

Allison Elementary

Principal: Jacqueline DeWitt



Christena Hurley

Health Services Specialist LVN

Ms. Christena is truly amazing! Since day one, she has gone above and beyond her duties as an LVN. She is truly here for the students and staff. Her knowledge and experience as a retired pediatric nurse is a great reassurance.

Christena spoils the students and staff with her generosity.



Allison Elementary

Principal: Jacqueline DeWitt



Danalynn Zacharias
5th Grade Teacher

Danalynn is an exceptional teacher who cares for her students and finds creative paths to teach subjects. She puts on our annual Harvest Festival and it was a thorough success. Danalynn is also in charge of our Student Council, assists with Family Literacy Night and TRUE, the teacher's union.



Arts and Career Education

Director: Danise Egan



Kathleen Jones

Elementary Arts Teacher

Katy is an outstanding art educator, respected by her colleagues and loved by the students she teaches at Regency Park and Smythe K-6. We appreciate all she does for her schools and our entire Arts program as a teacher leader. Her passion for arts education is evident in her art room every day.



Arts and Career Education

Director: Danise Egan



Charity Tanaleon
Arts Integration TOSA

Charity is a passionate, thoughtful, and enthusiastic member of our district VAPA team. She brings a wealth of knowledge to her work as an Arts Integration TOSA and our VAPA teachers, and our community arts partners appreciate all she does to ensure our students succeed.



Babcock Elementary

Principal: Rob Myers



Alison Hoyer
Administrative Clerk

Alison is a dedicated and outstanding office clerk who gives her all to support the Babcock staff, students, and families. She goes above and beyond, especially this year, as she has filled in for the office manager role and learned a great deal about all things office-related.



Babcock Elementary

Principal: Rob Myers

Karen is an outstanding RSP teacher. She works very hard to support all students and staff, and always maintains a positive attitude.



Karen Harrell
RSP Teacher



Castori Elementary

Principal: Leslie Sargent



Christina Barajas
Yard & Duty Assistant

Christina is committed to the staff and students of Castori, as evidenced by the 17.5 years that she has worked at Castori as our yard and duty assistant. Christina is dedicated and a trusted pillar of our school community. She is willing to do whatever is needed to support students and she strives to build positive relationships with students. Christina finds creative ways to connect with students while looping in families to ensure home and school are on the same page.

She sets high expectations for behavior and supports, teaches, and reinforces these expectations until students meet them. Christina is a leader on campus. She is always finding ways to improve our school and she takes the initiative to innovate and implement solutions. Castori is grateful for Christina's hard work and dedication.

Castori Elementary

Principal: Leslie Sargent



Amanda Moxley

K/1st Grade SDC Teacher

Ms. Amanda Moxley is a dedicated, compassionate, creative, loving, and indefatigable teacher. She works with our most challenging students, and her tireless respect and patience for them is inspirational. Her students continue to make progress on academic and behavioral goals, despite inconsistent and sometimes incomplete paraprofessional support in the classroom this year and last.

Amanda is also a supportive, helpful, and humble colleague who offers to help wherever she can and isn't afraid to ask for help when she needs it. She demonstrates extreme patience, perseverance, and dedication to her students. Amanda has a great attitude and is very resilient.



Creative Connections Arts Academy (K-6)

Principal: Brian Emerson



Julia Gordon
6th Grade Teacher

Julia is a wonderful support and leader at CCAA. She consistently is engaged in supporting the school program with activities and groups. She has participated in School Site Council and our instructional leadership team, all while engaging our students.



Creative Connections Arts Academy (7-12)

Principal: Brian Emerson



Kris Ward
Attendance Clerk

Kris is a valued employee at CCAA. She is thorough, thoughtful, considerate and willing to help. Kris is always positively interacting with both students and parents; she is always ready to engage with our community. She has strong work relationships and is willing to support where necessary.



Creative Connections Arts Academy (7-12)

Principal: Brian Emerson



Catherine Lovejoy

ELA Teacher

Catherine is a wonderful asset to CCAA. She is a strong teacher and leader who regularly supports the program and community. She is well respected and liked by staff and students.



Del Paso Heights Elementary

Principal: Becky Mutua



Vanessa Hicks
Paraeducator III

Ms. Hicks has served at Del Paso for over a decade. Her own children attended this school. She has served in many roles: Paraeducator, cafeteria and playground support, and as a lead for our after school program. She has always put forth 100% effort with a continuous smile on her face.



Del Paso Heights Elementary

Principal: Becky Mutua



Kao Xiong
6th Grade Teacher

Kao has been an incredible leader at Del Paso. As she works toward her administrative credential, she has taken on numerous extra activities to make the school even better. Kao is respected and loved by her colleagues, families, and students.



District Office / Bay A - B

Fiscal Services: Kate Ingersoll, Executive Director



Cassi Glenn

Accounting Technician

Cassi is extremely dedicated and truly cares about our students. She used to work at a site and has brought that caring to the district office. She supports the other departments, sites, and her team. She will give her time to make sure everything flows properly by guiding others.

Most of all, Cassi has gone above and beyond during this time of being short-staffed to help make sure our work is completed in a timely manner so our students and teachers receive what they need to teach, learn, and be successful. She has also volunteered for other departments' events to support students.



District Office / Bay D

Information and Educational Technology Services: Marci Bernard, Chief Technology Officer



Blake Hutchings

*Senior Systems & Applications
Analyst*

Blake has not only learned this comprehensive new position in TRUSD, but ambitiously takes on everything that comes his way with enthusiasm. He is always ready to learn and will make time for anyone who needs assistance. Blake is a problem-solver and a team player, having gained the respect of everyone in the department. His technical acumen as well as his attitude are very welcome traits.

Blake does not shy away from any task presented, but rather leans in immediately. Blake's ambition to grow is evident; he was accepted into the Technology Management program through CITE, and intends to complete his Bachelor of Science Degree. Blake is truly a shining example of all things TRUSD.



Dry Creek Elementary

Principal: Amanda Forde



Veronica Dillon

Library Media Technician

Veronica is very organized. She is friendly and caring to students and staff and entices a love for reading. Veronica has gone above and beyond with ensuring that all students have their textbooks and computers checked out to them and that each teacher has everything they need for their instructional day.



