magnificent quality is her generous heart.

Thank you Jhonalyn, for all you do for the students, families and staff at Dry Creek.

Jhonalyn Emblem

Café Services Team Leader I



Dry Creek Elementary

Principal: Amanda Forde



Jessica Velasquez
6th Grade Teacher

Jessica is a phenomenal teacher who works tirelessly for her students. Her positive energy and joy of learning help create an amazing classroom community for her sixth grade students and other students she mentors.

Jessica's contributions and leadership at Dry Creek are a tremendous support to her colleagues.



F.C. Joyce Elementary

Principal: Tiffany Harris



Doris Sauzo
Paraeducator

Doris has been an integral part of our FC Joyce family for an impressive 15 years, serving as our Early Childhood Para. Her unwavering dedication, kind-hearted nature, and the incredible impact she has had on our students make her the perfect choice for our classified staff member of the year.

Doris is more than just a staff member; she's a dedicated advocate for our students. Always ready to go above and beyond, she tirelessly supports and empowers the young learners in her care. Her willingness to advocate for the needs of her students is unwavering, and her passion for their growth and development is truly remarkable.

In addition to her advocacy, Doris is a dependable and flexible team player. She brings her best to every task, whether it's working closely with her colleagues, collaborating on classroom activities, or helping to create a nurturing and engaging learning environment for our students. Her adaptability ensures that the classroom is always a dynamic and engaging place for our young learners.

One of the most heartwarming aspects of Doris' role is the trust and rapport she has built with our students' families. Parents and guardians recognize her commitment to the well-being and education of their children, and they have the utmost trust in her abilities. Moreover, children adore having her in the classroom. Her warmth and enthusiasm create an inviting and stimulating atmosphere where young minds can flourish.

Thank you, Doris, for your dedication and the positive influence you bring to our school every day.



F.C. Joyce Elementary

Principal: Tiffany Harris



Samir Malik

7/8 Grade History Teacher

Samir has been a dedicated member of our Joyce family since 2019. In his time here, he has proven himself to be a remarkable educator and a true beacon of inspiration for our students.

Samir's hard work and unwavering commitment to helping students reach their highest potential have not gone unnoticed. He's not just a teacher; he's a mentor and a role model. Students from all grade levels respect and look up to him for his kindness, dedication, and passion for teaching.

One of the most extraordinary things about Samir is his ability to make learning fun. He believes in the power of engaged and motivated students and empowers them to take control of their own learning. His classroom is a place where curiosity thrives, and where every student is encouraged to explore, ask questions, and grow. Samir fosters a sense of community and teamwork, ensuring that every student feels valued and supported in their educational journey.

Please join us in congratulating Samir for this well-deserved recognition. We are extremely proud to have him as a part of the F.C. Joyce school community, and we look forward to witnessing the continued positive impact he will make in the lives of our students.

Thank you, Samir, for your outstanding contributions to our school, and congratulations once again on being our teacher of the year. Your passion, dedication, and devotion to our students is truly commendable.



Fairbanks Elementary

Principal: Sara Tolle



Kiana Davis
Office Manager

Kiana goes above and beyond for the students, teachers, and staff of Fairbanks. She is always working hard on planning and organizing school events that are fun and engaging for our students and families. She is also essential in our school's technology support. Kiana is diligent, efficient, creative, caring and a highly valued member of the school team.

Fairbanks would not be successful without Kiana!!! We are very lucky to have her on our team!!!

Kiana is the 2024 Twin Rivers District Classified Employee of the Year and the 2024 Sacramento County Classified School Employee of the Year for Clerical and Administrative Services



Fairbanks Elementary

Principal: Sara Tolle



Yvonne Henry Shabazz
RSP Teacher

Yvonne has been teaching for over two years. She goes above and beyond for the students she works with. She has also been known to support students who are not on her caseload. She works weekends and evenings to ensure students and families are getting the support that they need. Yvonne also takes extra steps to meet with families and even deliver supplies or school materials to families' homes.

Yvonne is also a member of our school community and she knows everyone! We are lucky to have her as a teacher on our team, we couldn't do it without her! Thank you Yvonne, we appreciate you!!!



Foothill High School

Principal: Heather King



Julian Love
Office Manager

Julian's contributions to our school are nothing short of remarkable, and his dedication and versatility are akin to a superhero who wears many capes. Julian takes on a multitude of roles within our organization, and his dedication to each one is extraordinary.

From being the mastermind behind organizing all our teacher events, which involves handling everything from shopping, securing catering, and decorating, to stepping in as the ultimate hallway supervisor or the go-to person for deescalating challenging situations with parents, Julian's performance is like a symphony conductor expertly orchestrating each note.



Foothill High School

Principal: Heather King



Sarah Lanning
Math Teacher

Sarah is a remarkable teacher who embodies the qualities that a Teacher of the Year should represent. Her dedication, respect, innovation, and unwavering commitment to her students make her an outstanding choice for this prestigious award. Sarah's commitment to her students is evident in her daily routine. She is consistently the first one on campus every single morning, and often the last to leave.

Her warm and respectful demeanor towards students and staff creates a positive and inclusive atmosphere on our campus. Sarah is not just a teacher; she's a role model for fostering kindness and respect within our school community.

Sarah's innovative teaching methods are truly commendable. Her classroom is a hub of activity, with students actively engaged in group activities. She goes above and beyond to create an engaging and dynamic learning environment, allowing students to thrive.

Her innovative approach to education is something that sets her apart. Sarah consistently seeks new ways to enhance the learning experience, making her an invaluable asset to our school. Her commitment to both her students and her profession is evident in every aspect of her work.

Foothill Oaks Elementary

Principal: Melissa Rossavick



Amy Findlay
Paraeducator I

Amy started out working at Foothill Oaks as a volunteer and parent. Her five children have all attended Foothill Oaks. For years, she volunteered as the choir director and then later was encouraged to apply to be a Yard and Duty Assistant. She excelled in that position and was later encouraged to apply for the Para I Kinder position. Currently she holds both jobs while also volunteering her time to support the Harvest Festival and work with the choir.

