



# Allison Elementary

Principal: Fernando Cruz



**Penelope Sandoval Felix**  
*Paraeducator I*

Penelope provides exceptional support with academic interventions, including delivering small-group instruction using the Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words (SIPPS) curriculum four times per week. She consistently collects and monitors student data to inform instruction and works collaboratively with teachers across all grade levels. Her dedication, flexibility, and commitment to student success make her an invaluable member of our school community.



# Allison Elementary

Principal: Fernando Cruz



**Maria Rodriguez**

*3rd Grade Teacher*

Maria demonstrates an unwavering commitment to creating a positive, welcoming atmosphere for all students. Her instruction is exceptional, rooted in high expectations and strong classroom systems that foster both academic success and a thriving classroom community. She consistently supports student growth through thoughtful planning, data-driven decisions, and engaging instructional practices.



# Babcock Elementary

Principal: Matt Shintaku



**Ruth Arevalos**

*Paraeducator III - Bridge*

Ruth is a team player that focuses on student success!  
As a BRIDGE paraeducator, Ruth creates a safe and inclusive environment.  
Ruth is dedicated and determined to Babcock students!



# Babcock Elementary

Principal: Matt Shintaku



Shiloh is an engaging and energetic teacher!  
She has a strengths-based approach with families and students.  
Shiloh is dedicated and determined to Babcock students!

**Shiloh Quincy**  
*5th Grade Teacher*



# Castori Elementary

Principal: Leslie Sargent



**Madelina Vang**

*Paraeducator III*

Madelina exemplifies the very best of what it means to be a Classified Employee of the Year. Her unwavering dedication, compassion, and commitment to students and staff are evident in everything she does as she consistently goes above and beyond to support student success - academically, socially, and emotionally - ensuring every child in her care feels seen, valued, and supported.



# Castori Elementary

Principal: Leslie Sargent



**Tracy Graalfs**

*2nd Grade Teacher*

Tracy Graalfs—known to students as Mrs. G—is an exceptional educator whose dedication, compassion, and joyful spirit make her truly deserving of Castori’s Teacher of the Year. Her storytelling, singing, and warm daily greetings build a strong sense of community, and her consistent routines and positive reinforcement help students gain confidence and grow academically and emotionally, consistently achieving high levels of learning and success.



# Creative Connections Arts Academy K-6

Principal: Brian Emerson



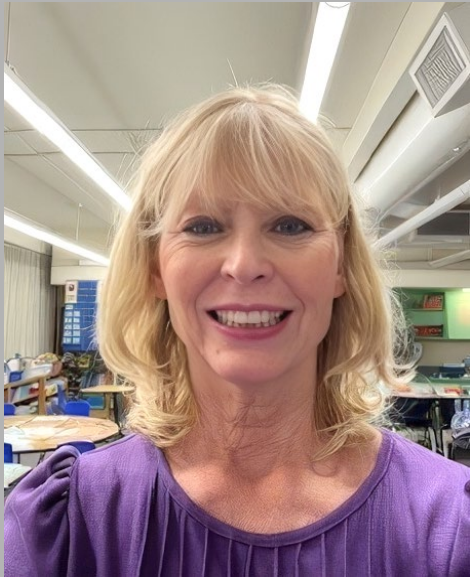
**Juanita Reyes**  
*Cafeteria Manager*

Juanita is a dedicated and supportive staff member who is always ready to support students with a variety of meals and foods that are tasty and abundant. She gets to know all our students and know which students need more support with time for meals. She is an integral component of the CCAA K6 program.



# Creative Connections Arts Academy K-6

Principal: Brian Emerson



**Wendy Fergusson**  
*1st Grade Teacher*

Wendy is an excellent teacher who has given many years of service to CCAA community and students. She is always ready with a warm smile and a kind word for students. She is a huge asset to CCAA.



# Creative Connections Arts Academy 7-12

Principal: Brian Emerson



**Donna Seely**

*Café Assistant II*

Donna is always friendly to colleagues and students. She is always available and fills in whenever needed and is a hard worker. She is dependable, resourceful, and attentive. She is an asset to our campus because she is so supportive, diligent, and dedicated-all while having a wonderful sense of humor.



# Creative Connections Arts Academy 7-12

Principal: Brian Emerson



**Kara Rivera**

*11th-12th Grade English  
Language Arts Teacher*

Ms. Rivera consistently demonstrates dedication to her students and CCAA. She creates clear, engaging lessons in a calm classroom environment and fosters student involvement through Link Crew and Friday Night Live. She ensures student success by monitoring current and past-due assignments, assisting students in catching up, and using her prep time when needed to provide additional support.

# Del Paso Heights Elementary

Principal: Becky Mutua



**Nadiia Zuzulia**

*Behavior and Academic  
Intervention Assistant*

Nadiia is always willing to help students beyond her classroom assignment. She will translate and help support new students from Ukraine, as well as students with high behavioral needs.

She is kind, very supportive and truly wants to make the school a better place for all.



# Del Paso Heights Elementary

Principal: Becky Mutua



**Cheng Veu**

*4th-6th Grade SELF Special  
Day Class Teacher*

Ms. Veu manages a challenging class with compassion and skill, builds trust with every student, and helps them develop appropriate behaviors. Ms. Veu actively supports the Del Paso community, leading fundraisers, yearbook production, and school events. She monitors large groups effectively, collaborates well with staff, and advocates for students fairly. She works tirelessly across campus, always addressing issues proactively, and earns respect and admiration.



# Dry Creek Elementary

Principal: Amanda Forde



**Maria Villalobos**

*Yard Duty Assistant*

Maria brings warmth, vigilance, and genuine care to our campus each day, ensuring every student feels safe, supported, and valued. She goes above and beyond in building positive relationships, stepping in wherever needed, and creating a welcoming environment for all.

