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## AESD – Learning Opportunities for All Students



Music education showcase  
at Stoddard Elementary School.



Student showcasing his cardboard challenge project  
at Benito Juarez Elementary School.



Students exploring engineering in the Buildologie lab  
at Horace Mann Elementary School.



An excited Dual Language Immersion student  
at Olive Street Elementary School.



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- Imli Bakery and Café
- Johnny Rockets
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- McCormick & Schmick's Grill
- MoMo Tea
- Meet Fresh
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- Month Long Halloween Decoration
- Goodie Bag full of deals with Free Parking

#### FREE Horror of Orient Grand Opening

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Welcome to a new school year. We are delighted to begin publishing the excellence from the Anaheim Elementary School District. Our schedule is four times per school year: September, November, March and May.

In this issue we have asked the principals to share their bios. It is always interesting to see where they went to college, and learn about their families, hobbies, and pets. They are always highlighting others and this is their chance to have the spotlight.



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## SUPERINTENDENT

It is a privilege to serve as the Superintendent of the Anaheim Elementary School District (AESD). We are driven by the commitment to provide the best education possible and we do this through what we call an “e<sup>2</sup>STEAM-D” education: engaging, equitable, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math, and Dual Language Immersion learning opportunities for all students.



**Dr. Christopher Downing**

We are proud that we are the only elementary school district in the country in which students learn to play 6 different instruments. Our commitment to music education led us to be named one of only three elementary districts nationally recognized as a 2019 Best Community for Music Education by NAMM.

We are excited to be piloting the first eSports elementary school curriculum in the country. By helping students adequately harness their gaming interest and exposing them to skills necessary for careers in the blossoming 21st-century fields, we are providing unique and innovative teaching and learning opportunities.

We are thrilled that we are part of the Anaheim Education Pledge, which is a strategic partnership between AESD, Anaheim Union High School District, Fullerton & Cypress College, Cal State Fullerton, and UC Irvine which outlines a clear pathway for students to start preparing for college beginning in PreK. And we are honored to say that based on community feedback- we now offer dual language immersion opportunities at all of our school sites (including the first Korean program in Orange County, which will equip students with the tools to explore their full potential as bilingual and biliterate citizens of the world.

The 2019-20 school year promises to bring e<sup>2</sup>STEAM-D learning opportunities for all of our students in Amazing AESD. We are appreciative of our dedicated staff who compassionately serve our students every day and we are honored that families believe in our commitment to provide their children with an excellent education.

Es un privilegio servir como Superintendente del Distrito Escolar Primario de Anaheim (AESD). Estamos motivados por el compromiso de proporcionar la mejor educación posible y lo hacemos a través de lo que llamamos una educación “e<sup>2</sup>STEAM-D”: oportunidades de aprendizaje participativas, equitativas, de ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería, artes, matemáticas e inmersión en dos idiomas para todos estudiantes

Estamos orgullosos de ser el único distrito escolar primario del país en el que los estudiantes aprenden a tocar 6 instrumentos diferentes. Nuestro compromiso con la educación musical nos llevó a ser nombrados uno de los tres distritos elementales reconocidos a nivel nacional como la Mejor Comunidad para la Educación Musical 2019 por NAMM.

Estamos entusiasmados de que durante el año escolar 2019-20 pusimos a prueba el primer plan de estudios de escuela primaria de eSports (juegos digitales) en el país. Al ayudar a los estudiantes a aprovechar adecuadamente su interés en el juego y exponerlos a las habilidades necesarias para las carreras en el siglo XXI, brindamos oportunidades de enseñanza y aprendizaje únicas e innovadoras.

Estamos encantados de ser parte de la Promesa de Educación de Anaheim, que es una asociación estratégica entre AESD, Anaheim Union High School District, Fullerton & Cypress College, Cal State Fullerton y UC Irvine, que presenta un camino claro para que los estudiantes comiencen a prepararse para la universidad en PreK. Y tenemos el honor de decir que, en base a los comentarios de la comunidad, ahora ofrecemos oportunidades de inmersión en dos idiomas en todos nuestros sitios escolares (incluido el primer programa coreano en Orange Country), que equipará a los estudiantes con las herramientas para explorar todo su potencial como bilingües a los ciudadanos del mundo.

El año escolar 2019-20 promete brindar oportunidades de aprendizaje e<sup>2</sup>STEAM-D para todos nuestros estudiantes en AESD. Apreciamos a nuestro personal dedicado que sirve a nuestros estudiantes con compasión todos los días, y nos sentimos honrados de que las familias crean en nuestro compromiso de brindarles a sus hijos una educación excelente.

