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Welcome back to a new school year. We look forward to publishing the excellence directly from each of the district's classrooms. We are pleased to add the Magnolia School District beginning with this September issue. And we converted our format from tabloid to booklet.

In this issue we asked the superintendents and principals to provide their bios. It is always interesting to read where they went to college, about their families and hobbies, etc.

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Norma E. Martinez

Ms. Norma E. Martinez' work in education extends to 28 years of service, beginning as a bilingual instructional assistant, teacher, resource teacher, master teacher, vice principal, principal, executive director, assistant superintendent, and now, proud superintendent of the very successful Centralia Elementary School District.

A consummate leader, Ms. Martinez leads by example encouraging all personnel to focus their energies on sustaining a safe, nurturing learning community that works positively to promote success for all students. Through her leadership, Centralia School District schools have received Gold Ribbon School awards, Distinguished Elementary Schools, Title I Academic Achievement awards, recognition for California PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support), CBEE Star Schools, Scholar Schools and STEM Schools, and the coveted CSBA Golden Bell Award for our Neighborhood Resource Center which provides support to families in need.

Ms. Martinez grew up in Anaheim, graduating from Anaheim High School and going on to earn her bachelor's degree in sociology with a concentration in child development from Cal State, Fullerton. She now holds a master's degree in school administration from National University and a bilingual, multiple-subject teaching credential and a credential in school administration. Ms. Martinez is a lifelong learner and has attended various Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Academies, including the Superintendents' Academy.

She is a dynamic and inspirational speaker, selected as the keynote speaker for the Annual California State Employees Association (CSEA) conference in Sacramento and the CSEA Para-Educator Conference, and as guest

panelist at the ACSA Superintendent's Academy. In recognition of her community service, Ms. Martinez was awarded the Rotarian Leadership Award by Rotary District 5320 for "Service above Self" and the Paul Harris Fellow Award. She received the Leaders in Oral Heath Community Award by the Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County organization and the Buena Park Soroptimists Integrity of Profession Award. She was also selected as a Woman of Distinction by Assemblywoman Quirk-Silva in 2018.

Giving back to community is a passion for Ms. Martinez. She has served on the Police Chief's Advisory Boards for both Anaheim and Buena Park. She is a member of the local Rotary Club, the Centralia Education Foundation, the Centralia Community Collaborative, CSUF College of Education Advisory Committee and the Buena Park Education Committee. She volunteers in our local community participating in the annual Holiday Giveaway, Silverado Days events, and Love Buena Park, just to name a few. Ms. Martinez has launched this year with a focus on #StartingStrong to Transform Lives!



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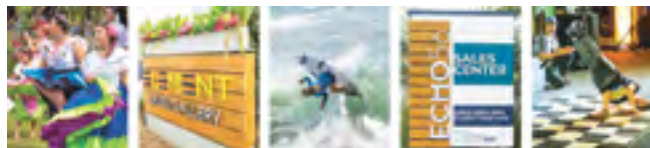
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Buena Terra *Elementary*

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Dr. Dominic Nguyen
Principal

Dr. Dominic Nguyen is honored to begin his sixth year serving as the principal of Buena Terra Elementary. He and his dedicated staff look forward to working collaboratively with the community to provide a well-rounded education to its students.

Dr. Nguyen believes in providing students with a comprehensive education that prepares them with 21st Century skills. Buena Terra's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM)

focus has integrated skills such as computer science coding into the curriculum. Buena Terra opened its innovation lab, "The Launch Pad" to provide a place where students explore and engineer solutions that will enhance society. Students learn and apply the engineering design process to solve real-world problems. We strive to prepare our students to be college and career ready. Our

goal is to create more opportunities for them to be critical thinkers and collaborators, as well as provide them more opportunities to use their creativity by communicating their ideas through a variety of mediums.

Dr. Nguyen is entering his 18th year in the field of education with the first nine years devoted to teaching at one of the highest performing elementary schools in Southern California. He then served as an administrator at a California Distinguished school nationally recognized as a Model Professional Learning Community and Leader and Me School. He has always found the most rewarding aspect of his career to be the relationships he has fostered with students, families, and the educational community.

When not at school, Dr. Nguyen enjoys spending time with family and friends. He enjoys road trips to new places and trying out the local cuisine in true foodie fashion. He always enjoys coming home to the sunshine of southern California.

Centralia *Elementary*

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Roy Lopez Jr.
Principal

Mr. Lopez is eagerly looking forward to the next milestone of his career as he has been bestowed the opportunity to serve as principal of Centralia Elementary School. Mr. Lopez has 18 years of service in education and prior to joining the Centralia School District he performed various duties in two districts; Lennox School District and most recently, Anaheim Elementary School District.

During his time in Lennox, Mr. Lopez served as a bilingual and dual language teacher. He taught first and third grades and was actively involved in leadership opportunities on campus. In the fall of 2008, Mr. Lopez earned the opportunity to serve as Lennox's English Learner Liaison, a Teacher on Special Assignment position, and lead a district level committee in developing and implementing two programs: Lennox's Dual Language Program at Moffett Elementary School and the Newcomer

Language Academy at Lennox Middle School. The development of these two programs are a testament to his dedication and commitment to providing quality educational opportunities and beneficial experiences for students.

In 2014, Mr. Lopez was offered the opportunity to serve as vice principal in the Anaheim Elementary School District. During his five years of service in AESD, he supported three unique elementary schools: Benito Juarez, Palm Lane and Betsy Ross. Mr. Lopez's expertise and background in dual language served him well as all three schools housed dual language immersion programs.

Mr. Lopez earned his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Anthropology from UC Irvine as part of the millennial class of 2000. He earned his two Masters Degrees in Education from UCLA as part of the Teacher Education Program in 2002 and the Principal Leadership Institute in 2008.