Dry Creek is a better place because of her dedication, and we are grateful for the heart and commitment she brings to our school community.



# Dry Creek Elementary

Principal: Amanda Forde



**Paul Matthews**

*6th Grade Teacher*

Paul is an exceptional 6th grade teacher whose dedication, creativity, and high expectations inspire students to grow both academically and personally. He builds a classroom community where students feel challenged, supported, and confident in their abilities. Dry Creek is stronger because of his unwavering commitment to excellence and the lasting impact he has on every student he teaches and every student he engages with on our campus.



# Early Childhood Education

Title IX & Compensation Director: Jim Davis



Anne exemplifies excellence and dedication in her role as Administrative Secretary. Her commitment plays a vital role in building strong connections with families and the community. Anne is instrumental in organizing and supporting community events that bring families together and highlight the importance of early education.

**Anne DeCosta**

*Administrative Secretary*



## **F.C. Joyce TK-8**

Principal: Diana Davidson



**Kaitlynn DeFilippis**

*Special Day Class  
Paraeducator*

Ms. Kaitlynn is an incredible support in our Special Day Class (SDC) 4th – 6th Mild/Moderate program. She brings patience, care, and consistency to her work every day —building strong relationships with students and understanding their needs.

She works closely with the teacher and team to keep the classroom structured, positive, and focused on learning.



## **F.C. Joyce TK-8**

Principal: Diana Davidson



**Erin Adamson**

*7th-8th Grade English  
Language Arts Teacher*

Mrs. Erin Adamson is a teacher who goes above and beyond for her students. She puts many hours into carefully planning lessons and uses assessment data to make sure she is meeting the needs of all students. Erin works hard to build relationships with her students and is loved and respected by them. She takes time in the evenings and on weekends to attend sporting events in which her students participate.



# Fairbanks Elementary

Principal: Sara Tolle



**Bryan Martinez**  
*Paraeducator II*

Bryan is a dedicated and dependable member of the Fairbanks Elementary School community who consistently goes above and beyond to support students, staff, and families. Known for his calm and positive demeanor, Bryan promotes fairness and positive behavior among students while providing strong support to teachers and after-school programs.



# Fairbanks Elementary

Principal: Sara Tolle



**Paula Heckt**

*2nd Grade Teacher*

Paula is an exceptional educator whose dedication, patience, and kindness show in all she does. She builds strong relationships with students, families, and colleagues, creating a supportive classroom where every child feels valued. She meets students where they are and supports both academic and social-emotional growth through daily Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Her calm presence, clear communication, and commitment to each student make her a strong choice for Fairbanks Elementary Teacher of the Year.



# Foothill High School

Principal: Tim Trokey



**Beth Huddleston**  
*Office Manager*

She consistently goes above and beyond for everyone on campus. She knows the budgets, School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA), and always meets timelines. She keeps the entire front office running and supports all staff in their roles.

Great energy, work ethic, and attitude.

*Beth is the 2026 Twin Rivers District Classified Employee of the Year for Clerical and Administrative Services.*



# Foothill High School

Principal: Tim Trokey



**Sean Taylor**

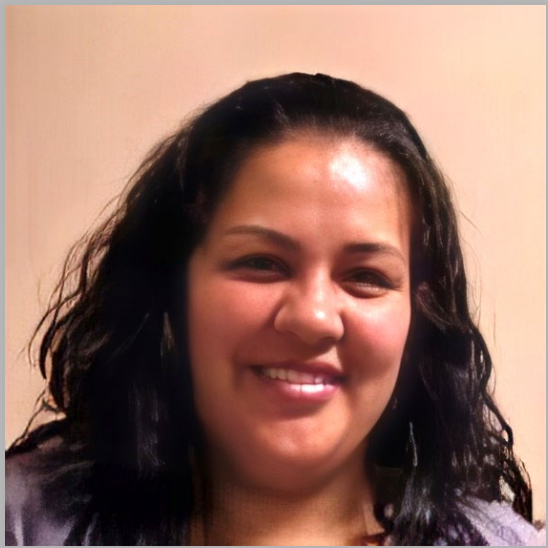
*Career and Technical  
Education (CTE) Design,  
Visual & Media Art Teacher*

Mr. Taylor runs a well organized classroom that supports students success. He is also one of our Link Crew leaders and helps set the ACE (Attitude, Choices, Effort) mindset on campus. He brings great enthusiasm into the classroom with extensive knowledge of digital animation.



# Foothill Oaks Elementary

Principal: Jean Wiersema



**Ingrid Garcia**

*Paraeducator III*

Ingrid has been a valued member of our school community for many years, and her dedication shows in everything she does. She consistently goes above and beyond her duties, creating a structured and supportive environment for students each day. She is deeply committed to our kids, shows up reliably, and leads with confidence in her Bridge class. As a collaborative and positive team player, Ingrid works seamlessly with the classroom team and is truly an asset to our school.



# Foothill Oaks Elementary

Principal: Jean Wiersema



**Jennifer Ruby**

*6th Grade Teacher*

Jenna consistently goes above and beyond for her students, creating engaging lessons that meet diverse needs while keeping learning fun.

She is a true team player—always willing to step in, support colleagues, and share her expertise to strengthen our school community. Her positive attitude, creativity, and dedication make her an invaluable asset to Foothill Oaks, and she adds so much to our campus each day.



# Foothill Ranch Middle School

Principal: George Porter



**Theresa Bradley**  
*Special Education Teacher*

Mrs. Bradley goes above and beyond to ensure her students feel seen, heard, and valued here on campus. Whether meeting with a parent, paraeducator, colleague, or student Mrs. Bradley is both a ferocious and relentless advocate.