Dry Creek Elementary

Principal: Amanda Forde



Chris Sabatoni

3rd-6th Grade SPED Teacher

Chris represents the best of his profession and serves as a shining example to students and fellow educators. He utilizes his energy, creativity and inventiveness daily on campus with all of our scholars and inspires everyone to succeed. Chris is a true ROCKSTAR!



F.C. Joyce Elementary

Principal: Jim Davis



Michelle Mumme
Paraeducator II

Michelle is a caring person that gets students connected to their education. Since joining the staff at F.C. Joyce, she has taken on all challenges with a positive attitude, an open mind, exceptional attendance, and a desire to learn. She has a great understanding of students' needs and is a strong advocate for students in Special Education. In her position, Michelle coordinates student support across all grade levels, highlighting her organizational skills and commitment to improving student achievement. As a classified employee, she provides essential resources to our students and helps to keep our school running. Her invaluable contributions deserve our highest recognition.

We are proud to call Ms. Mumme a “Fabulous Falcon”!



F.C. Joyce Elementary

Principal: Jim Davis



Michael Ossola
5th Grade Teacher

Michael has worked tirelessly to help our campus look amazing and getting activities ready for the students to do during the school day. The students have positively responded to his efforts of creating a school climate that we are all proud of. He consistently provides support and structure to the students in his class, while providing an exciting and fun learning environment (ask him about his hats)!

Michael's commitment to the job is clear and his work attendance is stellar. His investment in the students at F.C. Joyce is an example of how teachers not only help students learn, but also contribute to the families and community at large. We are proud to call Mr. O a "Fabulous Falcon"!

Fairbanks Elementary

Principal: Sara Tolle



Celia Morris

Yard and Duty Supervisor

Celia Morris is known as Ms. Tutie. Everyone in the community knows Ms. Tutie. She has been a Fairbanks family member for so long. She is a yard and duty supervisor, and goes above and beyond her call of duty. She comes in early and supports the school during breakfast. She is always willing to assist and help with anything we ask. She has built positive relationships with all students and staff.

She has been at Fairbanks for so long that adults come back to Fairbanks and ask if Ms. Tutie still works here. They are Fairbanks alumni and now they have their own students going to Fairbanks! Ms. Tutie is the Grandma of Fairbanks. Everyone here at Fairbanks appreciates all she does for our school family. Fairbanks is an AMAZING place because of Ms. Tutie's relationships and work ethic. Thank you for all that you do at Fairbanks. We love you Ms. Tutie!!!



Fairbanks Elementary

Principal: Sara Tolle



Kendra Tarke

Kindergarten Teacher

Kendra Tarke is our Teacher of the Year because she consistently works extra hours to make sure her students have what they need to be successful. She is also the teacher in charge for Saturday school. She helps other teachers and is always willing to take on extra duties.

Kendra is a wonderful example of what a community- focused teacher should look like.



Foothill High School

Principal: Heather King



Lanell Como

Health Services Assistant

Lanell is the heart of our campus. There is not a student she doesn't know, and she cares about all of them equally. You will never catch her without a smile and she is always surrounded by students who love her as much as she loves them.



Foothill High School

Principal: Heather King



Cheri Mendoza

AVID/Child Development Teacher

Cheri is like the army ... she gets more done in one day than most people do in a week. She is our AVID site coordinator, teaches a multitude of different AVID grade levels, teaches child development and yet still manages to start each day with a smile. You will always find Mrs. Mendoza in her doorway greeting students between periods. She represents the very best of Foothill High School.

She is loved by her students and admired by all of her colleagues.

Foothill Oaks Elementary

Principal: Melissa Rossavick



Kellie Wright
Paraeducator III

Kellie maintains patience and positivity while working with her BRIDGE students. She truly cares about her students and invests time to understand their individual needs. She has shown leadership and an amazing ability to be a team player with both her co-workers and the teaching staff. She is a problem-solver and is invested in creating fantastic learning opportunities for her students.

Foothill Oaks Elementary

Principal: Melissa Rossavick



Jodi Jugo

BRIDGE 2nd/3rd Grade Teacher

Jodi is an amazing, positive teacher. She is the veteran and foundation of the BRIDGE program at Foothill Oaks. She is a fantastic collaborator and mentor. Jodi cares for all of her students and works hard to ensure they have all the supports they need to be successful. She attends after school events, serves on the Instructional Leadership Team and is always willing to support all staff to help find creative solutions for unique circumstances. Jodi is always willing to listen, learn and teach.



Foothill Ranch Middle School

Principal: Laureen Riddick



Troygah Ahmach
Office Manager

“Ms. T” is the heart of Foothill Ranch Middle School, she truly embodies the mindset of “whatever it takes”. The students and staff depend highly on Ms. T’s organization, positive attitude, and caring nature. Ms. T goes above and beyond to serve the FRMS community. She is often zipping around to provide the necessary support to our families, substitutes, teachers, and students. She was pivotal in the transition to a new administration team and put in countless hours ensuring that the transition was smooth and everyone felt supported. Her commitment to FRMS is displayed daily in her work ethic and the relationships she has built.

Troygah is the 2023 TRUSD District Classified Employee of the Year and the 2023 Sacramento County Classified School Employee of the Year for Clerical and Administrative Services



Foothill Ranch Middle School

Principal: Laureen Riddick



Kari Lyons
8th Grade Math Teacher

Ms. Lyons is a phenomenal teacher. She goes above and beyond to serve the students at Foothill Ranch Middle School. In her class she works tirelessly to connect with students, and her math support class has had a tremendous impact on supporting all students and helping them find success in math. She is a school leader and provides mentorship and support to new teachers in the math department. Ms. Lyons prides herself on the success and achievement of her students and continues to be reflective on how best to support all learners. Her classroom is founded on high expectations and she has created an inviting and welcoming place for her students.

As a student once stated, the impact Ms. Lyons has on FRMS is much like dividing by zero ... it cannot be defined.

Frontier Elementary

Principal: Mai Yang



Doreena Pinnow
Paraeducator II

Doreena is selected as Frontier's Classified Employee of the Year because she is kind and has a positive attitude about every aspect of her job, school, students, and families. Doreena goes above and beyond to help students she works with. Not only does she support our students with an IEP, Doreena also supervises our kindergarten students in the cafeteria and at their lunch recess. She is also very willing to help with any student and situation when she is available.