Danbrook *Elementary*

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Erasmo Garcia
Principal

Mr. Garcia has 18 years of experience as an administrator and five years of experience teaching elementary and middle school children in the classroom and in after-school programs. Prior to becoming a teacher, Mr. Garcia earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from University of California, San Diego. While still an undergraduate, he was recognized as a McNair Scholar for his research in behavioral and cognitive psychology. Continuing his lifelong love of learning, Mr. Garcia completed his graduate coursework in teaching, counseling, and administration at Chapman and Azusa Pacific University. Since then he has held various leadership positions, including middle school assistant principal, high school assistant principal, and middle school principal. This fall Mr. Garcia kicks off his 10th year as Danbrook's principal.

Under his leadership, Danbrook has transformed into a Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Academy. Students are able to choose from a diverse selection of fine arts electives. Sculpture, Fashion Design, Improv, Tap Dance and Ballet are just a few of the offerings. This school year brings new energy and refinement to Danbrook's VAPA while continuing to provide a nurturing culture and rigorous academic standards. Danbrook focuses heavily on the use of technology and teacher preparation to ensure that students have a strong fundamental understanding of 21st Century skills. In order to build citizenship and a sense of civic duty, the school provides students opportunities to practice the C.A.R.E. (Courteous, Aware, Responsible, and Eager to Learn) attributes. Parent, students, and educators, together as a community of learners, make Danbrook a great place to learn.

G.H. Dysinger *Elementary*

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Shawn Stuhlt
Principal

Principal Stuhlt takes great pride in Glen H. Dysinger Sr. Elementary School being honored with the 2018 California Distinguished School Award, California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll, and PBIS Gold Medal. Ms. Stuhlt is beginning her 29th year with the Centralia School District. She has made the Centralia School District her home her entire educational career, beginning in the Centralia School District in 1991. During her career, she has served Centralia School District as an Elementary School Teacher for 24 years, Teacher on Special Assignment, District Intervention Coordinator, Teacher in Charge, Administrative Designee, Student Study Team Coordinator, Assistant Principal Intern, and is now beginning her fifth year as Principal at Glen H. Dysinger Sr. Elementary School.

Ms. Stuhlt is passionate about Dysinger's focus on educating the whole child, providing a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), inclusive of Response to Intervention

(RTI), and Positive Behavioral and Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Furthermore, Dysinger provides students the opportunity to experience a range of enrichment activities, visual and performing arts, and S.T.E.A.M. through our Peer Assistance Leadership Program (PAL), Strings, Dance, Choir, and STEAM Club.

Ms. Stuhlt earned an Associate of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Fullerton College, a Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development and a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration at California State University Fullerton. She holds both a Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential and an Administrative Services Credential. Just this year, she completed her Administrative Clear Credential in Educational Administration at University of California Irvine.

Ms. Stuhlt enjoys spending time relaxing in Rancho Mirage and is spending this year doing a large renovation project at her home in Brea. Ms. Stuhlt's daughter graduated from CSUF with her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Cinema and Television Arts in January, 2019.

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Los Coyotes *Elementary*

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Dr. Vicki Wong
Principal

Dr. Wong is the new principal of Los Coyotes Elementary. She comes to us from Fallbrook Union Elementary School District in San Diego County where she served as the Assistant Principal of a Dual Immersion and Steven Covey Leader in Me school. Prior to working in Fallbrook Union, Dr. Wong served as a program specialist for grades TK-12 in Saddleback Valley Unified school district and taught as a classroom teacher in both primary and upper grades.

After earning her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Cal State University Long Beach, Dr. Wong obtained a master's in Education - Administration from Concordia University. Her passion for her students spurred her on to further expand her knowledge in student learning and motivation. Dr. Wong earned her Doctor in

Educational Leadership - Educational Psychology from the University of Southern California in May of 2019.

Dr. Wong believes that all students have the right to high quality instruction and a nurturing learning environment. At the core of her decisions is the desire to ensure that her students are supported academically, socially, and emotionally. Her focus is to encourage her students to be global leaders in the 21st-century job market while ensuring they develop positive sociocultural attitudes.

Dr. Wong was married for 23 years prior to losing her husband to cancer. She is a mother of three young adult children. Her daughter, Amanda, is a 3rd-grade teacher in Irvine Unified School District. Her son, Mitchell is a student at Texas Christian University and is majoring in Global Supply Chain Management. Jacob, the youngest, is a sophomore attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo studying biomedical engineering.

San Marino *Elementary*

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Dr. Omaira Lee
Principal

Dr. Omaira Lee is honored to serve as principal of San Marino Elementary School where all scholars are RAMTASTIC. San Marino has received several accolades - California Distinguished School, Title I Academic Achievement School, 2019 California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll and 2018 PBIS Silver Award winner and recently, an AVID showcase school.

San Marino staff strive to encourage, inspire and support ALL scholars to be self-directed, life-long learners and contributing members of the community using a variety of strategies. Scholars are engaged, held to high expectations, and set SMART goals for academic success. We cultivate and create opportunities for our RAMTASTIC scholars to be consumers of technology, creative and innovative problem solvers, effective communicators, cooperative collaborators, critical thinkers, productive citizens with conscientious character, and set high expectations for them to display the R.A.M.S. motto (Respectful, Act Kindly, Make Responsible Choices, and Safety Minded).

Dr. Lee's goal for 2019-2020 school year is to establish a pathway for San Marino School to be a lighthouse AVID school where scholars, staff, and parents have access to create continuous improvement and provide equitable learning opportunities conducive to 21st Century learning including STEAM, Project Based Learning, and a college and career future-ready path.

This is Dr. Lee's 14th year in administration and 26th year in education, having served as an elementary classroom teacher, resource teacher/reading specialist, Reading First literacy coach, assistant principal, principal and Coordinator at Riverside County Office of Education. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Masters of Science in Reading from CSUF and her Doctorate in K-12 Leadership from USC. Continuing her love of learning, she attends AVID training, ACSA Academies, and other professional workshops.