She has displayed a unique ability to build trust with her families, paraeducators and students. When Mrs. Bradley is in your corner; students and families know they need little else.



# Frontier Elementary

Principal: Mai Yang



**Angela Vicente**

*Administrative Clerk*

Angela combines an unwavering reliability with a proactive attitude, continually seeking ways to support both staff and students. Her greatest strength is her interpersonal skills: calm, kind, and has a patient demeanor.

She creates a welcoming environment, making everyone, including parents, feel comfortable and heard. Whether solving a complex problem, calling to check on attendance, or supporting a colleague, Angela is a valuable asset to the Frontier community.



# Frontier Elementary

Principal: Mai Yang



**Amy Wilborn**

*Student Support Teacher*

Amy embodies the heart of an exceptional educator. She maximizes every minute of her time with students, building genuine connections and showing steadfast care that makes each one feel seen, valued, and cared for. Beyond her classroom, she is deeply invested in our entire school community, always stepping up to assist colleagues by covering classes, subbing at a moment's notice, covering a supervision duty, or offering guidance whenever it's needed.



# Garden Valley Elementary

Principal: Dr. Ana Segoviano



**Faith Moa**

*Library Media Technician*

Faith Moa is an exceptional member of our Garden Valley team and a proud former Garden Valley alumna. In her first year serving as our Library Media Tech, Faith has demonstrated an extraordinary level of dedication, initiative, and heart. She embodies hard work, reliability, and a deep commitment to serving our students and families. As an alumna, Faith represents the very best of Garden Valley: pride in community, dedication to learning, and a passion for giving back.



# Garden Valley Elementary

Principal: Dr. Ana Segoviano



**Kristi Lopez**

*3rd Grade Teacher*

Kristi Lopez is an exceptional teacher who brings dedication, consistency, and a deep love for students to Garden Valley every day. She creates a warm, structured, and engaging classroom where students feel supported and challenged. Ms. Lopez is professional, reliable, and always willing to go above and beyond for her students and colleagues. We are grateful for the positive impact she makes on our school community.



# Grant Union High School

Deputy Principal: Laureen Riddick



**Nancy Alamilla**

*Administrative Clerk Sr.*

Nancy brings unmatched professionalism, warmth, and dedication to every interaction. Whether she is welcoming families, supporting students in moments of need, or assisting teachers with critical day-to-day operations, Nancy does it all with patience, positivity, and exceptional skill.

She seamlessly supports multiple departments, offering her expertise, organizational talent, and deep knowledge of school systems to ensure that the entire campus runs smoothly.



# Grant Union High School

Deputy Principal: Lauren Riddick



**Twyla Johns**

*Special Education RISE Teacher*

As the lead teacher for the RISE Moderate/Severe program, Ms. Johns has transformed the learning environment into a place where students are seen, supported, and celebrated. Her work is grounded in compassion, high expectations, and an unwavering belief that every student can grow. Her classrooms are structured, joyful, and purposeful—places where students thrive socially, emotionally, and academically.

Her work has elevated the RISE program and improved outcomes for some of our most vulnerable learners.



# Hagginwood Elementary

Principal: Marc Moorehead



**Nicole Ortiz**

*Paraeducator II*

As a paraeducator, Nicole provides consistent small-group support and enriches learning through creative crafts and hands-on activities that help students stay engaged and excited about school.

Nicole is always willing to assist—whether supporting her classroom teacher, stepping in for colleagues, or helping wherever the school site needs her. Her kindness, reliability, and commitment to students make her an essential part of the Hagginwood family.



# Hagginwood Elementary

Principal: Marc Moorehead



**Doua Lee**

*3rd Grade Teacher*

Doua maintains high expectations for all learners and consistently works to meet students exactly where they are, guiding them toward grade-level standards and beyond. Her instructional decisions are intentional, student-centered, and grounded in a deep belief in her students' abilities.

Every day, Mrs. Lee brings unwavering commitment, professionalism, and heart to her work, making a lasting difference in the lives of her students and the Hagginwood community.



# Hazel Strauch Elementary

Principal: Cheryl Chandler



**Kathleen Munro**

*Academic Intervention  
Specialist - Bilingual*

Mrs. Munro is the person everyone can count on—always ready to support coworkers, students, and families, often stepping in to translate or assist with tasks far beyond her job description. Her work performance is truly stellar, and she approaches every responsibility with professionalism, care, and pride.

Her positive energy and willingness to help make her an incredible asset to our campus. Simply put, she is not only an exceptional employee, but also a genuinely wonderful person who makes our school a better place.



# Hazel Strauch Elementary

Principal: Cheryl Chandler



**DJ Banks**

*6th Grade Teacher*

Mrs. Banks is an exceptional educator at Strauch who blends rigorous standards with genuine compassion. Through tailored instruction and exemplary classroom management, she ensures every student thrives.

A vital leader on the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and Sunshine committees, she strengthens our school culture, inspires her colleagues, and serves as an invaluable asset to our entire community.



# Highlands High School

Vice Principal: Tisha Quinlan



**Yuriy Shved**

*Maintenance Specialist III -  
Structural*

Yuriy is an exceptional member of the Highlands maintenance team whose dependability and strong work ethic consistently support the success of Highlands. His responsiveness and quick problem solving skills help keep our facility and events running smoothly, often behind the scenes and without hesitation.

His positive attitude, professionalism and willingness to help make him a valued and respected member of the Highlands school community.