Doreena is also part of the Social Committee at Frontier and takes part in organizing events for the school. She has a calm demeanor about her that makes her very approachable. Doreena comes to Frontier for work but treats staff and students as family. She deserves to be acknowledged for her kindness and positive attitude which in turn affects parents, students, staff, and visitors in a positive manner.



Frontier Elementary

Principal: Mai Yang



Kathryn Drake

3rd Grade Teacher

Kathy creates strong relationships with her students and their families. She really takes the time to get to know her students, how they learn and what to do to support their growth. Parents are comfortable reaching out to her for support with her students, and staff feel they can speak to her when they need to. Kathy is an integral part of our PBIS team, taking on many tasks to ensure PBIS runs smoothly at Frontier.

In the classroom, Kathy differentiates work to meet the needs of all her students. She is cooperative, hard-working and flexible, all traits that make a desirable teacher and co-worker. Kathy is a key member of our team here at Frontier and we are thankful for all she does for the students, staff, and school community.



Garden Valley Elementary

Principal: Stacey Firpo



Naomi Williams

Health Services Assistant

Naomi is an incredible asset to our Garden Valley health team and front office. She is incredibly knowledgeable regarding district processes and goes above and beyond to locate resources and provide information to our families. Naomi welcomes students and quickly addresses their medical needs. She is quick to assist all staff members and students, and is willing to help with clerical duties when the need arises.

Naomi Williams is an essential member of the Garden Valley team and our community is so lucky to have her!



Garden Valley Elementary

Principal: Stacey Firpo



Elle Hassani
1st Grade Teacher

Elle Hassani is an incredibly talented, charismatic, and passionate educator who goes above and beyond to enrich the lives of not only her students, but all students on our campus. She is a positive force who strives to create special moments for students that they will treasure for a lifetime. She cultivates lasting relationships and is beloved by past and present students alike. Her enthusiasm and smile is infectious and her dedication to students is unwavering.

Miss Hassani is a true asset and a well-loved member of our Garden Valley team.



Grant Union High School

Principal: Darris Hinson



Pamela Williams

Paraeducator III

Mrs. Williams is a wonderful member of our Pacer Family. She works tirelessly with our student community and the community at large to help provide the best learning experiences for all kids. She is a leader among her peers, a listening ear for staff, and an advocate for our students.



Grant Union High School

Principal: Darris Hinson



Kyle McDaniel

AP Bio/Anatomy Teacher

Mr. McDaniel is a dedicated leader and consummate professional. He works aggressively and unrelentingly to provide a great learning experience for all of his students. He participates in work that magnifies the effectiveness of NGSS Standards and has written curriculum that is used district wide.

We are proud to have him in the Pacer Family.

Kyle is the 2023 -2024 TRUSD District Teacher of the Year-Secondary



Hagginwood Elementary

Principal: Marc Moorehead



Esthela Buell
Paraeducator II

Mrs. Esthela Buell is a valued member of our staff and goes above and beyond for students, families, and staff. Each day you will find Esthela working with English Language learners to build their English skills. She works tirelessly to prepare materials and resources to meet the needs of our students. Because of her history with Hagginwood, she has established long-term relationships of support for families and students, including providing access to our school clothes closet when needed.

When we need a festive atmosphere for a special occasion such as Harvest Festival, 6th grade promotion, staff appreciation, staff baby shower, or just creating a positive environment in the staff room, Esthela is always there. Thank you Esthela!



Hagginwood Elementary

Principal: Marc Moorehead



Erin Pressler

5th/6th Grade Teacher

Mrs. Erin Pressler is an amazing asset to Hagginwood Elementary. As a 5th/6th grade teacher, she is kind and patient with her students, all while managing two different grade groups for instruction. She creates a positive atmosphere that enables students to have trust and respect for her and each other. Erin has high expectations for her learners and always takes the time to listen and provide support as needed. Erin has built a great rapport with families, students, and staff and will have students still come by to see her. Mrs. Pressler's passion for educating children and her partnerships with her team make her an exemplary member of Hagginwood.

Thank you for all that you do!



Hazel Strauch Elementary

Principal: Michael Amparo



John Boutris
Café Assistant II

John is a reliable, friendly and hardworking member of the Nutrition Services Team. He always has a smile and a positive attitude, and is always willing to help out a hungry kid.

Hazel Strauch Elementary

Principal: Michael Amparo



Aurora Mulder
6th Grade Teacher

Aurora exemplifies a well-prepared teacher. Her students are very respectful and receive clear training. She works hard to provide highly engaging lessons. Her classroom is a joy to experience. She communicates with her families by sending home a beautiful newsletter. She demonstrates her dedication to education by being organized, professional and very respected.



Highlands High School

Principal: Darryl Hawthorne

Kim has great rapport with staff, students, and families. She works hard organizing and managing the office. She is always present helping the school run and function effectively.



Kim Vancil
Office Manager

Highlands High School

Principal: Darryl Hawthorne



Michael Wolfe

9th - 12th Math Teacher

Mr. Wolfe is a dedicated teacher and staff member for Highlands High. As the department chair for math, he leads the math team in reviewing data and effective responding to ensure success for students. He comes in early and stays late to help tutor students who need additional help. He volunteers and runs the PA system for every home football game.

Mr. Wolfe also volunteers for additional supervision events to help the school run more effectively. He is a true professional and an asset for Highlands High.



Hillsdale Elementary

Principal: Kristina Jordan



Ashley Olow
Paraeducator III

Ashley demonstrates a remarkable ability to understand what is needed in any given situation and uses the most appropriate strategies to do what is best for our kids every day. She checks in regularly with the classroom teacher to ensure that she is doing the best thing for all students. She builds relationships with students through positive interactions, and is a significant member of our team in helping our students' progress on their IEP goals.

Congratulations Ashley!

Hillsdale Elementary

Principal: Kristina Jordan



Teresa Scoles
Kindergarten Teacher

Teresa is very passionate and genuinely loves her job day in and out. She has encountered numerous challenges, but always handles them professionally and with grace. Teresa puts forth 100% into making her classroom safe and welcoming for both students and their families. She works hard and goes above and beyond to create valuable and engaging lessons.

Congratulations Teresa!