Dr. Lee is committed to supporting scholars, teachers, and the community as we look forward to another RAMTASTIC school year. Finally, when not working Dr. Lee enjoys hanging out with her mother and two older daughters Rachel and Jasmine.



G.B. Miller *Elementary*

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Robyn Yarbrough
Principal

Mrs. Robyn Yarbrough is thrilled to begin her first year as principal of G.B. Miller Elementary School. Prior to this, she was the principal of Los Coyotes School for eight years. She began her career as a classroom teacher in the Centralia School District in 1998, and has worked as a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) and Community Liaison at Walter Knott and Danbrook Schools. She is currently the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Coach for the district.

Mrs. Yarbrough earned her bachelor's degree in communications and master's degree in Educational Leadership from California State University, Fullerton. She has had the honor of serving as a Mentor Principal, and is on the CSUF Education Administration Advisory Board. Under her leadership, her school has won both the California Distinguished School and Gold Ribbon awards. The philosophy that permeates her decisions and actions

is that a high quality education is a fundamental right for every child, and is a critical component in raising citizens who can actively and effectively engage in a challenging society. To that end, it is the school's mission to provide the foundational learning upon which students will build. This year, Miller School looks forward to enhancing their Visual and Performing Arts program, and augmenting the use of Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) and Project Based Learning (PBL).

Ms. Yarbrough lives in Buena Park with her husband of 33 years. They enjoy traveling, and are very devoted Seahawks fans, making an annual pilgrimage (or two, depending on whether they make the playoffs) to Seattle for home games. She has two sons, a computer software engineer and a freelance writer. Both sons graduated from CSUF as Titans. They share their home with assorted lost and found animals, the current count being one very large rescue dog and several cats.

Raymond Temple *Elementary*

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Dr. Estela Salas-Sarmiento
Principal

Dr. Salas is honored to be in her fourth year serving as the principal of Raymond Temple Elementary. As a school, Raymond Temple has one goal: To bring a World Class educational program through an opportunity for all mindset.

Raymond Temple is proud to have three thriving gardens: TK/Kinder growing and digging area; primary gardens boasting regional plants, edible gardens, and outdoor seating; and our therapeutic gardens lead by our team of mentors known as ATOMS. In addition to our commitment to a world class environmental science program, we are trailblazers in innovative communication. Recently our media team was nationally recognized as a 2018 TechXcellence school for innovative media endeavors. The future is bright at Raymond Temple as we continue to create opportunities for all in both technology and real world hands on experiences. We have many opportunities

on the horizon: farm to table cooking program, compost lunch program to reduce waste, virtual fieldtrips, and augmented reality immersive learning space.

Dr. Salas' 23-year career began in the classroom teaching grades 1st through 5th for Downey USD, piloting the first Sheltered English Immersion class for the district. She was the first teacher in her district to have a BCLAD credential making her highly qualified to teach in two languages.

In 2019, Dr. Salas was nominated as ACSA Principal of the Year for Centralia. During the same year she also represented the 39th District of the State of California as one of the recipients of the 2019 Woman of Achievement Award, and received the Administrator of the Year Award from California Educators of the Deaf.

Dr. Salas earned her bachelor's degree at California State, Dominguez Hills, kindergarten – 9th grade teaching credential and Masters in Multicultural Education. She earned her Doctorate Degree from California State University, Fullerton.

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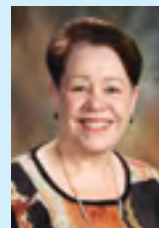
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Anne Silavs

Anne Silavs is enjoying her 29th year serving in the field of public education. During the first 10 years of her career, Ms. Silavs worked in the San Bernardino City Unified School District as a middle school English/language arts teacher. Driven to make a greater impact, she eventually transitioned into school administration, serving the district as a middle school vice principal. In 2004, Ms. Silavs moved to Orange County to accept a principal position in the Ocean View School District, where she enjoyed working with students, parents, and teachers at Vista View Middle School. She was later promoted to Director of Curriculum and Instruction in Ocean View, which enabled her to support teaching and learning on an even larger scale. In 2011, Ms. Silavs was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Instruction in the Fountain Valley School District, where she served that community four years before being selected as Superintendent of the Cypress School District in 2015.

Ms. Silavs earned a bachelor of arts degree in communication from Michigan State University, a master of arts degree in teaching from Wayne State University, and an administrative credential from Azusa Pacific University.

Promoting school success and high levels of academic achievement for all students is the heart of Ms. Silavs' professional work. Over the years, these efforts have been highlighted in The Special EDge newsletter and have earned state recognition. Ms. Silavs was also a contributing author on Administrative Roles for Differentiating Teaching and Learning in Middle and High Schools and has presented at a number of state and national conferences on the topics of response to intervention and differentiated instruction.

Ms. Silavs is a proud member of the Cypress School District team. She is committed to working side by side with all district stakeholders to inspire and empower every student and to provide a world-class education that effectively prepares students for success in a dynamic and rapidly changing world.

Arnold *Elementary*

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Vanessa DeSantis
Principal

As an educator of 14 years, Mrs. Vanessa DeSantis is the new principal at A. E. Arnold Elementary School. Mrs. DeSantis is excited to be a part of the Cypress School District. She is looking forward to the upcoming school year and building relationships with the staff, students, parents, and community members.

Prior to coming to Arnold, Mrs. DeSantis served as principal of Webber Elementary and assistant principal at Johnson Middle School in the Westminster School District. Previous to that, she was an elementary teacher at Isojiro Oka Elementary in the Fountain Valley School District and Elitha Donner Elementary in the Elk Grove Unified School District. She has been a choir director, track and field coach, and student leadership advisor at the elementary level as well. Mrs. DeSantis has a lifelong love for learning and teaching and believes in high-quality education and high expectations for all students.