She always maintains a positive viewpoint, encourages students to try their best and looks at life with a half-full perspective.



Foothill Oaks Elementary

Principal: Melissa Rossavick



Edie Xiong

5th Grade Teacher

Edie is a dedicated and fantastic teacher that goes above and beyond for her students. She cares deeply for each one and works with them to achieve their goals. She continually reflects on her practice and adapts each year to improve her pedagogy to meet her students' needs. She has taken on many lead roles on the campus such as ILT, PBIS, Saturday School, after school tutoring, student council and choir.

In the last two years, she and another staff member have worked to rewrite songs for the choir to fit the schools' themes, *We got a Feeling* and *Unstoppable*. She develops her classroom culture with a sense of family, instilling pride in her students and a desire to be successful.



Foothill Ranch Middle School

Principal: Lauren Riddick



Jalisa Moody
Library Media Technician

In recognition of her outstanding support and unwavering commitment, Foothill Ranch's Classified Employee of the Year is Jalisa Moody. Since day one, Jalisa has fostered a connection with the students and staff at Foothill Ranch. Her commitment to students extends outside of the library, serving as the Black Student Union Advisor and leading a girls group. Jalisa's invaluable contributions have elevated the educational environment. She has a passion for her success and goes above and beyond to foster a positive and inclusive environment.

This acknowledgment is a testament to her dedication and the undeniable mark she has left on the Foothill Ranch Middle School community.

Foothill Ranch Middle School

Principal: Lauren Riddick



Rachael Lenhart
History Teacher

In recognition of Rachael's unwavering dedication to the students, staff, and community of Foothill Ranch Middle School we are excited to recognize her as our Teacher of the Year. Rachael's commitment is evident from the moment you walk into her classroom. She demonstrates daily her unwavering dedication to students, exhibits innovative and engaging teaching methods, and displays a passion for history and teaching that is contagious. Her passion for her students extends beyond the classroom. As a leader on the PBIS team she is committed to making Foothill Ranch a positive learning environment for all students.

This recognition is a well-deserved acknowledgment of her profound impact on learning. Congratulations to Rachael Lenhart, who goes above and beyond to make a lasting difference and foster a connection with with all students.



Frontier Elementary

Principal: Mai Yang



Jennifer Smith
Paraeducator II

Jennifer has been at Frontier Elementary for four years and has worked with three different teachers. As such, she has been the constant for our students. She serves as a paraeducator in our school and works with students in different grades. Jennifer has worked hard to build excellent rapport with students and it shows when she is observed working with students.

Jennifer's positive relationships extend beyond her own students. She can be found in the hallway conversing with students in the middle school and when she is in the classroom to support, she gives attention to other students who need it as well.



Frontier Elementary

Principal: Mai Yang



Beth Warner
6th Grade Teacher

Beth has been a teacher for 30 years. Of those years, she spent 20 years teaching at Frontier Elementary. Beth is appreciated by students, families, and peers. She does a great job relating to and connecting with students and families. She also lives in the neighborhood where she teaches and is very vested in the community, and this is visible through the relationships she has with families.

Beth is someone staff can rely on for support. She volunteers to complete colleague's supervising duties if there is no replacement.

Additionally, Beth is also a part of the school's PBIS Tier I team and is the emcee for the school's annual Dance Festival and does a great job with both.



Garden Valley Elementary

Principal: Tanya Praest



Lourdes Preciado

Café Services Team Leader I

Lourdes is an incredible colleague and friend, who goes above and beyond to make sure our students are well fed, cared for and supported. She is always willing to do what she can to make our incentives and student celebrations run smoothly. Garden Valley staff and students are blessed to have Lulu on our team placing orders, prepping food, serving students, and even helping with translations.

Lourdes is an exceptional employee and we are so proud to honor her as Garden Valley's Classified Employee of the Year.



Garden Valley Elementary

Principal: Tanya Praest



Sharisa Grubbs

Student Support Teacher

Sharisa has been an invaluable team member and plays a key role in our school interventions. She works closely with students in kindergarten through sixth grade who need additional support in English Language Arts. She also works with our newcomers to give them additional support above and beyond what they receive within their general classroom setting.

Sharisa's 15 years of experience in general education and special education has truly made a lasting difference for many of our Garden Valley students. Sharisa Grubbs is an exceptional teacher and dedicated colleague.



Grant Union High School

Principal: Darris Hinson



Sarah Overstreet
Office Manager

Sarah is one of the hardest working, most efficient, dependable employees we have on our site. She goes above and beyond her daily responsibilities to support our student body in many ways.

Sarah is very responsive to the school community and the community at large.



Grant Union High School

Principal: Darris Hinson



Marc Vankeuren

Physics/Chemistry Teacher

Marc is a dedicated professional that engages students to love science. His work provides real life context for the scientific world around us. He supplements his work with top notch professionals in the field of science to provide meaningful activities in physics.

Marc was also instrumental in the development of the Physics curriculum districtwide.



Hagginwood Elementary

Principal: Marc Moorehead



Rocio Haro
Office Manager

Rose is an amazing asset to the Hagginwood family. She is passionate about her job and cares deeply about the students, staff, and community. Rose is such a hard worker and works with the school administration and office team to keep the office and school running on a daily basis. She is kind and doesn't hesitate to help others, whether that be students, staff, or a member of our school family. Rose often goes above and beyond for Hagginwood.

We appreciate you! Congratulations Rose!

Hagginwood Elementary

Principal: Marc Moorehead



Doua Lee
3rd Grade Teacher

Doua is a valuable member of Hagginwood. She is an excellent teacher that creates a learning environment with high expectations and supports for all students. Doua is incredibly hard working when it comes to educating her students. Her classroom is filled with supports and work samples, making an environment that is supportive and welcoming.

Doua regularly seeks out new learning opportunities and incorporates them back into the classroom. She is a respected member of the staff. Thank you for all that you do!

Congratulations Doua!



Hazel Strauch Elementary

Principal: Cheryl Chandler



Sara Garrison

Administrative Clerk

Sara is the heartbeat of Hazel Strauch Elementary. She is the epitome of hospitality and we are delighted she is often the first person our families come in contact with as they enter our school office. She organizes fundraisers for our school-the annual Jog-a-thon, Kindness Grams and See's Candy.