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**Dr. Yadira Moreno**  
Representative

The Anaheim Education Foundation (Foundation) is a non-profit community organization that works to support the district's efforts by mobilizing the community and collecting resources through donations and gifts in order to ensure well-rounded educational opportunities for the students of the Anaheim Elementary School District (AESD).

Through donations made to the Foundation, students receive Thanksgiving meals are provided to students and their families, classroom sets of reading books were donated to every classroom in the district, instruments have been provided to enhance our nationally-recognized music education program, libraries have been transformed to include flexible seating and an engaging environment, and so much more!

Additionally, AESD counts on the support of the Anaheim Outdoor Science Education Foundation which is a non-profit organization committed to instilling a love of science and the outdoors in students of the Anaheim Elementary School District by helping them attend Outdoor Science School in the San Gorgonio Wilderness.

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## Clara Barton *Elementary*

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**Shawna Derache**  
*Principal*

Hello, my name is Shawna Dearché and I have had the honor of being the Principal at Clara Barton Elementary School since 2015. I have been a proud educator of the Anaheim Elementary School District for the past 26 years. During my career in the district, I have worked at 6 sites and the district office. I have held the positions of teacher, Instructional TOSA, GATE Coordinator, Curriculum Specialist, and Vice-Principal.

My educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education from San Diego State University, a teaching credential from California State University, Fullerton, a master's degree in curriculum from

National University, and Administrative Credential from California State University Fullerton.

On a personal note, I love to travel and it is my goal to visit all seven continents. I have a daughter who is going to college to become a teacher.

A quote that I find very meaningful and is a guiding principle at Barton School is "When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts." ~ Dalai Lama. We are committed to providing a safe and caring learning environment at Barton in which our students will excel. We are looking forward to a memorable school year in which students are engaged in activities that promote real-world problem solving and critical thinking.

## Thomas Edison *Elementary*

1526 E. Romneya Dr., Anaheim, CA 92805 • 714/517-8902 • [anaheimelementary.org/edison](http://anaheimelementary.org/edison)



**Suzanne Nichols**  
*Principal*

It is with great joy and honor that I have been recently appointed as the new principal of Thomas Edison Elementary School.

I started my education career here in the Anaheim Elementary School District as a student teacher in 2002. I have taught several grades, including both primary and upper, as well as served as a TOSA in Instruction. In July of 2014, I became the vice principal at Edison, so I am thrilled to

start my principalship at the school and in the community that I love so dearly. I completed my Bachelor's degree and teaching credential at Cal State University, Fullerton and my Master's degree in Educational Administration Leadership at National University. I believe that all students deserve to have the highest quality education in a caring and nurturing learning environment. The core of all decisions we make at Edison is the desire to ensure that all students are supported social-emotionally and academically.

## Benjamin Franklin *Elementary*

521 W. Water St., Anaheim, CA 92805 • 714/517-8905 • [anaheimelementary.org/franklin](http://anaheimelementary.org/franklin)



**Bernadette Grzechowiak**  
*Principal*

Hello, my name is Bernadette Grzechowiak and it is with great pride that I serve as the Principal at Franklin Elementary School. I began teaching in 2001 and I have had the privilege of spending my entire educational career in the Anaheim Elementary School District. Education is my joy and passion and every day I am thankful to have the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of our scholars and families.

I have been a resident of Orange County for my entire life. I attended Fullerton College and transferred to California State University Fullerton, where I received my Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies. I earned my teaching credential, as well as my Master's Degree in Educational Administration, from CSUF.

On a personal note, I love spending time with my family. I have eight sisters and one brother, so there is never a shortage of family activities and events. My husband and I have three adult children, who all live close by. Nearly every weekend, we visit my dad to watch sports and cheer on our favorite football and baseball teams!

My mother was a teacher and I feel I was born to follow in her footsteps as an educator. She was inspired by Helen Keller and this quote guides my purpose: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Every day I commit myself to working collaboratively with the amazing staff and school community to make Franklin a joyful place where we support our children to dream, believe, and achieve!

## Melbourne Gauer *Elementary*

810 N. Gilbert St., Anaheim, CA 92801 • 714/517-8908 • [anaheimelementary.org/gauer](http://anaheimelementary.org/gauer)



**Dina Gamez-Lopez**  
*Principal*

I am excited to get this school year off to a great start for the students at Melbourne A. Gauer Elementary School. This will be my first full year at Gauer as principal and I look forward to making new and continuing existing relationships with students and parents. With 24 years of experience in the field of education, I am a dedicated advocate for students and partner with parents and staff in creating a learning environment in where students can thrive.

My first experience in the field of education began as a classroom teacher in general education in the Los Angeles Unified School District and Lennox School District. Later I served students as a Speech and Language Pathologist.