Keema School for Independent Study

Principal: Robert Pope



Ana Reyes

Library Media Technician

Ms. Ana has gone above and beyond to help make Keema a better and great school. She handles the pressure and stress of our Williams Act audits and ensures they are passing with flying colors each year. When I ask if I can help or if she needs anything, her usual response is, "No, I got this Mr. Pope." Ana makes a tough job look easy. Our process and system of Chromebooks, teacher laptops, Student ID's, Elmo's, iPads, Wi-Fi devices and more could not be more efficient and better executed than by the work Ms. Ana does each day.

And don't get me started on her out-of-this-world holiday room decorations. Talk about spirit! If you have not stopped by room 9 on ANY holiday, make sure to do so. Not part of her job - where she continues to offer much needed help - is with translating for our families and students when the need arises. And she still does so much more. Thank you, Ms. Ana, for giving our school, our staff and especially our students so much!!!



Keema School for Independent Study

Principal: Robert Pope



Paula Dunn

7th - 12th Grade Teacher

Ms. Dunn has been an integral part of Keema and its successes for almost 20 years. Ms. Dunn is what many look for when they speak about a great teacher. She can always be found meeting, connecting, teaching, building and giving so much to all of her students. If you have not had the opportunity to see Paula teach, do so. If she is available, ask her about her strategies, teaching methods, folder maintenance and how she keeps a high attendance of both her students doing their work and coming in on a consistent and regular basis.

Ms. Dunn has served on many teams and committees, and supports the enrollment team every year with our students and their families. And don't get me started on her expertise and passion for working with service dogs. That's the next enrichment class I'd like to see Paula teach! Thank you, Ms. Dunn, for teaching so well and for taking such great care of our students. Congratulations!



Kohler Elementary

Principal: Patrick Durant



Cynthia Benson

Administrative Clerk

Mrs. Benson is a hard-working, whole team player and committed employee. As an admin assistant, Mrs. Benson is not afraid to help any teacher, staff member, student or school community member. She builds meaningful relationships with our students and can often be found mentoring a student. She is a great representative of Kohler and Twin Rivers Unified.

Kohler is so lucky to have this committed employee working for our students.



Kohler Elementary

Principal: Patrick Durant



Courtney Hackworth
*7th Grade English/Social
Science Teacher*

Ms. Hackworth is a hard-working, committed, and passionate educator. We are very proud of the growth that she has made since her first year at Kohler 4 years ago. Ms. Hackworth goes above and beyond for her students and colleagues. She has amazing explicit systems in her classroom that support students' confidence, and therefore has a positive impact on her students' engagement. Ms. Hackworth is a member of our Leadership Team, PBIS Tier II coordinator, yearbook and Student Leadership.

One of the most important highlights is her creation of the PAW Print, the student-led newspaper on our campus. Our school community is lucky to have a passionate and inspiring teacher that positively impacts our culture and student achievement.



Las Palmas Elementary

Principal: Rachel Williams



Maria Ponce

Family and Community Liaison

Ms. Ponce exemplifies bringing home and community into the school site. Daily she exudes warmth, singing, kindness and nurturing to all of our students. Some examples of her kindness include heating up lunches, providing warm clothes to students on cold mornings, a bright cheery greeting at the gate every day, a serenade of welcoming to students and staff every single day.

You can't help but feel loved, cared for and valued when around Ms. Ponce.

Las Palmas Elementary

Principal: Rachel Williams



Brittany Rogers
Kindergarten Teacher

Brittany is a teacher that exudes excellence in all she does. Brittany is the kind of teacher who is often found in a full lab jacket, gloves, and protective eye gear to get her kindergartners excited about an upcoming science lesson. Her kinder classroom management is second to none and her students leave her class with the highest of student achievements.

Brittany is always willing to help and does anything it takes to be a good peer and employee. Las Palmas' parents and families enjoy her lively spirit and excellent family communication. She is a caring and excellent teacher that deserves recognition to the highest degree.



Madison Elementary

Principal: Martin Powers

Dedicated! Authentic and caring. Valentina is truly passionate about her service to provide quality meals to ALL students at Madison!



Valentina Khokhlan
Café Assistant II



Madison Elementary

Principal: Martin Powers



Veronica Amador

Kindergarten Dual Language Teacher

Passionate in serving Dual Language kindergarten students and their families, Veronica is willing to assist beyond the school day to provide the best lessons to the students! She is seen as a pillar of kinder education!



Martin Luther King Jr. Tech Academy

Principal: Wesley Marshall



Anuheia Manalo
Office Manager

Ms. Manalo encompasses a multifaceted “tool belt” of skill sets that proves beneficial to my site. Although her position is considered a classified role, Ms. Manalo plays an integral role in our overall school program as she works hand-in-hand with both administration and certificated staff. One example of this is her involvement and participation on our Instructional Leadership Team as the only representative from our classified staff. Ms. Manalo actively participates with valuable input and insight in our ongoing efforts of meeting schoolwide and districtwide goals of improving our academic program that allows for the highest prospect for yielding student achievement. In her participation on this team, she is able to provide valuable input based on her strong relationships with our students and parents who entrust her with information that supports our overarching goals of schoolwide continuous improvement.

Ms. Manalo also serves on our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports Team (PBIS), which has been a cornerstone for our site and district in using positive approaches in addressing behavior, in addition to participating in data dive activities relative to trends in student behavior. Ms. Manalo has supported me personally with important functions such as School Site Council, drafting the Single Plan for Student Achievement, budget, safety, substitute support, 8th grade promotion, and the list goes on. These are formalized tasks, but what makes Ms. Manalo so valuable are the other intangibles she encompasses. She is a validated support for our students, instructional and support staff. She serves as a coach for our soccer program and she is a preferred point of contact for all stakeholders.

In my rewarding experience of working with Ms. Manalo, she has had a profound impact on our overall program at MLKTA. Ms. Manalo exudes not only leadership qualities that, as principal, I rely on, but she also carries out all tasks in a timely fashion and with extreme efficacy. It is evident that Ms. Manalo has the students’ best interests at heart. It is also safe to say that Ms. Manalo has a natural ability to also initiate positive responses in adults, considering the reverence exhibited from her colleagues. Ms. Manalo is a team player and takes initiative in starting and completing tasks without a need to be prompted. It is safe to say that Ms. Manalo brings valuable knowledge, skills, and morale to any program in which she is a part of.