She is the head of our student Spirit Club. Her relationships with students and adults on campus are based on mutual respect. Sara is irreplaceable!

Hazel Strauch Elementary

Principal: Cheryl Chandler



Meg Rierson
4th Grade Teacher

Meg is a thoughtful educator and an integral part of the fourth grade team at Hazel Strauch. She cares deeply about her students and believes each and every one of them can succeed. Every trimester she and her students goal-set, and throughout the term they monitor the progress of those goals. She invites families in to celebrate her students' successes. Meg takes great pride in her students' achievement and pushes them to meet their potential. Her students beam with pride at their achievements in fourth grade!

In addition, she is a supportive team member to her fourth grade partners and a valuable resource to all of our staff.

Congratulations, Meg!

Highlands High School

Principal: Darryl Hawthorne



Nataly Baca

Library Materials Technician

Nataly is prompt, dependable, kind, and pleasant. Her diligence in locating textbooks decreased our overall lost textbooks bill by over \$10,000, freeing up those funds to better serve our students and school.

Nataly is a team player, always helping when and where she can.



Highlands High School

Principal: Darryl Hawthorne



Rae Krasko
Science Teacher

Rae is a great leader on campus. She is our science department chair, a valuable member of our Instructional Services Leadership Team, an asset in WASC teams, and an assistant coach in our athletic department.

She displays kindness to all students inside her classroom and out. She is a great team player and a true asset to the Highlands community.



Hillsdale Elementary

Principal: Danielle Fee



Angela Vicente
Attendance Clerk

Angela's dedication and kindness shine brightly, making her the heart of our school. Her hard work is not only admirable but also inspiring to those around her. Angela's love and compassion create a nurturing environment where everyone feels valued and supported.

Angela, keep being the wonderful person you are, as your presence truly makes a difference in the lives of those around you. You are truly a pleasure to work with!



Hillsdale Elementary

Principal: Danielle Fee



Julie Reynon
4th-6th Grade SDC
RISE Teacher

Julie is an outstanding educator who has had a profound impact on both students and the school community. I firmly believe that she deserves this prestigious recognition because of her exemplary qualities and contributions.

Julie consistently demonstrates exceptional teaching skills. She has an innate ability to engage students and foster a love for learning. She goes above and beyond to ensure every student reaches their full potential. Julie is not just a teacher, but a mentor and guide. She is often seen working with additional students. She is a check in and check out mentor as well as provides support to struggling students. She will often be found after school being an admin designee and attending IEP's. She serves on our PBIS Team, Leadership Team and invests in doing what is best for kids.

Julie serves as an inspirational role model for both students and colleagues. She embodies the values and qualities we hope to instill in our students, including kindness, perseverance, and a strong work ethic. Julie is a collaborative team player who supports her colleagues and contributes to the overall success of the school. She is always willing to share ideas and resources, making her an invaluable member of our teaching staff.

In conclusion, Julie Reynon embodies the qualities of an exemplary educator. Her unwavering commitment to education, innovative teaching methods, and positive influence on both students and the community make her a standout candidate for the Teacher of the Year award.



Information and Educational Technology

Chief Technology Officer: Marci Bernard



Genesis Uribe

IT User Support Technician

Genesis comes to work with a positive attitude and is a rock star when it comes to assisting district personnel, students, and parents with their IT needs. She is kind, friendly and efficient in person and on the phone.

Genesis is constantly switching gears and helping people in multiple languages, making it look seamless and effortless. It's a pleasure to watch her work! A true professional.



Instructional Implementation

Director: KJ Rhoads



Julie Pepper
*Content Area
Instructional Coach*

Julie embodies the mission of Twin Rivers through supporting teachers as an ELA Instructional Coach and Lesson Design Project lesson writer. The work she does makes it possible so that TR teachers CAN inspire each student to extraordinary achievement every day. The Lesson Design Project lessons she writes provide a clear and intentional avenue to teachers to provide high-quality first instruction of the Reading Information Text and Reading Literature standards. The lessons are engaging, relevant, and clear in that both the teacher and learner know the evidence of the grade level visible they aspire to.

As an ELA Instructional Coach, Julie is reliable, enthusiastic, trustworthy, and a problem solver. Those she works with have spoken of her ability to be supportive, honest, and vulnerable, whether it's engaging in PLC work, teaching demonstration lessons, lesson planning with others, or supporting other coaches.

Keema School for Independent Study

Principal: Robert Pope



Jennifer France

Caf  Services Team Leader III

Jennifer is an outstanding candidate for Classified Employee of the Year. She runs the Keema cafeteria with perfection! With her input and leadership she has helped create a beautiful, useful and sparkling clean cafeteria.

Every day she serves our students individually with a smiling face. She works extremely well with all our students, parents and staff. She assists staff with various events in the cafeteria, such as Back to School Week and Middle School Movies. She even helps by putting up decorations for these events.

Jennifer is a very deserving recipient.



Keema School for Independent Study

Principal: Robert Pope



Heidi Rowe

All Subjects Teacher

Heidi is an outstanding, gifted teacher who goes above and beyond to ensure student success. She fosters a positive classroom environment and inspires all of her students to reach their full potential. Beyond academics, her leadership and organizational skills have greatly contributed to the Keema Wildcat Monthly Magazine, the Keema Resource Binder, and a totally successful Back to School Week. Heidi is an outstanding asset to Keema.

She is highly respected by her students, parents and faculty. Keema could not be more thrilled to have Heidi Rowe as our Teacher of the Year.



Kohler Elementary

Principal: Patrick Durant



Mary Dresen

Yard and Duty Assistant

Mary is an example of what it means to be a Kohler Bear. She provides excellent customer service on a daily basis and is always willing to go the extra mile for our students, staff and parents. Mary comes to Kohler every morning with a smile on her face and a willingness to help every student. She mentors students, learns everything she can about them and always provides a caring ear for students to talk to.

Mary has high expectations for herself and others around her.