Originally hailing from Northern California, Mrs. DeSantis completed her Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from California State University, Sacramento. She then went on to obtain her multiple subject credential from San Francisco State University. After moving to Southern California in 2010, Mrs. DeSantis attended Concordia University Irvine to obtain her Master of Arts and credential in Education Administration. Currently, Mrs. DeSantis is attending California State University, Fullerton in the Educational Doctorate program in P-12 Educational Leadership. She is looking forward to finishing her doctorate in 2020.

On a personal note, Mrs. DeSantis and her husband welcomed their first daughter, Olivia-Rose, in April 2019. They also love to spend family time with their adopted poodle mix named Terry Terrentino. She is an avid dancer and has an appreciation for music. She loves when she is able to travel back to Sacramento to visit with her family and her nieces and nephews. Mrs. DeSantis is excited about the new school year and looking forward to working with the staff, students, and families at A.E. Arnold Elementary!

King *Elementary*

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Jacki Teschke
Principal

Jacki Teschke is beginning her eleventh year as principal in the Cypress School District and fourth year as principal at King Elementary School. She has extensive training and expertise in curriculum and instruction and is passionate about providing the best possible educational program to ensure that all students achieve their maximal potential.

Mrs. Teschke strongly believes that her primary mission is to be the advocate for all students. She believes that each staff member must take responsibility for the education of all students in the school, thus fostering an educational community in which all adults feel an obligation to support the education and development of all

students. One of her primary objectives is to assist teachers in this endeavor and to ensure the most effective research-based instructional strategies are used in every classroom.

Prior to becoming a principal, Mrs. Teschke served the Cypress School District in many different capacities. She was a classroom teacher, Title I resource teacher, site program coordinator, Cotsen Foundation mentor of teachers, district BTSA coordinator, and district teacher on special assignment responsible for GATE, staff development, and technology support. Mrs. Teschke's three grown children attended Cypress schools, and she served as a parent volunteer and PTA board member, including president, for five years prior to beginning her teaching career. She lives in Cypress and enjoys spending time with her family and dogs when she is away from school.

Landell *Elementary*

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Kim Benaraw
Principal

Kimberly Benaraw is eager to start her second year with the Cypress School District as principal of Landell Elementary School. Mrs. Benaraw is excited to continue supporting the Landell team on the use of innovative teaching practices that focus on serving all students. She is excited to carry on this important work with dedicated staff and a supportive parent community who collectively foster a positive school

environment that empowers students to be thoughtful citizens committed to making a difference in their world. She is passionate about social justice and creating equitable outcomes for all students. It is her belief that all students deserve an excellent educational experience that prepares

them for a bright future. It is her vision that Landell students are actively engaged in their learning, collaborate with their peers, and take an inquisitive approach as they think critically to solve real-world problems.

Mrs. Benaraw received a bachelor's degree in Asian American Studies from the University of California, Irvine, and two master's degrees, one in education from Pepperdine University and another in administration from San Jose State. She is currently pursuing her doctorate in education from California State University, Fullerton.

In addition to being principal at Landell, Mrs. Benaraw is a proud mother to Bradley (7), Oliver (4), and Elise (1). She and her husband love taking their kids on adventures and exposing them to new experiences.

Luther *Elementary*

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Denine Kelly
Principal

Mrs. Kelly begins her fourth year at Luther this year. Prior to becoming a principal, Mrs. Kelly taught first and fifth grades in the Long Beach Unified School District. After receiving her master's degree in administration and educational technology, Mrs. Kelly taught seventh and eighth grade science in a brand new technology magnet program. As part of this experience, she helped write curriculum and

design classroom environments for the program. She was later promoted to program facilitator, and then assistant principal at the middle school level.

When Mrs. Kelly was ready to apply for principal positions, she wanted to return to her elementary school roots. This goal brought her to Cypress School District, where she was hired as principal at Vessels. During her 21 years in Cypress, she has also served as principal at Swain and Arnold. Mrs. Kelly notes that while each of these school communities is unique, she appreciates how they all share the same high standards for student achievement and have support systems in place to ensure success for all students.

Mrs. Kelly is grateful for the opportunity to continue working with enthusiastic students, dedicated staff, and the supportive parent community at Luther.

Morris *Elementary*

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Helen Lu
Principal

This will be Helen Lu's seventh year with Cypress School District and her second year at Morris Elementary School. She has over 20 years of experience working in the field of education. Before serving as an elementary principal, Mrs. Lu was an elementary school teacher, high school boys' varsity tennis coach, elementary assistant principal, site administrator for a dual language immersion program, and SWING (Seniors with Interest in New Generations) district coordinator.

Ms. Lu was born in Hong Kong and speaks fluently in Mandarin and Cantonese. She received her bachelor's

degree in child development from California State University, Fullerton and a master's degree in education from Claremont Graduate University.

When away from Morris, Ms. Lu enjoys spending time with her children, playing pickleball, and traveling with her family.

Ms. Lu is excited to continue supporting the high standards and academic success that are associated with Morris Elementary School. She looks forward to working with the stellar school staff to offer the very best to each child so that he or she can reach their highest potential as a learner!

Vessels *Elementary*

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Mark Holman
Principal

This year will mark Mr. Holman's second year as principal at Vessels, and he truly looks forward to supporting the rich, high-quality instructional program that the amazing school staff provides.

Mr. Holman is beginning his fourteenth year as an educator. During his career, he has been honored to serve the Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, and Cypress communities. He has had the great fortune

of working as a classroom teacher, BTSA lead mentor, assistant principal, and now elementary school principal.

Mr. Holman believes in all students and works diligently with the Vessels team to meet the unique learning needs of every student, every day. The theme this year at Vessels is motivate, engage, inspire, and he, along with the entire school community, will continue to foster a passion for lifelong learning in all Vessels students.

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STEAM 9/19, 11/21—3:30-4pm Grades K-2 & 4-4:45pm Grades 3-5—Teen-led STEAM program. First 24 kids in line.

Cat Crafts & Adoption 9/28—11am-2pm—Families—Meet and adopt a feline friend from OC Animal Care and make cat-tastic crafts.