I believe that my experience in these different roles in education helped me be a more comprehensive school administrator because I understand that it takes many professionals to serve students' different needs and the value that all staff members bring to the well-being of our students.

Education has been a transformative experience in my life and I strive to encourage students to do their best so that one day they also have the opportunity to go to college. I earned my Bachelor's degree in History and Anthropology from Cal State Northridge and hold two Master's degrees in Communication Disorders and Cross-Cultural Teaching. I am passionate about serving the students of Anaheim and nurturing the whole student to be their personal best.

## James M. Guinn *Elementary*

1051 S. Sunkist St., Anaheim, CA 92806 • 714/517-8911 • [anaheimelementary.org/guinn](http://anaheimelementary.org/guinn)



**Dr. Carlos F. Perez**  
*Principal*

Allow me to introduce myself: my name is Dr. Carlos F. Perez and I am the proud principal of James Guinn Elementary in the Anaheim Elementary School District. I have been in the educational field for the last 22 years and began my career teaching kindergarten in the El Rancho Unified School District in the city of Pico Rivera.

After being in the classroom for 4 years, I was inspired by my principal to become an administrator. I worked at the district level for 2 years as a Resource Teacher of Student Intervention and Support. After leaving the El Rancho Unified School District in 2004

and I became an assistant principal at Sycamore Junior High School in the Anaheim Union High School District. After seven months, I was promoted to Anaheim High School where I served as an assistant principal for nine years. In 2013, I served as an assistant principal at Katella High School for two years.

Prior to arriving at James Guinn, I served as the principal of Horace Mann Elementary. I consider myself a life-long learner. I received my Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of California, Irvine, a Master's in Administration Education from Pepperdine University, and a Doctorate in Education, K-12 Urban Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California.

## Patrick Henry *Elementary*

1123 W. Romneya Dr., Anaheim, CA 92801 • 714/517-8914 • [anaheimelementary.org/henry](http://anaheimelementary.org/henry)



**Dr. Maggie Barry**  
*Principal*

This school year I am happy to be celebrating 30 years of service to the students at the Anaheim Elementary School District! I began my career in this district as a classroom teacher, then transitioned to vice-principal, and am now a principal. Interestingly enough, my first assignment as an administrator was several years ago as a vice-principal at Patrick Henry Elementary School, the very school where I am principal now. I believe all children can learn, every

student is an individual, and every adult can make a difference for students.

I attended college at Cal State Long Beach for my bachelor's and master's degrees, and the University of Southern California for my Doctorate in Educational

Administration. In addition to my degrees in the field of education, I also have a Chief Business Officials Certificate. I believe that being a life-long learner allows us to connect with others and reach our full potential.

Every day I get to work early because I am the most productive in the early hours of the morning. In my personal time, I enjoy watching HGTV and consider myself a DIY (do-it-yourself) junkie. I even like bringing some of the DIY spirit to school and take joy in working on craft projects with the kids, including the one time I made "slime" with the hundreds of students in the school (note: I should have thought out those logistics before committing to that). I value the opportunity to walk the annual Susan G. Komen walk in support of my mother-in-law who is a cancer survivor. I am also happy to share that this year I will be celebrating 28 years of marriage to my wonderful husband.

## Thomas Jefferson *Elementary*

504 E. South St., Anaheim, CA 92805 • 714/517-8917 • [anaheimelementary.org/jefferson](http://anaheimelementary.org/jefferson)



**Dr. Sandra Song**  
*Principal*

Hi, I am Dr. Sandra Song and it is with great enthusiasm and excitement that I introduce myself as the school principal of Thomas Jefferson Elementary School. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead this school community that has such a rich tradition of academic excellence, innovation, and genuine care for their students. During my tenure at Jefferson, I have spent time getting to know our students and staff, building strong partnerships with our

school community, and strengthening our school vision of empowering our scholars to be confident leaders, critical thinkers and future innovators. I am proud to be at such a wonderful and supportive place where there are caring adults who are dedicated to doing what's best for kids! In addition to our award-winning STEM program, we are thrilled to also offer the first Korean dual language immersion class in Orange County.

I've been in education for more than 24 years. I started my teaching career here in the Anaheim Elementary School District as a bilingual Spanish-English 1st grade teacher in 1995. Since then I've had a wide variety of teaching/leadership positions. In addition to years of elementary classroom teaching, I have also served as a bilingual instructional aide, Class Size Reduction teacher, Title 1 teacher, TOSA Intervention, Curriculum Coach, Vice Principal, and Principal. I graduated from UCI with a BA in Psychology and went on to pursue my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership at Walden University. I believe wholeheartedly that learning never stops! Learning and growing for all of us adults, as well as students, is the hallmark of my leadership style. For that reason, I decided to continue my education by pursuing a doctorate degree at USC dedicating a few years in qualitative research on the importance of mindset in learning.