# Highlands High School

Vice Principal: Tisha Quinlan



**Matthew Miles**

*Music/Choir Teacher*

Mr. Miles has revitalized the Highlands music program, transforming it into a thriving source of school pride. Through his vision and dedication, enrollment in band, guitar, and choir has grown annually, bringing a renewed spirit to our campus.

Mr. Miles connects deeply with his students and builds their confidence. His passion extends beyond the classroom into various committees and school events, making him an invaluable leader who has profoundly strengthened our school culture and community.



# Hillsdale Elementary

Principal: Anna Tyson



**Reyna Lopez Ramos**

*Head Custodian*

Reyna Lopez Ramos is the shining example of dedication and excellence at Hillsdale. She brings unmatched pride, care, and commitment to every corner of our campus. Reyna ensures that Hillsdale is not just clean and safe, but truly welcoming; a place where students and staff feel proud to learn and work.

Beyond her professional excellence, Reyna's kindness, positivity, and willingness to support others brighten every day. She is deeply respected and appreciated by the entire school community.



# Hillsdale Elementary

Principal: Anna Tyson



**Roberta Raymond**

*Resource Specialist  
Program (RSP) Teacher*

Roberta brings an extraordinary level of dedication, expertise, and heart to her work. She is deeply committed to ensuring that every student thrives, and she consistently goes above and beyond to provide individualized support that changes lives. Her collaborative spirit, steady leadership, and genuine care make her a trusted partner to staff and a champion for students.

Roberta's positivity, professionalism, and unwavering belief in her students set a remarkable example for our entire school community.



# Information and Educational Technology Services

Systems & Network Operations Manager: Richard Benz



**Conor Allison**  
IT User Support Analyst

Conor is an indispensable member of our team whose technical expertise and proactive support ensure our technology runs seamlessly.

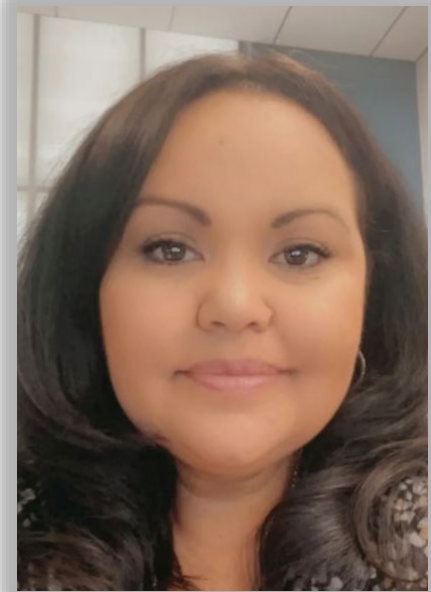
Whether troubleshooting for Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) teachers or prepping high-stakes presentations, he approaches every task with unmatched efficiency and a genuine desire to help others succeed. His work ensures that staff can focus on teaching and our students benefit from reliable, well-supported technology and instruction.

*Conor is the 2026 Twin Rivers District Classified Employee of the Year for Technical Services and is also one of the 2026 Sacramento County Classified School Employees of the Year.*



# Instructional Implementation

Executive Director of Learning Design and Professional Development: KJ Rhoads



**Charlotte Butler**

*Administrative Secretary*

One thing we love about Charlotte is that she has recently ventured out of her comfort zone. Over the past few years, she has actively worked hard on learning new things, with the goal toward supporting those around her in any way she can. She has risen to every challenge presented to her, and has truly become an integral part of our team.



# Instructional Implementation

Executive Director of Learning Design and Professional Development: KJ Rhoads



**Becky Guthner**

*Instructional Coach*

Becky Guthner is an exceptional instructional coach whose dedication to the teachers she serves is commendable.

She consistently goes above and beyond—modeling lessons, co-planning, and stepping in wherever she is needed to ensure teachers feel supported and successful.



# Keema School for Independent Study

Principal: Robert Pope



**Sandra Braff**

*Academic Intervention  
Specialist Sr. - Bilingual*

Ms. Braff is passionate and caring about all of her students and co-workers. She is invested in providing the best and most beneficial learning environment for all of Keema's students. Her positive energy and outlook help students feel welcomed and cared for.

She cares about keeping Keema feeling like a home away from home by beautifying our spaces and creating a welcoming and inspiring learning environment.

***Sandra is the 2026 Twin Rivers District Classified Employee of the Year for Health and Student Services.***



# Keema School for Independent Study

Principal: Robert Pope



**Christi Gohl**

*Kindergarten-6th Grade  
Independent Study*

Ms. Gohl puts her heart and soul into her work here at Keema. Not only does she go above and beyond for her own classroom students, she consistently shares her wealth of knowledge with staff members, helping them to improve student knowledge and understanding. Ms. Gohl constantly advocates for Keema students using her networks to help with donations for our school. She is also a wiz at making and help keeping Keema beautiful.



## **Kohler TK-8**

Principal: Patrick Durant



**Temeko Brooks**

*Behavior Academic  
Intervention Assistant*

Ms. Brooks (a.k.a. Ms. Temeko) is a valuable member of our school community. She knows our students, families and staff. Before transitioning to her current role, she served as a Café Assistant for many years. This really helped her in her current position.

As a primary contact for behavior correction, Temeko has that special touch that ensures students are held to high expectations while also nurturing all students everyday potential.



## **Kohler TK-8**

Principal: Patrick Durant



**Devin Aponte**

*3rd/4th Grade Combo  
BRIDGE Teacher*

Mrs. Aponte built systems, routines and a caring environment for her non-verbal students with autism. All of her students are consistently engaged in their learning. Mrs. Aponte is also very engaged in our staff professional development around classroom management and is also always willing to support new and returning teachers with whatever they need.

Mrs. Aponte is also the head of our "Good Vibes" social committee at Kohler.