Totally Untidy Toddlers 11/9—10am—Ages 1-3 & Caregivers—Read books, sing songs, then squish and smoosh through activity stations. Dress to mess.

Baby Lapsit Storytime—10am Wednesdays—Ages 0-2 & Caregivers—20-minute program plus independent playtime for babies.

Monday Storytime—Stories, songs, fun!

9:30am Toddlers—Ages 18-35 months & Caregivers

(Enter through north parking lot door.)

10:30am Preschool—Ages 3-5 years & Caregivers

No Storytimes 9/2, 10/7-16, 11/11-13

Read to a Dog—6pm 1st/3rd Wednesdays—

Kids/Families—Read to our gentle, furry friends.

Family Storytime—10:30am Saturdays: 9/14, 10/19, 11/16—Unique stories, songs, crafts, designed with special themes.

Books & Bites—5:30pm 2nd Wednesdays: 9/11, 10/16, 11/13—Grades 3-5—Activity-based book club with snacks. Didn't read the book? Come anyway!

Family Tabletop Games—2-4pm: 9/29, 10/27, 11/24—Play games, check some out.

Homework Help—3:30-4:30pm Mondays-Wednesdays (off 10/7-14, 11/11)—Grades K-8—Teen-led homework assistance and reading practice within focused time limits. Bring all supplies, materials.

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Dr. Frank Donovan

Dr. Donovan has a broad range of experience that includes being a classroom Teacher, School Site Administrator, and District Office Administrator. Dr. Donovan's educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in History from UCLA, a Master of Arts in Special Education from Azusa Pacific University, A Master of Science in Education Administration from California State University, Fullerton, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from USC. Dr.

Donovan is well respected at the District, County, State, and National level for his collaborative and innovative leadership. He served on the AB 250 Committee, which included a year-long process of developing recommendations for all new student assessments in California and he currently serves on a statewide workgroup focusing on closing the achievement gap. He is the past chair, and current member of the Anaheim Family YMCA Board of Directors. He is also the current chair of the Rotary Club of Anaheim and sits on the City of Anaheim Chief of Police Advisory Board.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer *School*

229 S. Dale Ave., Anaheim, CA 92804 • 714/527-7761 • schweitzer.magnoliasd.org



Marcy Chant
Principal

Ms. Marcy Chant will continue as the principal of Dr. Albert Schweitzer Elementary School this year. After 6 years as the principal of Maxwell, she joined the Schweitzer staff in 2015 and is now beginning her 5th year as the principal at Schweitzer. Prior to coming to Magnolia School District, Ms. Chant worked in the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District, and the Fullerton School District. She taught a variety of grade levels and worked as a Teacher on Special Assignment and an Assistant Principal.

Ms. Chant earned her Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from Stanford University. She earned her teaching credential from California State University Long Beach and her master's in Educational Administration from Dominguez Hills. Throughout her career in education, Ms.

Chant has worked in Title 1 schools and taught in a Model Bilingual program. She is fluent in Spanish, which helps her communicate with the school community.

Students at Schweitzer Elementary School are encouraged to participate in clubs including PAL (Peer Assistance and Leadership), Student Council, Conservation and the First Lego League Robotics club. Last year, Schweitzer's Robotics club advanced to the regional finals at Legoland, the first club in Magnolia to reach this level. Technology continues to be a focus at Schweitzer, as well as throughout the Magnolia School District, with each student having access to a Chromebook. Students are invited to stay after school for Reading Club, where they have a place to read with access to books and tablets on which they can take AR quizzes.

When Ms. Chant is not at work with the Schweitzer Bulldogs, she enjoys spending time with her son and her own dogs, Tony and Bruce Wayne.

Dr. Jonas E. Salk *School*

1411 S. Gilbert St., Anaheim, CA 92804 • 714/527-5143 • salk.magnoliasd.org



Katie Brown
Principal

Mrs. Brown is the proud principal of Dr. Jonas E. Salk Elementary School. She is excited and ready to partner with all of our students and families and cannot wait to dig into what promises to be another fantastic year. The theme this year at Salk is, "Rise Up". This mindset will guide our work together as we continue to develop the whole child. Mrs. Brown is also pleased to announce that Salk School was recognized

as an Honor Roll School for the 2018-2019 school year and looks forward to continuing the great achievement.

Mrs. Brown is entering her third year as the principal of Dr. Jonas Salk School, but has been in the Magnolia School District for 27 years. Mrs. Brown started her career as a 5th grade teacher at Robert M. Pyles. She taught at both Robert M. Pyles and Juliette Low School where she had the opportunity to teach several grade levels before becoming a Teacher on Special Assignment at Juliette Low and Walter Elementary. Mrs. Brown was an Assistant Principal at both Salk and Pyles Elementary and a principal at Walter Elementary before becoming the principal at

Dr. Jonas Salk. Mrs. Brown is now in her 13th year as an administrator.

Mrs. Brown earned a Bachelor's Degree in Child Development at California State University of Fullerton and her Master's Degree in School Administration from Azusa Pacific University. Besides being a principal, Mrs. Brown is a proud mother of a 20 year old daughter and 16 year old son. She enjoys shopping, traveling with her husband and children, and sporting events. Mrs. Brown and her family can always be found on the soccer field, football field, basketball court, or cheering on The New York Giants.

Mrs. Brown is eager for the new school year to start and is looking forward to providing the best possible teaching, learning, and extracurricular activities in a safe environment for our amazing students and supportive families. Salk will continue to provide opportunities for our students to discover their interests, sense of purpose, and happiness. Mrs. Brown will continue to encourage students to participate in the activities that are provided at Salk such as: Drama Club, noon-time sports, Coding, Chess, and AR Club.