Martin Luther King Jr. Tech Academy

Principal: Wesley Marshall



Catherine King
8th Grade SDC Teacher

In her role as a teacher for 8th grade students in the TAP program at MLKTA, Ms. King ensures that her students have full access to the core content curriculum and utilizes research-based supplemental materials to help support her students' growth. Ms. King is an advocate for each of her students, balancing a focus on academics, social-emotional health and life skills. She builds close relationships with her students and their families, building bridges between school and home with frequent class newsletters, Aeries announcements and phone calls. Ms. King is the department chair for Special Education and participates in monthly district-wide department chair meetings, facilitates site-based monthly case management compliance meetings and acts as a mentor to other members of the special education team.

Additionally, Ms. King is a valuable resource for colleagues schoolwide. She is often the first to try out new programs such as RULER and IXL and typically shares her learning with other members of staff. Ms. King embraces the philosophy of being a life-long learner by keeping up with the latest research on improving student achievement and other schoolwide improvement strategies, which she is always willing to share with the whole school community. Her energy, commitment and focus make Ms. King a valuable member of our team. It's safe to say that you will find two cars that are always in the parking lot well after school hours. That would be Mr. Marshall's and Ms. King's. This is just a testament to her commitment in being not only a consummate professional but also impeccable in her commitment to supporting our kids and school overall. We are proud to call her our Teacher of the Year.



Miles P. Richmond Adult Transition School

Coordinator: Lisa Linehan



Noemi Matutat
Paraeducator III

It is with the highest endorsement that the staff at Miles P Richmond (MPR) has selected Noemi Matutat as our Classified Employee of the Year. Noemi has a remarkable commitment to students, families, and her colleagues. She quickly builds and maintains relationships with our adult students. Supporting adult students in maximizing their growth of academic, vocational, social, and independent living skills is at the core of her work each day.

Noemi's contributions to our school extend beyond her duties as a Paraeducator III. She has been a member of the School Site Council and a committed member of the school's PBIS team. Noemi has been instrumental in building our strong and positive school culture by organizing student, family, and staff activities, recognizing the personal milestones of students and her colleagues, and being the first to volunteer when there is a need. She is highly respected, sought out as a leader, and is a role model among her peers.

Humble, selfless, and approachable are only a few characteristics that describe Noemi. She is truly a bright light that shines every day at MPR. It is our honor to celebrate Noemi as our Classified Employee of the Year.



Morey Avenue ECD Center

Principal: Mikako Fisher Hill



Faydra Acker
Office Manager

Faydra is a highly valued member here at Morey. Faydra is passionate and very hard-working when it comes to her job. She is kind, and patient and doesn't hesitate when it comes to helping others. Faydra is loved by many and appreciated by families and students. She has built relationships with those who she works with, staff, families, and students. She will always have a smile on and greet everyone in a friendly manner. If you ever need to laugh, everyone knows that you can talk to Faydra as she will turn your day around.

Her dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed. We appreciate you, Faydra. Keep up the great work!



Morey Avenue ECD Center

Principal: Mikako Fisher Hill

Laura makes sure every family and student she works with is comfortable. She is a quiet, strong member of our team.



Laura Vang
Preschool Teacher



Northwood Elementary

Principal: Rob Myers



Dorothy McCurdy

Café Services Team Leader II

Dorothy "Dot" is a dedicated and outstanding cafeteria lead. She goes above and beyond in working with staff and meeting the needs of all students. Kids and adults alike have a great appreciation for her!



Northwood Elementary

Principal: Rob Myers



Melissa Finn

3rd Grade Teacher

Melissa is such an awesome teacher. She is always supportive of all students and staff and works very hard to get the best results for her students' growth.



Norwood Jr. High School

Principal: Diedre Barlow



Michael Shaw
Paraeducator III

Mr. Shaw is the ultimate team player. He is always willing to help supervise students before and after school, supports all aspects of Special Education when needed, and builds relationships with all students. During lunch, he uses his own time to supervise students and help them with basketball. He never turns away a student and focuses on how he can support student succeed in and out of the classroom.

Michael is the 2023 TRUSD District Classified Employee of the Year for Paraprofessional Services



Norwood Jr. High School

Principal: Diedre Barlow



Marilynne Lucas

7th/8th Spanish Teacher

Marilynne is an amazing teacher, mentor, and team player. She is the kind of person that you want to be friends with. Once you get to know her, you realize how big her heart is for her students. She is always building relationships to focus on the students' interests. All students want to have Ms. Lucas as a teacher.

She is respected by her peers from not just Norwood, but from around the district.



Oakdale Elementary

Principal: Linda Powell



Annette Conklin

Café Services Team Leader I

Ms. Conklin is an exemplary employee who contributes to the quality of service to everyone in our community, especially students. She cares deeply about each and every one on this campus. Whenever we have a student that is hungry, she will go out of her way to ensure that they get fed, regardless of the time of day or how busy she might be. She demonstrates daily her commitment as a leader who is always kind and committed to her responsibilities. She is one of the most respected and admired staff members at our school.

Ms. Annette truly embraces the mission of Twin Rivers Unified: To inspire each student to extraordinary achievement every day. Ms. Annette will brighten anyone's day!



Oakdale Elementary

Principal: Linda Powell



Jason Klapprott
*8th Grade Math/Science
Teacher*

Jason Klapprott is a dedicated teacher who makes a positive connection with each and every one of his students. This year, Mr. Klapprott agreed to take the position of teaching 8th grade math and science and has done so with an integrity and optimism that has invigorated his teaching. Jason has established a positive relationship with his students and never hesitates to work with a student who needs extra help.

Mr. Klapprott teaches a diverse group of students with varying skill levels. He has the ability to connect and communicate with his students in an approach that fosters learning in a student-centered approach. Students know that Mr. Klapprott is there to support their learning and will go above and beyond to help them learn a new concept.

Mr. Klapprott has mastered the elusive art of being firm but fair, having rules yet maintaining relationships with his students who respect him and his expectations. His students know that he is there to support them in their education and at the same time to help them become respectful and responsible citizens.



Orchard Elementary

Principal: Paula Roach



Linda Stracener
Paraeducator II

Linda is reliable, caring and supportive. As a paraeducator with our RSP program, she works in all classrooms with both RSP and general education students. The teachers and staff can always count on her to step in and help any student in need.