Mary is the 2024 Twin Rivers District Classified Employee of the Year for Security Services



Kohler Elementary

Principal: Patrick Durant



Veronica Stansfield
2nd Grade Teacher

Veronica is a model educator. She is a teacher that the school can depend on. Her expertise in supporting all students is admirable.

Veronica develops meaningful relationships with her students, families and peers. She believes that high expectations are the root for student success.



Las Palmas Elementary

Principal: Rachel Williams



Mie Lo

Paraeducator I

Mie is an incredibly warm and welcoming staff member. She greets all Las Palmas students and families personally with a smile every morning as they enter the cafeteria for breakfast. She takes pride in her role supporting TK students and her partner teacher in our TK program. Mie works diligently to keep all our students and their families safe after school while on parking lot duty each day.

Mie is a collaborative staff member who offers support in any area that she can and is always cheerful and in great spirits!

We appreciate Mie and value all her contributions to our Las Palmas community.



Las Palmas Elementary

Principal: Rachel Williams



Matthew Bakerjian
5th Grade Teacher

Matthew possesses a rare blend of qualities that make him an exceptional educator. His classroom management skills are exemplary, creating an environment where students feel safe, engaged, and motivated to learn. His clear and purposeful teaching methods and incorporation of technology have made lessons not only informative but also exciting, sparking curiosity and fostering a love for learning in his students. He has a natural ability to connect with students on a personal level, providing guidance and mentorship. He goes above and beyond to ensure that students not only excel academically but also develop into responsible and compassionate individuals.

Matthew is also an invaluable asset to our school community, actively participating in extracurricular activities, student leadership, our Monday Morning Message, outside partnerships and collaborating with colleagues. His positive influence extends far beyond their classroom, creating a culture of camaraderie and dedication to excellence.



Madison Elementary

Principal: Martin Powers



Kaeli Kazanjian
Paraeducator I

Kaeli is a kind spirited paraeducator whose positive nature is always evident!

She willingly puts in the extra effort to make every student's day a successful one.



Madison Elementary

Principal: Martin Powers



Debora Kretzmer

Special Education Teacher

Debora genuinely strives to give a warm, safe and interesting school experience to each of her students. She has an optimistic outlook on each new day!

Debora infuses the classroom learning environment to be an outstanding academic, social and positive experience.



Maintenance and Operations

Director: Enrique Placencia



Bill Speakman

Maintenance Specialist IV

Lead Painter

Throughout the year, Bill has consistently exhibited the qualities and characteristics that define a true leader and a valuable team member. His contributions have made a significant impact in Maintenance and Operations, and I want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation for his hard work.

Bill's strong work ethic, determination, and commitment to achieving excellence in all that he does has set an inspiring example for his colleagues. Additionally, he is always willing to collaborate and support his coworkers in achieving our collective goals. Bill's ability to lead by example and guide his team with a positive attitude has been a source of motivation for everyone around him.

Bill's contributions have not only benefited our district but have also left a lasting impression on his colleagues and peers. His willingness to go the extra mile and constant pursuit of excellence have made Bill a role model within our team.



Martin Luther King Jr. Technology Academy

Principal: Leslie Addiego



Larry Hollins, Jr.
Campus Safety Specialist

Larry has been an instrumental part of the climate and culture we are building at MLKTA. He is effective at maintaining a safe school environment because he has built positive relationships with our students, staff and even families. Larry is a calming influence on students who are experiencing escalating behaviors and is a positive male role model for many students. He goes the extra mile for our students, attending sports events, dances and other after school activities in order to ensure a safe and smooth event.

We are fortunate to have such a great asset in our Campus Safety Specialist and are excited to name Larry Hollins as our Classified Employee of the Year.



Martin Luther King Jr. Technology Academy

Principal: Leslie Addiego



Daniel Perez
RSP Teacher

It is an honor to name Daniel as our Teacher of the Year. He is an excellent teacher, a team player, and a teacher-leader at MLKTA. He is the department chair for the Special Education RSP team and plays a pivotal role in mentoring and guiding new teachers and paraeducators in his department. Daniel is knowledgeable about the Special Education procedures and manages a full case load of students, maintaining all deadlines and requirements. He supports his fellow RSP teachers as Admin Designee in their IEPs when needed.

Daniel establishes close, positive relationships with students and staff throughout the MLKTA community, not just in his own classroom or department. He has been club advisor to the chess and Anime clubs, a member of the Site Instructional Leadership Team and School Site Council, and is seen as a leader among his peers.



Miles P. Richmond Adult Transition School

Coordinator: Michelle Boyd Arenas



Noemi Matutat
Paraeducator III

Noemi is a truly exceptional member of our school community and a standout Paraeducator III. Noemi's dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the well-being of our students and the enhancement of our school culture make her the ideal candidate for the Employee of the Year award.

Her tireless efforts have been instrumental in not only maintaining but expanding the impact of the PBIS Team's initiatives and our school's behavioral support programs. Noemi's passion for fostering a positive and inclusive environment is evident in every project she undertakes.

Noemi took the initiative to establish our first Sunshine Club this school year. Her creative and thoughtful contributions to the club have already left an indelible mark on our school community. From organizing heartwarming birthday celebrations to implementing a Shout Out board in the staff room, Noemi goes above and beyond to ensure that every member of our school feels valued and appreciated.

Noemi's dedication extends beyond the staff to our students, who all have severe disabilities. Through her work in providing Community Based Instruction, she provides invaluable Travel Skills Training and Community Safety Skills to our young adults. Thanks to her guidance, these students have experienced the joy of inclusion in the community, from using public transit to shopping in local supermarkets and dining at nearby restaurants.

Noemi is undeniably a shining star among our staff, bringing joy and spreading love throughout our school. Her positive influence is felt by colleagues and students alike. Noemi's contributions reflect not only her professional excellence but also her genuine passion for enriching the lives of those around her.

In recognition of her exemplary service, unwavering dedication, transformative impact, commitment to our school's mission and the well-being of our students, she is most deserving of this prestigious honor.



Miles P. Richmond Adult Transition School

Coordinator: Michelle Boyd Arenas



Kathi Clark

Disabilities Specialist

Kathi has been an integral part of our school community, embodying the spirit of excellence, dedication, and leadership that defines the very best in education.