Dr. Peter Marshall *School*

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Alma Guzman
Principal

Ms Alma J. Guzmán is entering her first year as principal at Dr. Peter Marshall and her 21st year service within the Magnolia School District. Her career began as a bilingual instructional assistant at Walter Elementary, where she supported classroom instruction for eight years before transitioning into teaching 5th and 6th grades for 12 years, at the same site. During the 2018 – 2019 school year, Ms. Guzmán

served as the assistant principal at Marshall Elementary.

Ms. Guzmán grew up in Placentia and attended school in the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District, graduating from Valencia High School. She received her undergraduate degree, teaching credential, and bilingual certification from University of California, Fullerton, and she completed her master's degree and credential

certification in Educational Administration from Concordia University, Irvine in 2016.

With a strong foundational belief that all students should be given an opportunity to achieve their maximum potential, she is passionate about providing an academically rigorous and engaging educational program. Her extensive training and experience in curriculum and instruction support her vision of student and teacher excellence. Furthermore, following a servant leader model, Ms. Guzmán continuously strives to meet the needs of her students, staff, and community. Her natural ability to build rapport and positive partnerships with parents and community partners have enriched the experience of the Marshall community.

During her free time, Ms. Guzmán enjoys reading, practicing yoga, and spending time with friends and family.



Esther L. Walter *School*

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Roger Nguyen
Principal

Mr. Roger Nguyen is proud to serve his third year as Principal at Esther L. Walter Elementary School. He feels fortunate to be a part of the Walter family where parents, staff, and the community all play an active role in the success of every child. Mr. Nguyen invests in building close partnerships with community resources such as the City of Stanton, OC Sheriff's Department, and OC Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership (OC GRIP) to advocate for the safety and well-being of Walter's students and families. At Walter, the staff strives to provide a quality education and safe learning environment. Opportunities to collaborate with student achievement data helps guide a comprehensive, multi-tiered approach that serves all students.

Mr. Nguyen earned both his Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Analysis & Design with an emphasis in Education and Master's Degree in Teaching in Elementary Education at the University of California in Irvine. He went on to earn his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership at California State University, Fullerton and is currently finishing his doctorate at the same institution. Last year, the Orange County Music & Arts Administrators selected Mr. Nguyen for the 2019 School Administrator Award. He currently serves as the ACSA Charter President for the Magnolia School District.

Mr. Nguyen is proud of the various opportunities for students and parents at Walter Elementary. Everyone shares that same language that every child can SOAR. He looks forward to another successful year with the Walter students, staff, families, and community!

Juliette Low *School of the Arts*

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Dr. Debra Von Sprecken
Principal

Dr. Debra Von Sprecken considers it a privilege to serve as the Principal of Juliette Low School of the Arts. This year marks her 20th year as an administrator in the Magnolia School District. After obtaining a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature from San Diego State University and a Multiple Subject Credential from the University of Southern California (USC), Dr. Von Sprecken taught seventh, sixth, and third grades and then provided instructional support to teachers as a Bilingual Resource Teacher and Mentor Teacher for the Hawthorne School District. She obtained a Master's Degree from Long Beach State University and later a Doctorate of Philosophy from USC.

Under Dr. Von Sprecken's leadership, Juliette Low was named a Title I Academic Achievement Award School and Gold Ribbon School and then recognized by the California Department of Education for its Exemplary Arts Education Program. In addition, Juliette Low has consistently been named an Honor Roll School.

Dr. Von Sprecken is honored to work with an instructional team and school district that is grounded in the knowledge that arts are a crucial component of a full and rounded education. In 2017, Juliette Low officially became a School of the Arts with the vision of providing a high-quality, technology-rich and arts-infused 21st Century academic community that empowers and inspires every student to be a global citizen and critical thinker. In addition to a Broadcast Studio and 3-C (Creativity, Communication, and Critical Thinking) Lab, Juliette Low students receive piano instruction in the Lang Lang Keys of Inspiration Piano Lab which houses state-of-the art Roland keyboards.

In her leisure time, Dr. Von Sprecken enjoys attending the theatre, particularly Broadway musicals. She loves spending time at the beach with family and friends, reading quality literature, traveling, writing poetry, and gardening. She loves animals!



Lord Baden-Powell *School*

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Rudy Aguila
Principal

Mr. Rudy Aguila has proudly served as the principal of Lord Baden-Powell Elementary School in Magnolia School District for three years now. He is looking forward to continuing his career at Lord Baden-Powell this year and working with an outstanding group of educators. He has worked hard to bring a level of enthusiasm to the campus which is felt by staff, parents and students alike. He has quickly developed positive relationships with both the students and their parents, which helps to ensure success in the classroom as well as at home. He is working to continue to strengthen that bond this year.

Prior to joining Magnolia School District, Mr. Aguila was a part of the Santa Ana Unified School District for 18 years. He taught at both the elementary and middle school level and also served as a TOSA, and Assistant Principal at the middle school. He also acted as a Curriculum Specialist in the Educational Technology Department. Throughout his career he been an advocate for all students and been especially fulfilled by his work with at-risk students and their families.

Mr. Aguila received his Bachelor of Science Degree at Cal State University Long Beach and his Master's Degree at Cal State University Fullerton.

He and his wife live in Orange with their two sons who are just beginning their elementary years. The entire family enjoys camping at the beach together as much as possible.

Mattie Lou Maxwell *School*

2613 W. Orange Ave., Anaheim, CA 92804 • 714/527-2217 • maxwell.magnoliasd.org



Steve Pescetti
Principal

Mr. Pescetti is excited to begin his 5th year at Mattie Lou Maxwell school. "I enjoy working with a great staff of people who truly care about our students, and the best part of my job is getting to know all of our students on an individual basis." Maxwell School will continue to have high expectations for everyone while providing a positive climate based on kindness.

This is Mr. Pescetti's 29th year in the Magnolia School District. His first job was as a teacher at Mattie Lou Maxwell School for six years followed by three years at Juliette Low School. He has been a fulltime Peer Assistance and Review teacher, and was an Assistant Principal at Dr. Jonas Salk before

becoming principal at Dr Peter Marshall School. He has been a principal or district administrator for the past 18 years.