# Las Palmas Elementary

Network Principal: Rachel Williams



**Sean Ufland**  
*Head Custodian*

Sean's dedication and work ethic keep Las Palmas East running seamlessly. By arriving early to ensure every space is pristine, he creates a welcoming environment for students and staff alike.

Through his leadership in Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) efforts and his work mentoring new staff, Sean consistently models the high standards and pride that make him a cornerstone of our school community.



# Las Palmas Elementary

Network Principal: Rachel Williams



**Kimberlie Reed**

*2nd Grade Teacher*

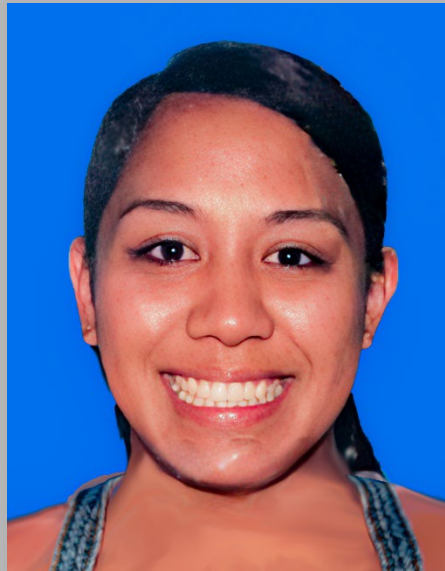
As an anchor of our primary and leadership teams, Ms. Reed has been instrumental in strengthening our literacy systems, precision-managing data-driven instruction for nearly 300 scholars.

Beyond her technical expertise, Ms. Reed possesses a remarkable ability to transform our most challenging learners into success stories through patience and calm professionalism. Her deep commitment to student growth and her seasoned experience make her an invaluable asset to our school community.



# Madison Elementary

Principal: Sal Garcia



**Elizabeth Foreman**  
*Administrative Clerk*

Mrs. Foreman is our go-to person here at Madison. She meets everyone with kindness and is extremely helpful to all of our students, families, and staff. We truly appreciate her and all she does for the Madison community!



# Madison Elementary

Principal: Sal Garcia



**Brianda Hernandez**

*5th Grade Dual Language  
Immersion Teacher*

We are so very proud of Brianda as she is a very passionate educator that strives to do her best every day! She ensures that all of her students are making progress and she works to provide many opportunities for the students of Madison.

We congratulate her on this wonderful accomplishment!



# Maintenance and Operations

Executive Director: Mark Storace



**Jason Wayman**  
Maintenance Specialist IV -  
Commercial Electrician

Jason is a highly professional and kind person. He is self motivated, and delivers great customer service with every job he performs. Jason works well with others and truly cares about making our school sites better for our staff and students.

*Jason is the 2026 Twin Rivers District Classified Employee of the Year for Skilled Trade Services.*



# Martin Luther King Jr. Technology Academy

Network Principal: Rachel Williams



**Larry Hollins**  
Campus Safety Specialist

Mr. Hollins goes above and beyond his regular duties to ensure that our campus is safe and welcoming. Mr. Hollins builds strong relationships with students and staff alike, serving not just as a safety officer but as a mentor and positive role model.

Always approachable, upbeat, and solution-oriented, Mr. Hollins represents MLK in the best possible way, embodying care, commitment, and leadership that benefits everyone on campus.

*Larry is the 2026 Twin Rivers District Classified Employee of the Year for Security Services and is also one of the 2026 Sacramento County Classified School Employees of the Year.*

# Martin Luther King Jr. Technology Academy

Network Principal: Rachel Williams



**Madhupreet Kaur**

*7th-8th Grade Science  
Teacher*

Ms. Kaur maintains excellent classroom management, creating a calm and focused environment where students are engaged and accountable. Her lessons are rigorous, thoughtfully planned, and genuinely intriguing—students are challenged to think deeply, problem-solve, and connect science concepts to the real world.

Beyond her strong instruction, Ms. Kaur cares deeply about her students and consistently builds positive relationships that help them feel supported and valued.



# Miles P. Richmond Adult Transition School

Principal: Linda Bean-Rungwerth



**Noemi Matutat**

*Paraeducator III*

Noemi cares about students, focusing on making every day their best day. Noemi is a leader on our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) team, supporting school culture with staff and students. She leads students in learning to cook and take care of each other. She works well with others and encourages every person she meets to give their best to each other and our students.



# Miles P. Richmond Adult Transition School

Principal: Linda Bean-Rungwerth



**Viet Tran**

*Special Education Teacher*

Students love being in Mr. Tran's class and staff enjoy working with him. Mr. Tran is a leader on staff, serving as a co-chair of the Special Education Department at Miles P. Richmond, bringing a PE grant to our students that gives them free membership to a local gym, and leading the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) team to foster a joyful, collaborative culture on campus. He doesn't allow students or details to fall through the cracks.

# Morey Avenue Early Childhood Development Center

Principal: Rena Singh



**Lu "Lyna" Lee**  
*Paraeducator*

Mrs. Lee is a truly exceptional paraeducator whose dedication, warmth, and skill shine through in everything she does. Each day, she brings unwavering patience, compassion, and enthusiasm to her classroom, creating a joyful and nurturing environment where children feel safe, valued, and excited to learn. Her ability to build strong, trusting relationships with students is remarkable. Children gravitate toward her because they feel genuinely seen, heard, and supported.



# Morey Avenue Early Childhood Development Center

Principal: Rena Singh



**Judith Rivera**  
*Preschool Teacher*

Ms. Judith Rivera creates a warm, inclusive, and structured learning environment where every child feels safe, valued, and excited to learn. Her mornings begin with a joyful welcome, and her afternoons end with the same bright energy.