Orchard Elementary

Principal: Paula Roach



Susan Johnston
5th/6th Grade Teacher

Susan is an outstanding teacher. She is a community member who has chosen to work here for most of her career. She creates great relationships with students and their families and the school staff. She takes on leadership roles by organizing schoolwide activities, participating as a PBIS team member and being a member of the school leadership team. She is diligent in providing for the needs of all of her students. She creates anchor experiences that every student in our school looks forward to as they move towards 6th grade.



Pacific Career & Technology High School

Principal: Bob Wilkerson



Donna Genovese
Head Custodian

Donna is a model employee who makes sure the campus is spotless. She is always willing to help any staff member with any issue on campus. Pacific High School is very lucky and grateful to have Donna on site every day.



Pacific Career & Technology High School

Principal: Bob Wilkerson



Elisa Magallanes-Diaz

Spanish World Language Teacher

Although Elisa is in her second year of teaching, she has made an impact on both Alternative Education sites. She is very enthusiastic and always willing to help her classes learn, motivating them to be the best possible students for our future.



Pioneer Elementary

Principal: Isabel Acosta



Deborah Warren

Administrative Assistant

Deb is a positive person who cares deeply about the students and staff. Last year, Deborah stepped up and took on extra duties to help get the school through the last five months of the school year after our beloved office manager passed away. This year, she worked hard over the summer to help get our school up and running. She is hard-working and builds lasting relationships with our staff, students and their families.

Congratulations Mrs. Deb!

Pioneer Elementary

Principal: Isabel Acosta



Wayne Rudd

7th Grade Math/Science Teacher

Wayne Rudd is incredibly dedicated to his students. He builds lasting relationships with his students. He is fair to his students and is respected and loved by them. He is dedicated to his students but also to his colleagues. He goes above and beyond for Pioneer.

Congratulations Mr. Rudd!



Police Services

Chief: David Lugo



Dominique Urena
Police Dispatcher

Throughout the year, Dominique has adjusted her schedule to assist training staff and new dispatchers, oftentimes working several extras hours and/or days. Dominique is a team player and volunteered to learn new tasks to help ease the burden within the department due to low staffing. Dominique never hesitates to answer her phone day or night to help others or to quickly respond to the department to help in moments of crises. Dominique has located critical surveillance evidence in several high-profile incidents.

Dominique is constantly pushing herself to learn new things outside of her general role in Police Services. Dominique volunteered to participate in the county-wide S.H.O.C.K program. This is a youth diversion program with a focused effort to provide the youth attendees with tools needed to become successful. Dominique is mentoring Twin Rivers students who attend this program.



Regency Park Elementary

Principal: Tim Hammons



Veronica Flores

Café Services Team Leader I

Veronica goes above and beyond making sure that all students are fed and well cared for. She knows all of the students by name as they come through the line. She is flexible and works with staff to implement many different procedures in the cafeteria. This year in particular she is working with the PBIS team to highlight positive behavior by classes and even prepares special food for the events.



Regency Park Elementary

Principal: Tim Hammons



Colleen Dargan
2nd Grade Teacher

Colleen is an excellent grade-level teammate, as she supports teachers in a variety of grade levels and is an active participant in her PLC. She is very comprehensive in her teaching as she works to make every student successful using a variety of teaching strategies. As a planner she is very thorough and thinks through what will be needed and then makes sure that she has the necessary materials. She is frequently requested by families as she works to keep them informed and involved.



Ridgepoint Elementary

Principal: Doug Emerson



James King
Head Custodian I

James is an amazing employee. He works very hard to ensure our school is a safe and clean place to be. He always takes the time to say hi to the kids and helps them with lunch. He always follows through with tasks and has a very positive attitude. James has an outstanding work ethic and is upbeat. He takes pride in doing his job. Ridgepoint has not been this clean in years and it's because James takes so much pride in the school.

Ridgepoint Elementary

Principal: Doug Emerson



Megan Ford
2nd Grade Teacher

Mrs. Ford has been teaching for 20 years and strives to do her best for every student in her class and within the school. She works hard with her students to put programs and systems in place to provide them with as much growth as possible in reading, writing, and math. Over the years she has made a huge impact on every little life she touches. She is inspiring, warm and caring, and you can see that in and out of her room. She is not only willing to support her own students but she is always willing to help any student within the school.

She deserves this award and Ridgepoint is very proud of her.



Rio Linda High School

Principal: Paul Orlando



Shelly Farris
Office Manager

Shelly Ferris is one of our hardest working office staff at Rio Linda High School. She really cares about her job because there are times she takes her work home, or comes to work early just to get a jump on it. We are very fortunate to have Shelly working at Rio Linda High.



Rio Linda High School

Principal: Paul Orlando



Gailyn Miranda
Library Media Technician

Gailyn Miranda is an excellent worker at Rio Linda. Every day Gailyn arrives at school with a big friendly smile on her face. Ms. Miranda knows the library inside and out and can always help out any student or teacher with a question.

Congrats to Ms. Gailyn!

Rio Linda Preparatory Academy

Principal: Amber Lozano



Brandi Harris

Library Media Technician

Ms. Harris always puts students first. She has served the school site by participating in several committees, including SSC and PBIS, volunteering to chaperone field trips, and running student clubs to help get our Squires involved. She is a wonderful mentor to students, making positive connections that bring about change in their behaviors. She is always kind and nurturing and provides emotional support needed by so many of our students. Brandi has consistently shown dedication and diligence through her work at RLPA. She goes above and beyond in her efforts to assist students and staff. She demonstrates great leadership and is very easy to work with. Ms. Harris is more than deserving of this award.



Rio Linda Preparatory Academy

Principal: Amber Lozano



Shelli Brevik

Physical Education Teacher

Ms. Brevik is always in good spirits and happy to be around students. She is reliable and makes sure she is available to students. She is our girls volleyball coach and participates in committees on campus, including the Site Safety Team and the School Instructional Leadership Team. She takes on extra duties and responsibilities to make connections with the students. She is a team player and jumps in to make our school and community is a better place. She is helpful, friendly, and students love her.



Rio Tierra Jr. High School

Principal: Adam Sinor



Lydia Romero
Office Manager

Lydia Romero is a fantastic office manager. She excels in her job and everything she does is in support of student success and learning. She goes above and beyond to help facilitate after school clubs like the Cooking and Bike Club to help students learn cooking, get a good meal, and get a bike to get to and from school. When we did not have a girls volleyball coach, she volunteered. She made a family atmosphere amongst the team that eventually won the championship. Lydia is a leader of the office and school. She has earned Classified Employee of the Year for Rio Tierra Junior High.