Mr. Pescetti earned his bachelor's degree in communications at Cal State Fullerton and his Master's Degree at Azusa Pacific University. He is the proud father of two daughters and loves spending time with his two grandsons. He loves sports, especially the Minnesota Vikings and our hometown Angels, and also enjoys reading and movies.

Mr. Pescetti is looking forward to another great year at Maxwell School. He hopes the Maxwell students will set personal goals for achievement and will take advantage of the various extra-curricular opportunities such as robotics, hockey, and the annual school musical and talent show.



Robert M. Pyles *Stem Academy*

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Dawn Breese
Principal

Mrs. Dawn Breese is entering her 30th year as a Magnolia School District employee and her 10th year providing leadership as a site principal. She began her career in the classroom, teaching students in Grades 5 and 6 at Esther L. Walter Elementary School. Eleven years later, after earning her Administrative Credential and Master of Science Degree in Educational Administration, Mrs. Breese went on to serve as a District Teacher on Special Assignment, Administrative Intern, District Coordinator, and District Administrator of Continuous School Improvement. In 2008, Mrs. Breese accepted her first principalship at Dr. Peter Marshall Elementary School, the school that she herself attended as a child...a true full circle moment. Currently, Mrs. Breese is beginning her sixth year as the proud principal of Robert M. Pyles STEM Academy.

During her five-year tenure at RMP STEM Academy, Mrs. Breese has worked collaboratively with a dynamic, dedicated staff determined to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of their boys and girls. Rigorous instruction paired with targeted support in a positive, caring school environment has yielded impressive results...increased levels of student achievement in all academic areas including English language acquisition/development, improved attendance rates, decreased behavioral incidents. In addition to an excellent general education program, students in all grades

(TK-6) enthusiastically engage in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) learning with an emphasis in computer science. Orange County's first computer science immersion elementary school provides boys and girls with block-based coding instruction and the opportunity to apply their skills in Legos Robotics and Minecraft EDU platforms. Within the last five years, RMP STEM Academy has been recognized as a California Gold Ribbon School and has received honors including the California Title I Academic Achievement Award and California Honor Roll Award.

Mrs. Breese is a passionate, positive, and supportive leader who believes strongly that all children will reach their fullest potential when they are fully engaged and supported in learning. She works side by side with certificated and classified staff, parents and the greater community to create a culture of continuous improvement and care for the whole child. With the new school year approaching, Mrs. Breese is excited for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. She looks forward to working closely with colleagues to motivate and celebrate student PAWS success in 2019-20...Positive Mindset, Always Kind, Wise Choices, STEM Scholar. #proudprincipal #oneteamonedream #bestyeareyet

When Mrs. Breese can't be found on the Robert M. Pyles STEM Academy campus, you might find her spending time with her husband and their dog, Enzo. In addition to "principaling" she enjoys reading, traveling, organizing, and decorating.

Walt Disney *School*

2323 W. Orange Ave., Anaheim, CA 92804, CA 92804 • 714/535-1183 • disney.magnoliasd.org



Regina Ford
Principal

Regina Ford is excited to begin her third year as the principal of Walt Disney Elementary School. Walt Disney School is a California Distinguished School, A Gold Ribbon School, Honor Roll School of the Educational Resources Partnership, and a Certified Kindness School. Ms. Ford believes that this tradition of excellence is attributed to the dedicated and talented staff, students, and involved school community. She considers it an honor to serve as Walt Disney's principal.

Ms. Ford comes to education as a second career. She earned her Undergraduate Degree in Business with a focus in accounting from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. She spent the first ten years of her career working in both public and private accounting. She transitioned to education fifteen years ago with a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Phoenix located in Reno, Nevada. She worked as a classroom

teacher, a coach, and a mentor for 10 years in Carson City, Nevada. During this time she obtained her second Master's Degree from the University of Phoenix online program in Education Administration and Supervision. She served two years as an assistant principal prior to relocating to Orange County.

Ms. Ford lives in Long Beach with her little dog, KoKonut. She has an adult daughter, Abby, who enjoys a career in writing and publication. She enjoys, kayaking, swimming, hiking, and traveling to faraway places.

Ms. Ford is extremely proud of our devoted staff that provides all students with an excellent standards-based educational program. She takes great pride in the scholarly environment, the exceptional educational programs, and the success of the students. She is also proud of the variety of enrichment programs that are offered. Students have the opportunity to participate in Arts, Theater, Technology, and Computer Science. Ms. Ford is looking forward to an incredible 2019/2020 school year.

Savanna School District

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Dr. Sue Johnson

Dr. Johnson began her career as a teacher in Wrightwood, CA, where she taught third and fifth grades. She served in the position of elementary school assistant principal and lecturer for California State University, San Bernardino. Dr. Johnson began working in the Savanna School District in 1990 as Curriculum Coordinator, and has served in Savanna School District since that time in the positions of Director of Curriculum, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, and Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Johnson received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; a Master of Arts Degree in School Administration from California State University, San Bernardino; and a Doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Southern California.

As a first-generation college graduate, Dr. Johnson is passionate about providing opportunities for all students to succeed and be on the path toward college and career

readiness. She states, "It's very fulfilling to be able to give back to future generations, giving others the same opportunities I've been given. In my current position, I've been fortunate to ensure students have access to the best teachers, the best facilities, the most current technologies, and the best curricula possible, thus ensuring success for future generations."

Dr. Johnson has been married to her husband Keith for 35 years and is extremely proud of both of her daughters. After living abroad for more than four years, her oldest daughter received her Masters Degree at the University of Strasbourg, France and is currently working as Program Manager in the International Education Program at UC Riverside. Her youngest daughter will begin her seventh year of teaching in the fall where she will teach first grade, thus influencing the next generation. Along with her husband, daughters and son-in-law, Dr. Johnson enjoys traveling with the goal of visiting most of America's National Parks. Her advice to others is embodied in the quote by Confucius: 'Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.'