Students thrive under her care because she is patient, nurturing, and attentive to their individual needs. Her students talk about her at home with excitement, pride, and affection. A clear reflection of the deep impact she has on their school experience.



## Northlake TK-8

Principal: Stacey Firpo



**Joseph Williams**

*Custodian*

Joe goes above and beyond every single day—not only to ensure our campus runs smoothly and safely, but also to build meaningful connections with students and staff. His positive attitude and dependable presence deeply influence our school culture, helping create a welcoming and supportive environment for everyone.



## **Northlake TK-8**

Principal: Stacey Firpo



**Ashely Linnekin-Iyigun**

*3rd Grade Teacher*

Ashley is an incredible educator who consistently goes above and beyond to help her students learn, grow, and thrive. Her creativity shines in the classroom, making learning engaging and fun for all students. While she is highly data-driven and intentional with instruction, Ashley also prioritizes educating the whole child and building strong, meaningful relationships.



# Northwood Elementary

Principal: Hilari Talmage



**Judy Vang**

*Paraeducator III*

Ms. Vang is consistently hardworking and proactive, anticipating student needs before they arise and ensuring that learning runs smoothly. She serves as a mentor to new paraprofessionals in the classroom, modeling best practices and building confidence in others. Her relationships with staff and parents reflect the trust and respect she has earned across our community.



# Northwood Elementary

Principal: Hilari Talmage



**Tanisha Symon**

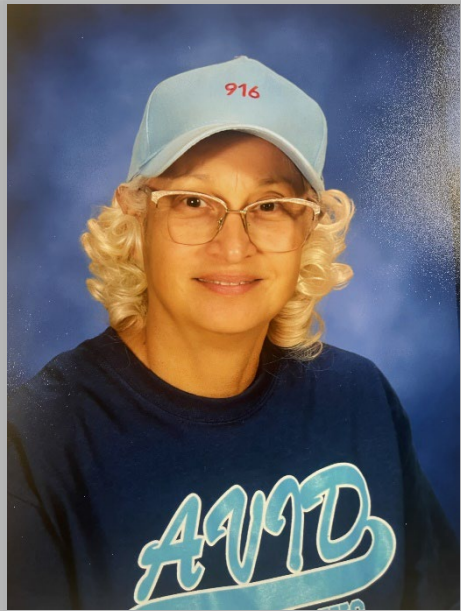
*1st Grade Teacher*

Ms. Symon is the kind of teacher every school wishes it had. She genuinely cares about her students — and their families — going above and beyond to support them in every way. She consistently communicates with parents about classwork, homework, performance, or behavior, ensuring students have the guidance and encouragement they need to thrive.



# Norwood Jr. High School

Principal: Leticia Kiwan



**Lydia Rios**

*Custodian*

Lydia is incredibly reliable, friendly, and always willing to help. Whether supporting daily operations or stepping in when unexpected needs arise, she consistently goes above and beyond. Her dedication extends far past her regular duties. She actively participates in school events, contributes to all cultural celebrations, and takes genuine pride in making our campus a welcoming place for every student and staff member.



# Norwood Jr. High School

Principal: Leticia Kiwan



**Shelia Grigsby**

*Physical Education Teacher*

Sheila is an outstanding educator whose positivity is felt across campus. She consistently goes above and beyond for both her students and colleagues. In her classes, Sheila builds strong, meaningful connections and shows genuine care for each student's well-being, growth, and success. Her ability to motivate and inspire students reflects her deep dedication to their physical health, emotional wellness, and lifelong confidence.



## Oakdale TK-8

Principal: Linda Powell



**Ver'Rhonda Willrich**  
*Administrative Clerk*

Ver'Rhonda consistently demonstrates a positive, can-do attitude and is always willing to help staff, parents, and students. Flexible and supportive, Ver'Rhonda regularly goes above and beyond her duties and has become the "go-to" person for many colleagues. In addition to her daily contributions, she actively participates in school activities and events, helping build a strong, welcoming school community.



## Oakdale TK-8

Principal: Linda Powell



**Rob Wells III**

*4th Grade Teacher*

Rob is a dedicated member of our school community, actively participating in events, contributing to professional teams, and mentoring colleagues. He also shows up on weekends to cheer on Oakdale students at district athletic events, demonstrating unwavering support for students outside the school day.

His positive attitude, strong work ethic, and student-first focus make him a true role model.



# Orchard Elementary

Principal: Melissa Clark



**Vickie Ponce**  
*Cafeteria Lead*

Vickie brings heart, dedication, and excellence to Orchard every single day! She ensures that every student is welcomed with a smile, served with care, and provided with healthy meals that set them up for success. Whether she's managing a busy lunch, supporting her team, or going the extra mile for a student, she does it with grace, professionalism, and genuine love for our school community.



# Orchard Elementary

Principal: Melissa Clark



**Whitney Lorta**

*3rd Grade Teacher*

Mrs. Lorta's classroom is filled with joy, curiosity, and her deep belief in every child's potential. Through her compassion, clarity, and unwavering commitment, she helps students see their strengths and believe in their abilities. Students and families know they are supported and our staff knows that she can always be counted on for collaboration, positivity, and professionalism.



# Pacific Career & Technology High School

Vice Principal: Nick Coronado



Yvette excels at communication and hospitality with staff, students, and parents. She has not only performed her attendance duties but contributes to our site as our activities coordinator aiding in organizing Pacific's school activities. Yvette has collaborated with student council and leadership by establishing an online fundraiser to support activities incentivizing attendance on campus.