## Benito Juarez *Elementary*

841 S. Sunkist St., Anaheim, CA 92806 • 714/517-8923 • [anaheimelementary.org/juarez](http://anaheimelementary.org/juarez)



**Cecilia Román**  
*Principal*

Hello, my name is Cecilia Román and I am the proud Principal of Benito Juarez Elementary School! My tenure in the Anaheim Elementary School District spans more than three decades.

I began my career in education in 1989 while serving as a bilingual instructional assistant while attending California State University, Fullerton. I first became a teacher in 1992, after obtaining my Bachelor's Degree in Child Development, multiple

subject credential, and a bilingual authorization credential. Later, I earned a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from CSUF; which became the driving force in my work in years to come. Over the next few years, I served as a mentor teacher, a master teacher for college students, and began to work closely with AESD's Curriculum & Instruction Department by providing district-wide training opportunities in literacy, writing, strategies for English language learners, and classroom management. In 1999, I

transitioned into an administrative role by becoming one of the first Leadership Assistants in the district. I obtained my administrative credential from Azusa Pacific University and continued on to become a vice-principal and a school principal. I have served as a site leader at five schools and continue to seek professional learning opportunities that guide my vision for providing equity and access to the best education for all students.

My passion for equity and access comes from my personal upbringing. Growing up as the youngest of five children, in a single-parent, first-generation immigrant family allowed me to understand the challenges that many of our Anaheim community families face while learning a second language and overcoming socio-economic obstacles. I am a first-generation college graduate and strive to inspire all students to believe that anything is possible. I enjoy reading, shopping, and traveling to Uruguay, South America, where I visit my husband's family. My son is currently a student at CSUF seeking a future career in computer science.



# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

**2019 – 2020**



## Loara *Elementary*

1601 W. Broadway, Anaheim, CA 92802 • 714/517-8932 • anahelementary.org/loara



**Beatriz Garcia**  
*Principal*

My name is Beatriz Garcia and I am the proud principal at Loara Elementary School. This year I am celebrating my 24 years in education. I began my career in education as a bilingual intern while attending California State University, Fullerton. I began teaching in 1995, after obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Child Development, multiple subject credential, and Bilingual, Cross-Cultural, Language and Academic Development (BCLAD) credential. I also earned a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction and an administrative services credential.

During my tenure at AESD I have served as a bilingual teacher, mentor and master teacher for college students, resource teacher, grant coordinator, leadership assistant, vice-principal, and principal. I have served proudly at Patrick Henry, Palm Lane, Lincoln, and Loara Elementary Schools.

I am passionate about teaching and learning and I believe in a growth mindset. With a growth mindset, I view challenges with excitement and look forward to the opportunity to overcome them because I know that together we will learn from the process and opportunities. I believe our scholars will thrive in a supportive, creative, and safe environment where we, as educators, remove all possible barriers for their success.

I am the eldest of four children and the first in my family to attend college. I have been happily married for 31 years and I am the proud parent of two adult children. My son is an attorney and my daughter is a senior at Cornell University in New York. I am also mom to Flower, my ten-year-old bichon pup. Together we enjoy camping, traveling, gardening, and spending time with family.

My goal is to continue to have a positive impact on those who I come in contact with daily including students, parents, staff, and community members. Together we will make education an amazing experience for all.

## Abraham Lincoln *Elementary*

1413 E. Broadway, Anaheim, CA 92805 • 714/517-8929 • anahelementary.org/lincoln



**Efrain Paniagua**  
*Principal*

Dear Anaheim families and community members, I am thrilled to start the new school year as principal of Abraham Lincoln Elementary School (Lincoln). With over 1,000 students, Lincoln is the largest school in our district and we love serving every single one of our students. We have a thriving Dual Language Immersion program in Spanish and a strong culture that celebrates the diverse gifts that our students and staff bring to

our school. As a proud parent of three children, I bring this lens to my position every day to make sure that I serve our families the way I would want my own family served.

I grew up in Southern California and attended school in the region from elementary school to graduate school. My college experience transformed my life and I hope to inspire in our Lincoln students the same love for learning so that one day they too have the choice to attend college. I attended Cal State Northridge for both my graduate and undergraduate degrees, as well as National University for graduate school.

With 20 years of experience in the field of education, I have been able to serve students as a classroom teacher, a speech and language pathologist, vice-principal, and now principal. I firmly believe that every staff member at school serves a valued purpose in creating a safe and thriving learning environment. My philosophy is that we are servant leaders and that our responsibility is to advocate for the diverse need of all learners.