Rio Tierra Jr. High School

Principal: Adam Sinor



Janelle Weiner
RSP Teacher

Janelle Weiner is an amazing teacher that embodies what it means to support student learning. She is a strong advocate for students in Special Education and helps the staff learn how to support students with varying needs. As the leader of her department she ensure that Rio Tierra is always up to date and compliant with all IEP's. In the classroom, Janelle serves as a model for highly effective lessons that are well planned, use effective strategies, and engage students in learning the rigorous Common Core State Standards.

She has earned Teacher of the Year for Rio Tierra Junior High School.



Sierra View Elementary

Principal: Stephanie Tarrell



Arelli Abalos
Office Manager

Arelli is so deserving of the Classified Employee of the Year for Sierra View Elementary. Arelli greets students and staff in the office each day in a kind, respectful and helpful way. She always has a smile on her face. She knows every student by name and helps in any way she can. She is new to the office manager position but has quickly learned all aspects of the job and keeps us running smoothly and efficiently. Arelli is an asset to all.

Sierra View Elementary

Principal: Stephanie Tarrell



Heather Anderson
2nd Grade Teacher

Heather Anderson is an amazing teacher and very worthy of the title of Teacher of the Year. Heather is knowledgeable, organized and incredibly hard-working when it comes to teaching her students. She creates a warm, welcoming, safe classroom environment that results in student's wanting to be in her class. Heather regularly seeks out new learning by participating in professional development offered by the district or by the site.

She is a respected member of the staff and an overall fantastic educator!

Smythe Academy of Arts & Sciences (PK-6)

Principal: Ken Dandurand



Lucy Chacon
Paraeducator I

Lucy has an incredible impact on the students in our school and works tirelessly to support and aid our students in any way possible. It is evident in her daily interactions with students that she cares for them, often going out of her way to make sure they have everything they need to be successful during the school day. You can often find her helping students with their jackets, tying shoes or helping students solve problems that may come up during the day. It is clear in how the students interact with her that they know she will always be there to help and care for them. Lucy will quickly step in wherever she is needed and exceed all expectations in her work.

She is truly an invaluable member of our staff at Smythe and we are incredibly grateful to have her in TK.



Smythe Academy of Arts & Sciences (PK-6)

Principal: Ken Dandurand



Ryan Boland
4th Grade Teacher

Ryan is an incredibly patient, caring, respectful teacher and is a positive influence with all students, not just his own. He works hard to build trusting relationships with students and has a special talent for helping even the most challenging student let down their guard, trust him and accept his help. Ryan exudes kindness towards others and is always willing to lend a helping hand at the drop of a hat. Inside the classroom, Ryan is focused and helps his students find that same calm, focused attitude toward their academic success. Families can count on him to keep in constant communication as he shares successes and challenges along with celebrations and support.

For all these reasons and more, Smythe is proud to have Ryan Boland represent us as our Teacher of the Year!



Smythe Academy of Arts & Sciences (7-8)

Principal: Casey Gong



Marissa Casey
Attendance Clerk

Marissa is a student centered, caring, and hard-working member of our staff. She goes above and beyond to make students, staff, and families feel welcome and appreciated. She models professionalism and integrity in her role. Marissa is always willing to help those around her. She is detail oriented, thoughtful, and holds herself to high expectations.

It is a privilege to have Marissa representing Smythe Middle as our Classified Employee of the Year.



Smythe Academy of Arts & Sciences (7-8)

Principal: Casey Gong



Autumn Jagerson

Social Science Teacher

Autumn is a positive, hard-working, and thoughtful educator. She is involved in an assortment of extra curriculum activities such as sports, clubs, and PBIS. She works diligently to help foster a positive school culture for both staff and students. She is a role model on campus and a trusted adult for many of our students. Autumn is always willing to grow and learn to help improve her practice. She puts students at the center of every decision, and goes above and beyond to support their needs.

It is a privilege to have Autumn representing Smythe Middle as our Teacher of the Year.



Transportation Services

Director: Tim Shannon

Eric is a dedicated employee who loves his job of transporting students to and from school each day.



Eric Coleman
Bus Driver



Twin Rivers Adult School

Vice Principal: Tanya Praest



Vicky Amiryan

Paraeducator II Bilingual

Vicky goes above and beyond to help support students and teachers. She's responsive to student concerns and does what she can to help them. Vicky also helps during testing windows, working to monitor students and support a comfortable testing environment.

Vicky is respected by her colleagues and community members.



Twin Rivers Adult School

Vice Principal: Tanya Praest



Nixa Schell
ESL Teacher

Nixa goes above and beyond for her students. She always helps support colleagues and assists them with technology use in the classroom. Nixa always makes sure to stay updated with the newest strategies for adult learners and what would be beneficial for them. She seeks out conferences and PDs that will help her be more effective in her job.

Village Elementary

Principal: Anna Ampania



Andy Cravenho
Head Custodian I

Andy is the unsung hero of our Village community. He quietly goes about doing his best to keep our facilities clean, sanitary and safe for all stakeholders. He goes above and beyond to honor requests made of him by teachers, administrators, and staff. He happily moves and/or fixes furniture and equipment, restocks restrooms and classrooms with sanitary/cleaning supplies, and handles any custodial emergencies. He has always taken care of custodial needs in a prompt and friendly manner.

Additionally, the beginning of the school year started with no evening custodian. Andy took on the responsibilities of both shifts to ensure the campus was ready for all stakeholders for the opening of the 2022-2023 school year. Andy is a highly treasured and much appreciated member of Village School.



Village Elementary

Principal: Anna Ampania



Courtney Harshbarger
8th Grade ELA/SS Teacher

Courtney has been a loyal teacher to our Village Middle School students. She strives for progress and encourages students to always do their best. She collaborates with her middle school partners and advocates for teachers and students. Courtney goes above and beyond for her students by organizing Club Live, building meaningful relationships with her students, and being the AVID coordinator. She also mentors other teachers. Last school year, Courtney took it upon herself to support the 7th grade ELA students as they had rotating substitute teachers. She provided the subs lesson plans to ensure that student learning was not lost.