Kathi's connection to our school is not just professional but also deeply personal, as she has continued the legacy established by her father as an original member of Miles P. Richmond's teaching staff. This legacy speaks volumes about her commitment to the values and traditions that make our school community exceptional.

One of Kathi's most notable achievements this year has been her exceptional ability to forge meaningful relationships with students. Her classroom boasts the highest average attendance among all classrooms at our site, a testament to the trust and engagement she cultivates with her students. This recognition is well-deserved and reflects her unwavering dedication to creating a positive and inclusive learning environment.

Beyond her role as a classroom teacher, Kathi has voluntarily taken on immense leadership responsibilities, showcasing her proactive and innovative approach to education. She provides invaluable tech leadership, offering assistance to teachers, paras, office staff, and myself in navigating various software, web-based programs, and devices. Her efforts extend to curriculum leadership, where she models and tirelessly pursues updates to our special alternative curriculum, the Unique Learning System. Kathi's expertise in this area has been enlightening, even for someone with a decade of experience like myself.

Kathi's leadership is not confined to the technical realm; she also provides cultural leadership by ensuring inclusivity in all aspects of our school community. From adjusting the themes of staff get-togethers to accommodate colleagues with diverse religious backgrounds, to handling responsibilities with respect and initiative, Kathi consistently goes above and beyond.

What truly sets Kathi apart is her unwavering commitment to her students and their families. She displays grace and patience, especially when assisting parents outside regular office hours. Her understanding of our students, coupled with a special heart for this work, enables her to navigate the intricacies of Supported Decision Making, fostering an environment that promotes lifelong learning and inclusion.

Kathi Clark is an exemplary educator who not only meets but exceeds the expectations of her role. Her dedication is palpable, motivating colleagues and inspiring us all to bring our best for the students and support families in their journey. Kathi's leadership has left an indelible mark on our school community.

Morey Avenue Early Childhood Development Center

Principal: Mikako Fisher Hill



Elizabeth Zarate

CCafé Services Team Leader II II

Elizabeth has outstanding qualities that make a positive impact on everyone she comes in contact with. She cares and consistently goes the extra mile.

She is selfless in her acts of giving by lending a helping hand, offering words of encouragement, and sharing her time and kindness.



Morey Avenue Early Childhood Development Center

Principal: Mikako Fisher Hill



Tomika Rainear
Special Education Teacher

Tomika has exceptional initiative. She pioneered the Sunshine Committee at our school. She consistently goes above and beyond and contributes wherever she is needed.

Tomika fosters a positive, supportive atmosphere and is a beacon of joy, spreading warmth and encouragement to all.



Norwood Jr. High School

Principal: Leticia Kiwan



Jasmine Hernandez
Paraeducator III

Ms. Hernandez comes to work every day with a positive and caring attitude. She greets everyone with a smile and is always willing to support anyone in need. Ms. Hernandez is dedicated to ensuring that all of her Bridge students receive the academic and social emotional support they need.

Ms. Hernandez was one of the first students to attend Norwood when it first opened in the 2003-2004 school year. Now she give back to her community by supporting our Norwood students as a paraeducator!



Norwood Jr. High School

Principal: Leticia Kiwan



Barbara Selland

*7th Grade ELA &
8th Grade Art Teacher*

Barbara has been teaching at Norwood since the opening of the school in 2003-2004. As an ELA and Art elective teacher, she continues to bring her creativity to her classroom every day. She makes learning relevant and interesting by choosing novels and lessons that engage all students. It is evident that she differentiates the instruction to meet all language and academic proficiency levels.

Barbara goes above and beyond to provide fun WIN academy days. When you walk into her classroom you are greeted by a cozy corner of books, wooden rocking chairs, and colorful rugs. All perfect ingredients for a successful learning environment!



Nutrition Services

Director: Leslie Pring



Devon Ring

IIT User Support Technician

Devon has an incredible work ethic and goes above and beyond to ensure that all kitchen operations (when it comes to technology) are running smoothly and effectively. Devon quietly works behind the scenes to ensure that staff have optimal environments in order to serve students.

Most recently, Devon played a pivotal role in helping implement and successfully transition sites to a new software within Nutrition Services. His role within that project emphasized the importance and impact of his contributions as he was always willing to lend a hand to anyone with anything they might need. Devon is a wonderful asset to the Nutrition Services department who is committed to serving students and school site staff.



Oakdale School PK-8

Principal: Linda Powell



Cindy Sagastume
Library Media Technician

Cindy is an essential part of Oakdale. She is friendly, courteous and is always ready to help students, staff, and parents.

Cindy does an amazing job managing all of the curriculum items which can be very complex at times, but she does it marvelously, efficiently, and cheerfully. Cindy is quick to respond to needs, be it getting a Chromebook to someone, preparing materials for a new student, or helping a teacher with books on a topic they are studying.

Students love going to the library to hear a story and check out a book. She tries hard to learn each student's name and always greets our students with kindness and a friendly smile.

Cindy organizes book fairs for our school and is an active participant in the events that we have here on campus. Cindy is innovative, energetic, and a great person all around. We are lucky to have her here at Oakdale!



Oakdale School PK-8

Principal: Linda Powell



Alyssia Baker
RSP Teacher

Alyssia is a knowledgeable and compassionate RSP teacher. She builds supportive, meaningful relationships with students in patient and gentle ways. Alyssia is warm and welcoming to parents and strives to build partnerships with her students' parents that benefit her students.

Alyssia's calm professionalism sets an excellent tone during meetings, where she also masterfully navigates the group through the process to an effective result. Staff appreciate how easy it is to work with Alyssia and are very grateful for her expertise and flexibility.

Alyssia is an important member of the Oakdale team and we are pleased that she is here to support the students of Oakdale.



Orchard Elementary

Principal: Melissa Clark



Alicia Harvey
Paraeducator III
Independence Facilitator

Alicia has worked tirelessly this year to assist all our students in their work both in class and out on the playground with their peers. She is a leader and takes on responsibilities beyond her duties to help out her peers when in need.