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**Janet De La Concha Pablo**  
*Principal*

I am honored to serve as the Principal at James Madison Elementary (Madison). I majored in Bilingual Education at Arizona State University. Later I obtained my teaching credential and Bilingual Crosscultural, Language & Academic Development (BCLAD) certificate from California State University Dominguez Hills and my Master's degree in Educational Leadership at California State University Northridge.

I have worked in public schools for 23

years and have served in many roles: elementary and middle school teacher, Intervention Coach, TOSA, vice-principal, and now principal. I began at Madison in 2015 as the vice-principal and am now very honored to serve as the principal of this amazing school community.

I love connecting with people from different parts of the world while traveling and enjoy spending quality time with family and friends.

My goal for this school year is to inspire greatness in others and to make our school the best place to learn.

I believe building positive relationships are the key and that ALL students are capable of succeeding!

## Horace Mann *Elementary*

600 W. La Palma, Anaheim, CA 92801 • 714/517-8938 • [anaheimelementary.org/mann](http://anaheimelementary.org/mann)



**Louie Magdaleno**  
*Principal*

My name is Louie Magdaleno and I am celebrating my 20th year as an administrator in the Anaheim Elementary School District. I have worked in the role of Vice Principal, Principal and Senior Director of Leadership Development at Henry, Jefferson, Loara, Sunkist, Marshall, and the District Office. Currently I am serving my second year in the role of principal at Horace Mann Elementary.

Prior to working in Anaheim, I was a teacher (grades 5-8) in the La Habra City School District. I was born in Fullerton, attended all my elementary years in La Habra, and I graduated from Sonora High School in Brea. I attended multiple community colleges graduating with an AA degree from Fullerton College.

I then transferred to Cal State Fullerton and graduated with a BA in Liberal Studies and a teaching credential. I later received my MA in Education with a middle school certification from California State University in San Bernardino and eventually returned to CSU Fullerton to obtain my Administrative Services credential.

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with family and friends at any live entertainment I can find including, but not limited to, theater and concerts, most specifically Bruce Springsteen shows. I live locally with my wife of 27 years, we have three adult children and currently care for my 93 year old WWII vet father-in-law all while fostering a previous neighbor's bulldog "Chato".

I am the eldest of seven boys. My siblings claim I have never worked a day in my life because I am just doing "what I love to do." And the reality is...I Do!

## John Marshall *Elementary*

2066 W. Falmouth Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801 • 714/517-8941 • [anaheimelementary.org/marshall](http://anaheimelementary.org/marshall)



**Lupe Hubbard**  
*Principal*

My name is Lupe Hubbard and I am starting my 26th year in education with the Anaheim Elementary School District. Anaheim is very much home to me. I graduated from Katella High School and my younger siblings attended South Junior High and Guinn Elementary School. My parents and one of my brothers and his family still live in Anaheim. I graduated from San Diego State University with my bachelor's degree.

I received my multiple subject teaching credential from California State University, Long Beach and my master's degree in Educational Administration from Azusa Pacific University.

I have had several roles/positions while in Anaheim. I have served as a classroom teacher, Teacher on Special

Assignment for Parent Involvement, Curriculum Coach, Vice Principal and currently Principal. I've worked at Lincoln, Olive, Ross and Marshall (my current home).

I feel a very strong connection to Anaheim, not just because I attended school in Anaheim and my family still lives here, but also because I completed my second session of student teaching at John Marshall! My student teaching assignment ended in May of 1994 and I was hired in July of 1994. I feel like I have come full circle.

I enjoy spending time with family, camping, traveling and spoiling my dog. I believe that laughter is the best medicine and I strive to make the best of each and every moment and day. As educators we have an amazing opportunity to positively impact the lives of our students. That is the daily goal not only for myself; but for all staff as well.

## Olive Street *Elementary*

890 S. Olive St., Anaheim, CA 92805 • 714/517-8920 • [anaheimelementary.org/olive](http://anaheimelementary.org/olive)



**Dr. Michael Heiner**  
*Principal*

Hello Anaheim families, my name is Michael Heiner, Olive Street principal, and I am a homegrown product of Anaheim. I attended Horace Mann Elementary School, Sycamore Junior High School, and am a proud Colonist, graduating from Anaheim High School in 1982. I attended Cypress College and graduated with a political science degree from California State University, Fullerton. In addition, I received my master's degree and administrative

credential as a Titan. This past spring, I completed the doctoral program at CSUF.

My teaching career began here in Anaheim in 1997 and I have served in many capacities. I began my administrative career in 2008 and am currently serving my fifth year as principal at Olive Street School.