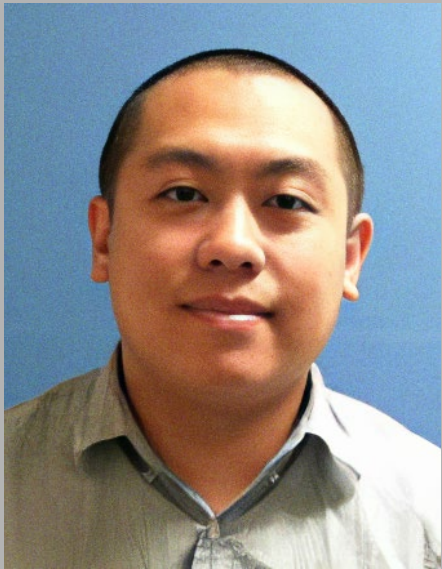
**Yvette Sanders**

*Attendance Clerk*



# Pacific Career & Technology High School

Vice Principal: Nick Coronado



**Ving Lee**

*English Language Arts  
(ELA)/Social Studies Teacher*

Ving has only been at Pacific for a few months, but has made a lasting impact with both staff and student alike. Having robust lessons that encourage students to participate and contribute to their learning is what Ving specializes in. Ving tackled the challenge of revamping our credit recovery program and has met with success encouraging our students to work tirelessly to fulfill their deficits. Ving brings energy and idealism being a key member of the school's site leadership team.



## Pioneer TK-8

Principal: Isabel Acosta



**Zulema Delavega**  
*Office Manager*

Zulema is consistently kind, caring, and incredibly hardworking, always focused on supporting our staff, students, and families. Her outstanding work ethic and ability to handle stress, chaos, and unexpected challenges with grace make her a model employee. She is truly the heartbeat of our office—the most positive person I know—and she has worked tirelessly this year to keep the office afloat and our school running smoothly.



## **Pioneer TK-8**

Principal: Isabel Acosta



**Jordan McCann**

*7th-8th Grade English Language  
Arts (ELA)/History Teacher*

Jordan consistently builds strong, positive relationships with junior high students, both academically and socially, and is known for her professionalism, respectfulness, and commitment to data-driven instruction. She creates engaging academic competitions, fosters healthy classroom collaboration, and her exceptional assessment results reflect her effective teaching and strong student engagement.



# Police Services

Chief: David Lugo



**Tinea Key**

*School Resource Officer/Police Officer*

Officer Key has consistently shown exceptional dedication, professionalism, and commitment to the students, staff, and community she serves. She dedicates her time, energy, and expertise to ensuring the safety and well-being of students throughout the district. Her calm demeanor, strong communication skills, and genuine compassion make her a trusted and respected presence on campus. Whether assisting with daily safety operations, responding to incidents, or engaging with students in positive and proactive ways, Officer Key consistently represents the very best of Police Services.



# Program Specialist

Special Education Services



**Jillian Hall**

*Program Specialist – Special  
Education Services*

Jillian is one of the most compassionate and student-centered professionals I have ever had the pleasure of working with. She consistently advocates for students, ensuring that no student is ever overlooked or underserved. Whether she is consulting with complex Individualized Education Plan (IEP) teams, helping parents feel heard and valued, or connecting directly with students, she approaches each situation with empathy and respect.



# Regency Park Elementary

Principal: Melissa Rossavick



**Terry Wood**

*Transitional Kindergarten  
(TK)/Paraeducator I*

Terry is a positive ray of sunshine. He is always willing to step in and help out. Terry builds great relationships with staff, families and students. He is very supportive in the TK classroom and takes initiative to accomplish tasks.



# Regency Park Elementary

Principal: Melissa Rossavick



**Samantha Frechette-Riel**

*6th Grade Teacher*

Sam is energetic and builds great connections with students. She engages students in their learning with creative activities, standards-based, and critical thinking activities. She does an incredible job of differentiating supports for students. She is organized and has taken on several leadership roles around the campus. She is a positive light and influence to the school, staff and community.



# Ridgepoint TK-8

Principal: Doug Emerson



**Diane Lunbeck**  
*Library Media Technician*

After coming back from an illness, Diane worked so hard to get all of the curriculum ready for the staff. She is friendly, organized, and great with the students. Diane is always very helpful when asked to find a book for a teacher. As soon as you mention something, the book is in the teachers mailbox. All in all, Ridgepoint is just so happy to have Diane back.

*Diane is the 2026 Twin Rivers District Classified Employee of the Year for Paraprofessional Services.*



## Ridgepoint TK-8

Principal: Doug Emerson



**Stephanie Galarze**

*7th-8th Grade Physical Education  
Teacher*

Stephanie works tirelessly on making sure her PE lessons are organized and meaningful. She is a stellar model for her students, often playing a game or a sport with them to model skills and effort. In leadership she prides herself in creating opportunities for her students to better the school. She has taken on the role of doing the school yearbook and leadership elective class this year.



# Rio Linda High School

Principal: Diedre Barlow



**Adolfo Botello**  
*Paraeducator II*

Mr. Botello is an amazing support person to all students at Rio Linda High School. He serves as an interpreter for parent calls, explains items in detail to the students, and is willing to provide clarity when needed. He goes above and beyond to help any student and staff when needed.



# Rio Linda High School

Principal: Diedre Barlow



**Jarrett Black**

*10th-12th Grade English  
Language Arts (ELA) Teacher*

Mr. Black exemplifies the highest standards of the teaching profession— skillfully blending instructional expertise, cultural responsiveness, and deep compassion to ensure every student thrives. Mr. Black demonstrates the level of commitment, innovation, and leadership that any teacher should bring to the classroom. His impact extends far beyond academic growth. He models excellence not only through outstanding instruction but through unwavering dedication to equity and student success.