Alicia regularly attends after school functions and is a staff member who is present and willing to help any of our Orchard students when needed.



Orchard Elementary

Principal: Melissa Clark



Diana Franklin
6th Grade Teacher

Diana's passion for her students and teaching shines through every day! She has created a community of learners where the focus is one of positivity and encouragement.

Diana inspires students to believe in themselves and never give up. Her dedication and unwavering support for her students is admirable!



Pacific Career & Technology High School

Principal: Bob Wilkerson



Sanaa has been at Pacific High for over nine years. She is always in front of the cafeteria greeting students, making sure she knows every student by first name.

Sanaa goes the extra mile above and beyond the call of duty to make sure every student is fed breakfast and lunch, and stays late to make sure our students are taken care of in our after school programs.

DSanaa Mena

Café Services Team Leader II



Pacific Career & Technology High School

Principal: Bob Wilkerson



Sandra Bunch

12th Grade ELA Teacher

Sandra has been an amazing teacher at Pacific High School. She is a team player and is always working with our students to make sure all of their needs are met.

Sandra heads up our Friday Night Live program as well as leads lunch time activities and our Adult Education program after school.



Payroll & Benefits

Director: Ellie Winter



Christina Lopez
Payroll Technician

Christina's customer service skills are excellent and she is always patient, polite, courteous and helpful. She is always willing to go beyond her duties to assist staff and employees to ensure the success of our team. She has served in multiple positions with TRUSD during her three years of employment.

She boosts morale by collaborating and celebrating team achievements. Her instrumental role has shown her incredible growth and dedication to TRUSD. We are very delighted to have her as part of our Payroll & Benefits Team.



Pioneer Elementary

Principal: Isabel Acosta



Wanda Pon

Paraeducator I

Wanda is one of the hardest working human beings I know. She goes above and beyond for students and the teachers she supports. You can always find her running somewhere (STOP RUNNING WANDA!) and a smile on her face. She truly loves children and no job is too big, too small, too gross (boogers), or too hard.

Wanda is amazing and extremely dedicated to her job. The students love her and we do too!



Pioneer Elementary

Principal: Isabel Acosta



Stephanie Dvorak
3rd Grade Teacher

Stephanie is one of the most dedicated educators that I have ever had the pleasure to work with. Her dedication to students, staff and Pioneer is incommensurable. She goes above and beyond in the classroom, communicates effectively and efficiently with parents, collaborates across all grade levels and advocates for her peers and students. She takes on leadership positions and tasks, not for the title but for what it will do for Pioneer.

Stephanie is the teacher that makes you want to come to school every day. She has been at Pioneer for the last 30 years, and I can't wait to see what she will do in the next 30 years (LOL)!



Regency Park Elementary

Principal: Tim Hammons



Leeanna Hallett

Café Services Team Leader I

Leeanna is invaluable in our kindergarten classrooms. She gives 100% to any task she is given. She is able to work with our students in small groups effortlessly. The students are making huge gains in learning as a direct result of Leeanna's instruction. The students love and respect her. She is an integral member of our kindergarten team!

Regency Park Elementary

Principal: Tim Hammons



Petrina Rilea
1st Grade Teacher

Trina has been teaching for almost 30 years. She is an amazing teacher and is known for her excellent teaching of writing and having students create their own learning rubrics. Her students always score high on their assessments as she sets extraordinary goals for them. Trina is a compassionate and loving teacher who has touched many students' lives. She meets challenging students where they are and helps them grow emotionally and academically.

She is an amazing team player and is always there to support her colleagues.



Ridgepoint Elementary

Principal: Doug Emerson



Julie Rhea
Office Manager

Julie is always professional and polite to parents and others that come to the office at Ridgepoint. She goes above and beyond her duties. Julie always has a smile on her face and is just amazing! She goes above and beyond to help the staff and the students as well. She helps the PTA and is a great example demonstrating excellence within the district. She does amazing work helping with the budget, helping with subs, and doing everything a teacher or staff member would need to support our kids.

More than anything, Julie is just an amazing person who wants to help kids and their families be successful.



Ridgepoint Elementary

Principal: Doug Emerson



Valerie Schmalenberger
3rd Grade Teacher

Val is a dedicated and hardworking teacher. She has been a leader of the 3rd grade team and I know her teaching partners look for her experience and knowledge. Her students are very fortunate to have been taught by her and the school is very lucky that we have had her at Ridgepoint. Val has been teaching for 35 years with the Twin Rivers School District with most of it being in 3rd grade. She is going to retire this year and she will be missed. Her organization and her classroom management/structure is top notch.

Congrats to Val and we wish her lots of joy in retirement.



Rio Linda High School

Principal: Diedre Barlow



Lisa Stipe

*Paraeducator III
Independence Facilitator*

Lisa is the most kind, caring and gentle person I know. Her compassion for students is one of which does not go unnoticed.

Her love for her students is something that cannot be taught, but just comes from the heart. Lisa is always passionate about her students and wants what is best for each of them.

We love having Lisa at Rio Linda High School.



Rio Linda High School

Principal: Diedre Barlow



Kayla Fore
English Teacher

Kayla is a shining star at Rio Linda High School. She goes above and beyond for her students. She is the first to volunteer when it comes to freshmen orientation.

She supports all facets of education; academics, arts, and athletics. Kayla is the kind of teacher that all students should have.

We love having Kayla at Rio Linda High School.

Rio Linda Preparatory Academy

Principal: Amber Lozano



Daniel Hamilton
Paraeducator III

Dan consistently goes above and beyond for students and RLPA as a whole. From lunchtime supervision to helping in PE and in the classroom, he has demonstrated caring, compassion, and kindness. Dan has been at RLPA for a long time and always works with a smile on his face. He is always more than willing to help when and wherever asked.

Dan develops strong relationships with students in his RISE class and always knows how to support them. We appreciate his dedication and hard work.

Rio Linda Preparatory Academy

Principal: Amber Lozano



Sharon Jones

English Language Arts Teacher

Mrs. Jones is a phenomenal teacher. The relationships she builds with students inspire them to become their greatest self. You can tell without question that her heart is in this job and she was meant to teach. She has made a huge impact welcoming our 7th graders to middle school and ELA. Her room is very comfortable, calm, and welcoming.