To say that I am a baseball fan, would be an understatement. My affinity for green grass and red brick-dust is only surpassed by my love for the ocean, where my wife of 30 years, Diane and I spend most of our free time. Our son, Quinn, is a collegiate baseball coach in Oakland, California, while our daughter Sydney is “dancing” her way through her senior year of high school.

My passion and commitment to serving my community and the children of Anaheim drive me to be the best educator I can be, knowing that each child deserves nothing less. I take great pride knowing that I am part of the Amazing Anaheim Elementary School District, supporting the many programs and initiatives which provide equity and access for all children.

## Orange Grove *Elementary*

1000 S. Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92805 • 714/517-8968 • [anaheimelementary.org/orange-grove](http://anaheimelementary.org/orange-grove)



**Alejandro Ramírez**  
*Principal*

I am currently celebrating my 25th year in education. I started my career in Santa Ana, where I served as a teacher, outreach consultant, and assistant principal. I have had the privilege of serving the Anaheim community since 2006 when I joined AESD and have been the principal at Lincoln, Sunkist and Orange Grove schools.

I was born and raised in Boyle Heights and upon attending UC Irvine, I decided to stay in Orange County. I earned a Master of Science degree in Administration from Pepperdine University. As an educator, I am always looking for ways to serve my school community in the best possible way. I believe that our scholars can do anything and that there is always a way

to move past barriers. By creating a learning environment that is engaging, supportive, and accessible, all students can and will take control of their learning and become college and career ready. My wife and I have raised our two sons with the same belief and hope, and I strive to provide an educational setting that I would want for my own children.

At Orange Grove, we are very excited to start our second year as a Dual Language Immersion school and will promote our first class in 2025. Our music program continues to flourish and is supported by our commitment to partnerships like Class Act. We are the Orange Grove Tigers and every day we are making better choices and “earning our stripes.” “We believe that our students can – we will be a champion for all students,” Jimmy Casas.

## Paul Revere *Elementary*

140 W. Guinida Ln., Anaheim, CA 92805 • 714/517-8950 • [anaheimelementary.org/revere](http://anaheimelementary.org/revere)



**Lety Chacon**  
*Principal*

My name is Lety Chacon and I currently serve as Principal at Paul Revere School where it has been an honor serving our community since 2011. I have enjoyed educating children in Anaheim for the past 25 years at several sites in the following roles: Instructional Assistant, teacher, Instructional TOSA, Literacy Coach, Vice Principal, and Principal.

I obtained a Bachelors of Arts in Liberal Studies, Bilingual Multi-Subject Teaching Credential, and Masters in School Administration from California State University, Fullerton.

I enjoy reading and baking in my free time and love to visit with friends and family. The most enjoyable part of my day is talking to children about things that matter to them. This year I will continue to foster an environment where all of our students experience success as individuals.

## Ponderosa *Elementary*

2135 S. Mountain View Ave., Anaheim, CA 92802 • 714/517-8926 • [anaheim elementary.org/ponderosa](http://anaheim elementary.org/ponderosa)



**Dr. Yadira Moreno**  
*Principal*

Anaheim families, welcome to the new school year! I am Yadira Moreno and I am a hometown principal committed to serving the Anaheim community. As an Anaheim Elementary Alumni (Henry & Edison) and Anaheim Union Alumni (Anaheim High), my passion for education began at age eight when I began my path to become an elementary teacher.

With 18 years of service in public education, I currently serve as the principal of Ponderosa Elementary. Other roles in AESD that I have held include: teacher, curriculum coach, and vice-principal. I love being a school principal and the best part about my role is being able to support teachers, parents, students and the community. I use my experience as a first-generation Latina to inspire my community. My family immigrated from Jalostotitlan, Jalisco and always valued education. My parents are my role models for their work ethic and drive.

As a graduate from UCLA I hold a degree in Sociology, with a minor in Education and Women's Studies. I continued my graduate work at UCLA, receiving a teaching credential, administrative credential, and two Master's degrees in Education. In 2018, I completed my doctorate at Loyola Marymount University earning a Doctor of Education in Social Justice. My dissertation is uploaded on Pro Quest titled: Homegrown Teachers: Creating an Early Intervention Pipeline for Future Teachers of Color.

As a social justice and educational leader, I am involved in various professional organizations. I recently completed my term as the Chair of the Equity Committee for the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) supporting educational equity throughout California.

I love to travel and spending time with my husband, friends, and family. My goal is to continue to motivate and inspire my staff to create optimal conditions for scholars to thrive.