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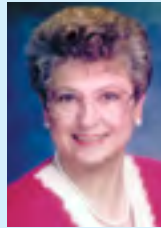
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Cerritos School

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Lauren Stuart
Principal

Mrs. Lauren Stuart is the newly appointed principal of Cerritos School. Although she is new to this position, she is a familiar face to the Savanna family. Mrs. Stuart has worked in education for fifteen years in a variety of different capacities. She started in the Savanna School District when she was hired as a teacher at Hansen School in 2015. During her time as a teacher at Hansen, she has held the role as a second grade teacher, the Title 1 academic support teacher for grades K-6th and the Title 1 behavior support teacher. In addition to teaching, she also served as the District's Summer Academy Principal for two years, as well as the Lead Teacher for Saturday Academy. These experiences, as well as her dedication to the Savanna community, have prepared her to take on the role as Principal at Cerritos

School. Mrs. Stuart is looking forward to working with the students, families and staff members of Cerritos School.

Mrs. Stuart earned her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She went on to obtain her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education with an emphasis in best practices from National University.

Mrs. Stuart lives in Orange County with her husband Riley and their two kittens, Fred and George. She enjoys going to Disneyland, attending movies, hiking, and going on wild animal adventures on her quest to hold as many animals as possible.

In addition to having a new principal this year, students at Cerritos School will also be introduced to a new Outdoor Learning Center, upper grade playground, and a brand new STEM lab. Students will get the chance to explore science, technology, engineering, and math in the new lab, to help advance their 21st century learning skills.

Hansen School

1300 S. Knott Ave., Anaheim, CA 92804 • 714/236-3835 • www.savsd.org/school/hansen



Nicole Fischer
Principal

Mrs. Nicole Fischer will serve her second year as the principal at Hansen School for the 2019-2020 school year. Prior to her selection as principal, Mrs. Fischer enjoyed seventeen successful years in the Savanna School District where she's served in a variety of positions including teaching kindergarten, first, fifth, and sixth grades, serving as the Title I academic teacher, behavior support TOSA, and Summer Academy Principal.

These experiences, as well as her dedication to the Hansen School community, have prepared her to continue her commitment to Hansen School as Principal.

Mrs. Fischer earned her Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies, from California State University, Long Beach. During that time she worked as a server at Chili's Restaurant. She went on to earn her Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Concordia University.

Growing up and watching her dad's passion for education inspired Mrs. Fischer to follow in his footsteps.

Mrs. Fischer and her husband of 17 years live in Huntington Beach. They have three children that keep them busy. She enjoys visiting family out of state, attending her children's numerous sporting events, boating, going to the beach, and going to the river with her family.

Mrs. Fischer is looking forward to continuing the great programs that take place at Hansen, including the Husky Time program for which Hansen School was recognized with the Gold Ribbon Award. She looks forward to another successful year moving forward with the new Benchmark Advance ELA Program and will continue to support teachers with the implementation. She will continue to focus on 21st Century skills, fostering a nurturing safe environment for children, promoting the strong PBIS program already in place, using data to inform instruction, and providing exciting and challenging opportunities for all students.

Holder School

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Jason Blade
Principal

Mr. Jason Blade was recently appointed Principal at Holder School and is the newest addition to the Savanna School District Leadership Team. He has been in education for over twenty-one years, having worked as a teacher, assistant principal and principal in the Ocean View School District prior to joining the Savanna School District. Mr. Blade was born and raised in Cypress and grew up in a family of educators, with his

mother being a high school English and reading teacher and his father working as both a school site and district administrator. Mr. Blade earned his Bachelor's Degree in History and his multiple subject teaching credential from California State University Long Beach. He continued his education, earning a Master's Degree and Administrative Credential at National University and later completing the school business certificate program at the University of Southern California.

Although Mr. Blade has spent the majority of his educational career in Middle School, he's excited for the opportunity to be back at the elementary level where he completed his student teaching. Having an understanding of what it takes for students to be successful in middle school and beyond, Mr. Blade feels he can have a positive impact on the students' education.

During the 2019-2020 school year, Holder School will continue to focus on providing a quality education by analyzing student achievement data and providing Differentiated Instruction to meet all student needs. Technology will remain a priority and will be used to deliver and enhance lessons; students will have access to classroom computers, iPads, Technology Centers and a STEM Center to develop and practice the skills needed to be successful.

When Mr. Blade is not working, he enjoys spending time with his wife and two teenage daughters. He also loves traveling, surfing and skiing as often as possible.

Twila Reid School

720 S. Western Ave., Anaheim, CA 92804 • 714/236-3845 • www.savsd.org/school/reid



Erin Helenihi
Principal

Mrs. Erin Helenihi will continue as the principal of Twila Reid Elementary School. She has nineteen years of experience in education. Her first six years of teaching were in the Placentia Yorba Linda School District. She then joined Ocean View School District as a teacher and continued to take on leadership roles until she became the Assistant Principal at Spring View Middle School. She just finished her third year as

principal in the Savanna School District. Her goal is to take her years of experience in the classroom to support teachers and focus on academic skills and strategies to reach all learners.

Twila Reid Elementary will continue to enlist the support and cooperation of all members of the learning

community to work together to overcome the obstacles that our students might face. Mrs. Helenihi's experience as an intervention teacher in a Title I school, as well as her time as a Title I Coordinator and an Intervention Coordinator will be an asset.

Mrs. Helenihi earned her Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies from California State University of Fullerton. She was able to study abroad and take a semester in Paris, gaining a new perspective on learning in a second language where she was able to immerse herself in the beauty of the art, history and culture of France. She continued her education with a Master's Degree in educational leadership from Concordia University.

Mrs. Helenihi and her husband of 18 years have four children that keep them busy. Some of their favorite activities are visiting museums, playing sports, hiking, and fishing.

Back to School!



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.

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