She greets her students every day coming into class, which makes a big difference. She has worked incredibly hard as a new teacher and grows every day.



Rio Tierra Jr. High School

Principal: Adam Sinor



Markita Taylor

Health Services Assistant

Markita is the Classified Employee of the Year for Rio Tierra because she goes above and beyond for our students. She works as a Health Assistant with true care and concern for the students. She is often a mentor to students and helps them become successful. She coaches cheerleading for Rio Tierra and runs the Health and Wellness Club for students.

Markita plays a key role in the school's success and everyone enjoys the positivity she brings to work each day.



Rio Tierra Jr. High School

Principal: Adam Sinor



Elizabeth Brock

History/Social Science Teacher

Elizabeth is an extremely dedicated educator that has shown tremendous growth in her time at Rio Tierra. Students in her classroom are given rigorous but interesting lessons. Students are regularly making connections between world history and their own lives. She teaches students to go above and beyond expectations in Document-Based Questions essay writing.

Elizabeth plays a key role on the Instructional Leadership Team and helps improve the school as a whole.



Sierra View Elementary

Principal: Stephanie Tarrell



Alexandra Williams

ECE Paraeducator

Alex is a kind, patient and friendly educator. She is an integral part of the learning and growing that happens in our preschool classroom. Students in our preschool program benefit from the organized, caring, nurturing and rigorous environment that Alex and her partner provide for them.

Alex has been a strong leader this year as the class juggled several substitutes before a teacher was hired. She worked hard each day to create the very best learning environment possible for the class.

She always has a smile on her face for the students she serves. Thank you Alex!

Sierra View Elementary

Principal: Stephanie Tarrell



Cindy Williams
4th Grade Teacher

Cindy is a great example of what it means to be Teacher of the Year. She is the epitome of a dedicated teacher. She is incredibly hard working, doesn't let challenges stop her, builds strong relationships with students, and gives her all to her class. She believes in every one of her students and shows them that they are capable of succeeding.

She is kind-hearted and sensitive and has the ability to make everyone smile and brighten their day! Congratulations to Cindy!

Smythe Academy of Arts & Sciences K-6

Principal: Ken Dandurand



Brandie McConahie
Office Manager

Brandie was earning high marks for hospitality way before hospitality was cool! In all honesty, Brandie is a wonderful Office Manager. Yes, she's reliable, organized, knowledgeable, tech savvy and keeps the office running smoothly. But more importantly, she has a great attitude, is smart, works hard (always doing more than expected) and is caring, funny, warm and cares for our students and staff.

We couldn't be happier that Brandie is our Smythe Knight of the year!



Smythe Academy of Arts & Sciences K-6

Principal: Ken Dandurand



Elizabeth Spackman
1st Grade Teacher

Elizabeth is a consummate professional and quiet leader who models all the qualities that make Smythe proud to have her as our Teacher of the Year. She has deep knowledge of the teaching standards, she's a model of professional learning, compassionate and patient beyond all measure and a great example of kid focused teaching every day.

Liz has a focused, calm and caring presence with her students and her classroom is a living laboratory for social emotional learning and early literacy and numeracy instruction. Finally, Liz's relationships with her families, her colleagues and the school as a whole are grounded in respectful communication and a commitment to focus on kids and our collective ability to help them succeed.



Smythe Academy of Arts & Sciences 7-8

Principal: Casey Gong



Mai Thao

Library Media Technician

Mai is our wonderful library media technician who does an amazing job supporting students, families, and staff. She is extremely organized and detail-oriented and constantly puts others first.

Mai is eager to help with any project, takes pride in her role, and brings a contagiously positive attitude to Smythe each day.

Her passion and hard work have not gone unnoticed.

Smythe Academy of Arts & Sciences 7-8

Principal: Casey Gong



Shannon Walsh
Math Teacher

Shannon Walsh epitomizes what it means to be student-centered. She is an advocate for all of her students and goes above and beyond to support their learning. Her classroom door is always open during lunch for students to come by, and she has spent numerous hours after school tutoring students in math.

She has done a tremendous job of furthering a positive school culture through her relentless commitment to students. Her passion and hard work have not gone unnoticed.



Transportation Services

Director: Aamir Mohiuddin



Jason Benson
Bus Driver

Jason Benson is a dedicated bus driver; he is well-liked by students and staff. He has an upbeat attitude and gets along with everyone.

Jason comes to work smiling and says “Good morning” to those he sees; his attention to detail and safety regulations has been great.

Great job, Jason.



Twin Rivers Adult School

Principal: Laurelle Mathison



Tamana Najrabi
Paraeducator II Bilingual

Tamana takes her work seriously, and goes above and beyond helping our adult population. Tamana has been observed supporting ALL students whether they speak Farsi, Spanish, Ukrainian or Russian. Her willingness to collaborate with teachers is further enhanced when she is witnessed using teaching strategies like role-playing and modeling, walking the room, checking for understanding and assisting in monitoring student attendance and progress. Her support to our students makes a difference in their understanding of concepts that they are required to learn.

Tamana's heart and professionalism has no bounds. Her presence brings a magical warmth evident to all around her.



Twin Rivers Adult School

Principal: Laurelle Mathison



Jeff Ladine
ESL Teacher

Jeff demonstrates a depth of talent as an educator. He continually impresses us with his innate ability to establish rapport with students, and has an instructional approach that encouraged student voice.

Jeff's approach to students is always with empathy.