## Adelaide Price *Elementary*

1516 W. North St., Anaheim, CA 92801 • 714/517-8947 • [anaheim elementary.org/price](http://anaheim elementary.org/price)



**Belén Garcia**  
*Principal*

Hello Anaheim families and welcome to the new 2019-2020 school year! My name is Belén Garcia, but everyone I know calls me "Bubba" (or Ms. Bubba, if we want to keep it formal). I have served the Anaheim community for more than 30 years as a teacher, vice-principal, and principal. Originally from the Salinas Valley, California, I came down to Anaheim to work as an elementary school teacher and have been here ever since. I enjoy living and working in the Anaheim community, and it is always fun to run into former students who are eager to share with me about their life's accomplishments.

One of the proudest moments in my career is having started the PAL® (Peer Assistance Leadership) program for students. I started PAL in Anaheim schools in the 1990s and it is now a nationally-recognized program offered

through the Orange County Department of Education. PAL® helps build a positive school climate through youth leadership, conflict resolution, and service-learning. Today there are thousands of PALS across Orange County!

As principal of Adelaide Price Elementary School (Price), I am committed to bringing the same energetic and creative passion that I brought when I first started my career. Price has an incredible community of students, parents, and teachers that truly care about the school and the community. We not only build on our legacy of success, such as being the first Dual Language Immersion school in Anaheim (and only the third in Orange County) but take pride in starting new traditions such as our Veteran's Day assembly we hosted last year to honor local military veterans. We can agree that an educator's job is never done, but after more than 30 years, I am so passionate about serving our students that sometimes I feel like I'm just getting started.



## Theodore Roosevelt *Elementary*

1010 S. Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92805 • 714/517-8953 • [anaheimelementary.org/roosevelt](http://anaheimelementary.org/roosevelt)



**Deanna Pelasky**  
*Principal*

As the proud principal of Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, I am honored to serve its students and the community. I have worked in Anaheim Elementary School District for the past 12 years, previously working in Santa Ana and Magnolia School Districts. I received my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, as well as Educational Administration from Chapman University after receiving my Bachelor's Degree at the University of California, Irvine.

I started my career in education at 18 years old as a Bilingual Instructional Assistant. After finishing my credential, I began teaching and have taught second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade. I continue my love of teaching and supporting student learning as Principal at Roosevelt.

Our students deserve our best every day through high expectations for academic success and opportunities for social-emotional development. As an administrator, I strive to make sure each of my students is given every opportunity to complete elementary school as critical thinkers, prepared for the next level of education and their future endeavors. I also believe that all of our students should have opportunities to participate in kindness projects in order to develop an understanding of the community and world around them. Through collaborative efforts with all staff, students, parents and our community we can support the success of all students.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my husband and my young daughter. As a family we enjoy participating in community organizations and charities such as CHOC, Eli Home, and The Elks.

## Betsy Ross *Elementary*

535 S. Walnut St., Anaheim, CA 92802 • 714/517-8956 • [anaheimelementary.org/ross](http://anaheimelementary.org/ross)



**Trisha Graper**  
*Principal*

I am proudly the principal at Betsy Ross School and my journey to get there was a long one. I grew up in the small village of Allegany, New York, 70 miles south of Buffalo. Along with my older sister, I moved to California at the age of 18, knowing only two people. After getting my residency I went to Orange Coast College and transferred to Cal State Fullerton. It took eight years to obtain my degree while working up to five jobs at a

time but it was worth the effort. I began working for AESD in 1997 as a Kindergarten class size reduction teacher while I completed my credential at National University. Not long after that, I went back to CSUF to work toward my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction as well as a Reading Specialist Certificate. I am now in my 22nd year with AESD having served as a classroom teacher, TOSA intervention, Curriculum Coach, Leadership Assistant, and Vice-Principal.

There is one simple rule that I follow and I believe it to be the reason for my success. That rule is the Golden Rule, "Treat others as you would like to be treated". It is simple but has had a profound impact on me personally and professionally.

My decision to become an educator was an easy one. As an elementary student, my teachers and school staff watched carefully after me and my younger brother, knowing that our mother was suffering from cancer. Sadly, she died when I was ten and the community surrounded us with support. Their kindness and compassion were a strong model for us and I knew I needed to do the same for others. It drives every decision I make each day.

Outside of school, I am an avid baker, reader and runner. My two beautiful adult children, Megan, 22, a full time student at UCSB and Joseph, 20, working full time, enjoy spoiling our two dogs and cat.

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## Stoddard *Elementary*

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**Kim Hadley**  
*Principal*

It is with great pleasure that I serve as the principal of Alexander J. Stoddard School. This year marks my 20th year in Anaheim Elementary School District, where I have spent my entire career in education. During my tenure in Anaheim I have served in several different capacities: classroom teacher, intervention teacher, curriculum coach, vice-principal and principal. As a school principal I am passionate about students and learning. I enjoy spending time in classrooms where I'm able to speak with students about new learning and how it connects to the real world.