Village School is lucky to have such a committed and dedicated teacher on staff.



Vista Nueva Career & Tech High School

Principal: Bob Wilkerson



Cameron Chin
Attendance Clerk

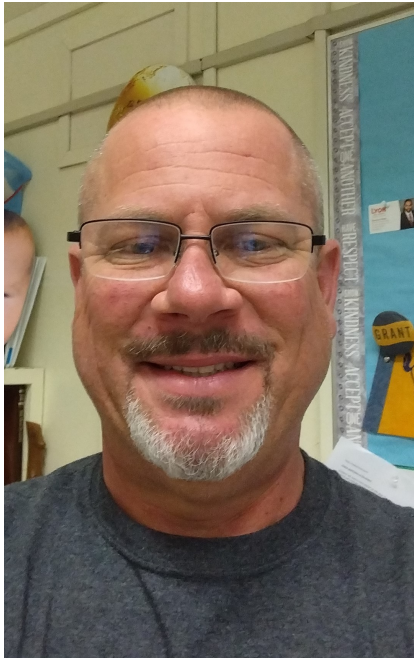
Cameron is a "Can Do" person. Since he has taken over our attendance position, our attendance has greatly improved. His ability to connect with the students and parents is phenomenal. He has become a real team player in a very short time, helping out wherever help is needed.

Thank you Cameron from the whole staff at Vista!



Vista Nueva Career & Tech High School

Principal: Bob Wilkerson



Brian Ehnes

Social Studies Teacher

Brian has become an integral member of the Vista Team. His work with students helping them to become successful is outstanding. His ability to know and form relationships with his students is what sets him apart from the rest of the teachers. His students enjoy his classes because they learn and he pushes them to better themselves. We thank you!



Westside Elementary

Principal Niamh Conner



Michelle Smith
Café Assistant II

Ms. Smith is an integral part of our Westside team. She ensures our students are served healthy meals daily. She goes above and beyond for our students and staff and we are so fortunate to have her here at Westside.



Westside Elementary

Principal: Niamh Conner



Sarah Delap
Kindergarten Teacher

Ms. Delap is always seeking out new strategies to reach and teach her students. She is the first to sign up for professional development and pass along the knowledge to others. She is the kind of teacher who makes those of us around her better just by being in her positive, hard-working presence. Her room is always abuzz with little minds asking questions and having a positive space to get those answers.

We are so lucky to have her as part of our team here at Westside.



Westside Preparatory Charter School

Principal: Kristina Jordan



Cathy Dupuy
Administrative Clerk

Cathy is a very important part of the WPCS system. She dives into any project with positive determination and patience. She works with both our students and families on a daily basis and strives to find the answers and solutions to their questions and wonderings. Cathy is very helpful to staff in planning and making things happen. Eastside's attendance percentage is continually high because of the supports she has put in place for families. Congratulations Cathy!!



Westside Preparatory Charter School

Principal: Mai Yang



Devin Dragoo

8th Grade ELA/US History Teacher

Devin has been a teacher at WPCS for over 15 years. As a teacher, Devin is hard-working, accommodating, and goes out of his way to support all of his students. He also builds great rapport with parents, peers, and the school community. He's the kind of teacher that has students visit after they've promoted from 8th grade. Devin genuinely wants all his students to do well, even beyond their years at WPCS. This year, Devin is one of our lead teachers and as the lead, Devin has taken on more responsibilities for the school. Our staff respects him, the students respect him, and we all appreciate him for what he does for our school.

Congratulations Devin!



Winona - Warehouse & Purchasing Services

Director: Francine Brissey



Sarah Fogal

Document Publishing Technician Sr.

Sarah has the most amazing customer service and ability to make each person she interacts with feel like they are valued and appreciated. She takes initiative when needed to make sure the job is done, and is great at following direction to ensure a projects success where strict parameters are often necessary. Her friendly disposition and incredible work ethic makes Sarah a standout, valued and appreciated staff member... Thank you Sarah!



Woodlake Elementary

Principal: Debra Chandler



Antoinette Tanksley
Café Services Team Leader I

Every campus needs a Ms. Tanksley. When trying to build a community school, people like Ms. Tanksley are who you depend on to create the culture and climate that makes students want to come to school, staff want to come to work and parents want to participate in school events. She is not only a knowledgeable manager of logistics that ensures all students get nutritional meals each day, she goes well beyond her own job duties to ensure that Woodlake Elementary is a welcoming and nurturing place for all. Her superpower is making things work against any obstacle and motivating others to do the same. She is an inspirational leader and a tremendous asset to our school community.

Antoinette is the 2023 TRUSD District Classified Employee of the Year and the 2023 Sacramento County Classified School Employee of the Year for Food and Nutrition Services



Woodlake Elementary

Principal: Debra Chandler



Rebecca Jones
2nd Grade Teacher

Each and every year for the past 12 years, Rebecca Jones has contributed to the academic and behavioral growth of students at Woodlake. Her colleagues wanted to recognize her this year in particular for her leadership on the literacy and PBIS team. One colleague described her as "like having an interactive textbook sitting next to you" during professional development. She is a wealth of knowledge about curriculum and instruction and a generous collaborator amongst her PLC and other collegial teams, like PBIS and the CORE literacy team. As a result, students from her class prosper academically and she helps to raise the collective efficacy of the entire system.

Rebecca is the 2023 -2024 TRUSD District Teacher of the Year-Elementary

Woodridge Elementary

Principal: Shauna Newton



Nataliya Chiml
Paraeducator I

Ms. Nataliya always goes above and beyond in the school and for the school community. She supports students, teachers and other staff alike. Her calm and compassionate demeanor make it evident that she really cares for children and their needs. Ms. Nataliya has developed a reputation of being one of the best paraeducators around due to her happy smile and her professionalism and loving nature.

Woodridge Elementary

Principal: Shauna Newton



Kasey Schmidt
3rd Grade Teacher

Mr. Schmidt has a genuine positivity and passion for providing for the well-being of all students. He has high academic and behavioral expectations for students and has a knack for keeping learning fun. Every day he serves as a role model by showing kindness to all and by encouraging his students to be helpful to everyone in need. There is no event big or small that Mr. Schmidt doesn't attend, and he is always lending a helping hand.

We are so fortunate to have him as a teacher here at Woodridge!