Village School

Principal: LaQuita Ulrich



Andy Cravenho
Head Custodian I

Andy Cravenho is an excellent choice for Classified Employee of the Year. Andy has longevity in the district and has been a dedicated team player at Village. Whenever we need support or assistance, he is always willing to lend a helping hand. He attends to our school by fulfilling his daily duties of cleaning and maintaining our school campus with commitment. Last year he had the awesome task of moving several classrooms to accommodate new classrooms. He did this hard task and got the job done. Andy has a great relationship with staff and students. He is an essential part of the organization of Village campus. ~ Ms. Anthony

Andy is a great worker. He is nice, kind, and caring to students. He has an excellent work ethic and is an all-over great person. ~ Mrs. Melissa

Andy is always available and ready to help. He brings a positive attitude to the school, making him very pleasant and rewarding to work with for over the past 5 years. ~ Serge Koblik

Andy has been super helpful here at Village. He is here early to ensure teachers & staff have everything they need. He also touches base with teachers to see if we are in need of anything. Mr. Andy makes sure we are taken care of & has a positive impact on Village School. ~ Ms. Medina



Vineland Preschool

Coordinator: Johana Scott



Tavifa Gontar
Paraeducator III

Tavifa is always willing to help others. She is a wonderful asset in the classroom working with our students.

Tavifa often assists with parent communication and makes families feel at home.



Vista Nueva Career & Technology High School

Principal: Bob Wilkerson



Robert Whittaker
Head Custodian III

Robert has completely changed the look and feel of our campus. The fact that Robert takes the time to do the little things has placed him in a category all by himself. He is conscientious and meticulous in his daily routine. Robert is constantly going the extra mile to help out staff members with whatever their need may be.

Robert is the 2024 Twin Rivers District Classified Employee of the Year and the 2024 Sacramento County Classified School Employee of the Year for Custodial and Maintenance Services



Vista Nueva Career & Technology High School

Principal: Bob Wilkerson



Elisa brings enthusiasm and energy to our campus every single day. Her classroom is one of a family atmosphere, where students are treated with the utmost care and respect. She has created a space where students feel wanted and in turn they want to perform for her.

Elisa is a teacher who is very well respected by her peers and administration. She is a true diamond in the rough.

Elisa Magallanes Diaz

Spanish World Language Teacher



Westside Elementary

Principal: Kristina Jordan



Kristen Hancock
Paraeducator I

Kristen gives the very best of herself each and every day to ensure that our students are learning and staying safe. She is a very important Kindergarten team member and supports not only our teachers, but students daily. She is kind, always willing to give of herself and will do anything to help our site.

Westside School is a better place because of her commitment and dedication each and every day. Thank you Kristen for being amazing!

Kristen is the 2024 Twin Rivers District Classified Employee of the Year for Paraprofessional Services



Westside Elementary

Principal: Kristina Jordan



Stacey Jurich
1st Grade Teacher

Stacey is an invaluable member of the Westside staff. She brings tremendous dedication to her students and their families. Stacey can be counted on to get things done and makes herself available if need be in all circumstances. Our first graders feel at ease and comfortable in Stacey's classroom.

Her dedication and commitment to Westside is to be commended.

Congratulations Stacey!



Westside Preparatory Charter School-Frontier Campus

Principal: Mai Yang



Marci Porter
Office Manager

Marci Porter has been at WPCS-Frontier Campus and Frontier Elementary School as an office manager for the past three years. Prior to that, Marci was the office manager at Las Palmas and also spent ten years as the administrative clerk at Morey Avenue Elementary. The start of this year was especially difficult as Marci was the only staff member we had in the office, which meant at different points in the day and week, Marci covered four different positions – her own, the two office clerks, as well as the health office.

Marci is much appreciated, especially by our charter teachers who share that Marci is always there to help whenever there is a need and responds to their needs with grace and positivity.



Westside Preparatory Charter School-Eastside Campus

Principal: Danielle Fee



Natalie Rodriguez
PE/AVID Teacher

We are thrilled to nominate Natalie for Teacher of the Year in recognition of her exceptional dedication, innovative teaching methods, and profound impact on our school community. Natalie stands out as an unwavering advocate for student success, consistently going above and beyond to create an engaging and supportive learning environment. Her passion for education is contagious, inspiring students to reach new heights academically and personally.

In the classroom, Natalie fosters a dynamic and inclusive atmosphere, where every student feels valued and empowered. Natalie teaches with passion and encourages students to work hard and set goals to reach their fullest potential. Beyond the curriculum, Natalie actively contributes to the school community. She is the Club Live Advisor and is consistently promoting healthy body and healthy mind. Testimonials from students, parents, and colleagues echo the sentiment that Natalie is not just a teacher but a mentor, guide, and source of inspiration.

The positive impact Natalie has had on our school is immeasurable. In summary, Natalie embodies the qualities we seek in a Teacher of the Year: passion, dedication, innovation, and a profound commitment to the success and well-being of our students.



Woodlake Elementary

Principal: Debra Chandler



Chase Peterson

Expanded Learning Community Facilitator

Chase is a gift to the Woodlake community. He has extremely good rapport with families and students. His good work infiltrates all departments and classes at the school and inspires all staff to keep students at the center of our work.

Chase is a natural leader and goes well beyond the expected scope of work to support students, staff and families. He is instrumental in improving climate and culture on campus during the instructional day and beyond.



Woodlake Elementary

Principal: Debra Chandler



Alexa Ganter
*Transitional Kindergarten
Teacher*

Alexa is a phenomenal early childhood educator. She has built an exemplary transitional kindergarten program. All her students are held to high expectations with exceptional supports, which allows students to thrive.

Additionally, Alexa offers a robust parent involvement program which not only builds strong home school relationships, but fosters fun educational experiences at home. Not only is she a tremendous TK teacher, she puts on fantastic events for the whole school to enjoy like the school play, harvest festival and other family engagement nights.

We are so proud of Alexa and grateful for her commitment to Woodlake and the community.



Woodridge Elementary

Principal: Jacqueline Jaramillo



Richard Paiz
Head Custodian I

Richard is a superstar who makes our campus beautiful. He is hardworking and gives constant effort to make our school look clean and look proud. Richard engages with students and staff and has built a positive relationship with all. He deserves to be recognized for all of his work and dedication to Woodridge Elementary.

Woodridge Elementary

Principal: Jacqueline Jaramillo



Chlowee McCormick
Kindergarten Teacher

Chlowee has shined this school year. She has stepped up to take leadership roles in two important site committees including School Site Council and PBIS. She is amazing with children, including being proactive with their academic progress. She goes out of her way to ensure academic needs are being met. Chlowee shows love and compassion towards all students.