I attended Westmont College in Santa Barbara to earn my Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies and received my Master's in Cross-Cultural Teaching from National University. Several years later I studied at Cal State

Fullerton to obtain my Administrative Credential. I was the first in my family to graduate from college and believe that life-long learning is a gift we can give to ourselves.

My husband and I are the proud parents of our two children. Our daughter recently graduated from college and is working in the tech industry. Our nine-year-old son is in 4th grade and loves to swim and play tennis. My family and I are intense New England Patriots fans! Each year, we look forward to the fall football season. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, camping, traveling, attending country music concerts, and trying new restaurants. I also have a deep love for children's literature and reading with my son.

As an educator I feel I've been given an amazing opportunity to have a positive impact on the lives of the students I serve. I feel blessed to be able to do what I love each day that I walk through the door of my school!

## Sunkist *Elementary*

2000 W. Ball Rd., Anaheim, CA 92806 • 714/517-8962 • [anaheim elementary.org/sunkist](http://anaheim elementary.org/sunkist)



**Maria Bolado**  
*Principal*

I am the proud principal of Sunkist Elementary School where students are growing a culture of kindness every day! At Sunkist we value all students and understand that relationships, connections with a caring adult, and a sense of inclusion in a school community is what is most important for students as we lead them to their personal best.

My love of learning and passion for working with students and their families led me to the field of education more than 29 years ago where I began serving as a teacher and a principal at the elementary, K-8, and high school levels. I have also served as a director of curriculum. I use the experiences I have garnered

throughout the years as I work with teams of teachers and parents to provide the best education possible for our students. I have an unwavering belief that all students can learn and that it is up to us to provide them with the opportunities and experiences that will allow them to think critically and solve problems in a collaborative manner.

My proudest accomplishment are my three children who graduated from UCLA, UC Irvine, and Cal State Fullerton. I hold a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and a M.A. in Educational Administration from Cal State LA. I have two rambunctious one-year-old pups who add much spice to our lives. In my spare time I enjoy going for a bike ride with my husband, reading a good book, and spending time with my family.

## Westmont *Elementary*

1525 W. Westmont Dr., Anaheim, CA 92801 • 714/517-8965 • [anaheim elementary.org/westmont](http://anaheim elementary.org/westmont)



**Dr. Emma Robles**  
*Principal*

I am Dr. Emma M. Robles and I was born and raised in the heart of San Francisco, California. Growing up in San Francisco, I became and will always be a huge 49er fan. I am a proud mother of two adult children whom I love very much and I feel family is the gift that lasts forever.

Currently, I am the proud principal of Westmont Elementary School in the Anaheim Elementary School District. I have been an administrator in AESD for six years and taught for 13 years in another district. I

received my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois. I continued my education and earned a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership at Concordia University in Irvine. Recently, I graduated from USC with my doctorate in Educational Leadership.

Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel is committed to providing our students many opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. We invite and encourage students and parents to work in partnership with us to seize wonderful opportunities in all educational areas at Westmont. Go Wildcats!

## Is it Just a Stomachache or Something More?



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All children at some point experience stomachaches, but recurring stomachaches or ones accompanied by other symptoms may be a sign of something more serious.

Abdominal pain can be caused by a variety of gastrointestinal conditions including inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). IBD is a term used to describe two conditions: Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

Ulcerative colitis can cause inflammation and sores along the lining of the large intestine and rectum. While Crohn's disease can affect the entire gastrointestinal tract including mouth, stomach, small and large intestine. Inflammation from Crohn's may often spread deep into adjacent organs.

- Nearly 25% of the estimated 1.6 million Americans who suffer from IBD are diagnosed by age 20 and up to 1 in 10 are diagnosed before age 10. Symptoms of IBD include:

- Unexplained weight loss
- Abdominal pain and cramping
- Diarrhea
- Blood in your stool
- Fever and fatigue

There is no known cure for IBD. However, there are a great number of treatments and with proper guidance, IBD can be put into remission - allowing patients to grow and thrive without experiencing symptoms.

### Identifying a More Serious Problem

Stomachaches will usually go away with time. However, if your child experiences frequent or persistent abdominal pain, diarrhea, bloody stool or weight loss then talk to your child's pediatrician about a consultation with a pediatric gastroenterologist, like the ones at MemorialCare Miller Children's & Women's Hospital Long Beach.

At Miller Children's & Women's, our team of pediatric gastroenterologists are experts in the diagnosis and medical management of IBD.



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