# Rio Linda Preparatory Academy

Principal: Nick Seiler



**Rebecca Gebbeken**

*Office Manager*

Ms. Gebbeken does an outstanding job working with colleagues, students, and parents. She is always friendly and supportive. She has a great rapport with the administration and office staff.

Additionally, she goes above and beyond to make sure the office and various school functions run smoothly—she is a true asset to the Rio Linda Preparatory community!

# Rio Linda Preparatory Academy

Principal: Nick Seiler



**Sarah Horne**

*7th-8th Grade Science Teacher*

Ms. Horne does an excellent job teaching in her classroom. Her lessons are exciting, interactive, and engaging for students. She always goes above and beyond for students, building lessons, staying after school attending meetings, cheering on students at athletic events, and providing tutoring for students in need. She is a great example of what it truly means to be a teacher, and we are very proud to have her at Rio Linda Prep!

# Rio Tierra Jr. High School

Principal: Adam Sinor



**Markita Taylor**

*Health Assistant*

Ms. Taylor brings so much to Rio Tierra Junior High School. While carrying out her duties as a Health Assistant at an exceptional level, she also brings exceptional social and emotional support to students and staff alike with calmness and grace. She uplifts staff with her positivity and her jokes. She leads the Rio Tierra Cheer team to carry out creative cheers that students enjoy. Rio Tierra Junior High School is a better place because of Ms. Taylor.



# Rio Tierra Jr. High School

Principal: Adam Sinor



**Keith Sheffield**

*7th-8th Grade Special Education  
RISE Teacher*

Keith is an exceptional educator and provides a model of professionalism. In his RISE self-contained class, Mr. Sheffield supports his students' needs by getting to know them during summer school.

As the Special Education Department Chair, he is organized, models Special Education procedures and practices, and ensures teachers feel supported and able to strengthen the team.



# Sierra View Elementary

Principal: Stephanie Tarrell



Nicole works with our youngest Hornets and gives them a friendly, caring start as they begin their educational journey. She brings warmth and positivity to everything she does. Ms. Nicole helps every student feel special and capable. The preschool classroom wouldn't be the same without her!

**Nicole Dye**

*Early Childhood Education (ECE)  
Paraeducator*



# Sierra View Elementary

Principal: Stephanie Tarrell



**Mandie Tepe**

*3rd Grade Teacher*

Mandie is the kind of educator who inspires, uplifts, and transforms the lives of every student who is in her class. She works hard to design engaging, hands-on, meaningful lessons that students learn from as well as get excited about. Students in her classroom feel welcome and encouraged. Sierra View is so fortunate to have Mandie as part of our school.

# Smythe Academy of Arts & Sciences K-6

Principal: Kenneth Dandurand



**Fawn Brown**  
*Paraeducator*

Fawn is special for so many reasons. She is a master of seeing a need on campus and filling it expertly. She is always ready to step in and help out, no matter what the task is, and with a smile on her face and a positive attitude. She is a very positive and encouraging spirit who gladly goes above and beyond for our students.

Fawn's laugh and voice always spreads joy and laughter to others, especially when she DJs our Friday morning walking club that always starts the day out right!

# Smythe Academy of Arts & Sciences K-6

Principal: Kenneth Dandurand



**Polly Wolf**

*Student Support Teacher*

Polly is a jack of all trades and master of them too. She is involved in so many parts of the fabric of Smythe's life that she is truly invaluable! She facilitates our Student Support Teacher (SST) and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) meetings and keeps track of Student Assistance Plans.

Polly is as kind and compassionate as she is hard working and dedicated to improving our students' lives. She supports students in many ways—including tutoring, serving as a Capitol Region Science and Technology (CREST) instructor and director, supporting the Girls on the Run club—and always willing to help!



# Smythe Academy of Arts & Sciences Middle School

Principal: Casey Gong



**Bernard Johnson**

*Campus Safety Specialist*

Bernard Johnson was nominated by his peers for his exceptional work at Smythe Middle School. Bernard does a wonderful job building connections with students, staff, and families, and he is often the first face they see when arriving on campus.

He brings a contagious positive energy that makes all students feel welcome on campus. His presence at our school makes Smythe a safer and more positive place to be.

# Smythe Academy of Arts & Sciences Middle School

Principal: Casey Gong



**Carlos De La Paz**

*Physical Education Teacher*

Carlos is the type of teacher who goes above and beyond in everything he does – from building great relationships with students to staying late to coach sports and host clubs.

Mr. De La Paz brings positive energy to his PE classes and has a unique way of motivating all of his students to do their best.



# Transportation Services

Director: Tim Hammons



**Christine Coleman**

*Dispatcher*

Christine Coleman goes above and beyond for her department. She is a leader and a go to person in the office. She is level headed, focused, knowledgeable about the entire department and is always willing to lend a helping hand.

Christine faces each day with a friendly professional attitude, smile, and is committed to the safe transport of students to and from school.



# Twin Rivers Adult School

Vice Principal: Angelica Mendoza



**Raisa Sotenko**

*Data Management Analyst*

Raisa brings exceptional expertise, professionalism, and dedication to everything she does. She keeps our team consistently informed on data, Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASA), and testing, communicating even the most complex information with clarity and precision.

In representing us at Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium California (CAEREC) meetings, she carries our voice with integrity, respect, and confidence, ensuring our team is always well-represented.



# Twin Rivers Adult School

Vice Principal: Angelica Mendoza



**Howard Boyd**

*Adult Basic Education  
(ABE)/General Education  
Development (GED)/High School  
Completion (HSC) Teacher*

Mr. Boyd exemplifies the qualities of an outstanding educator through his strong communication, active listening, collaboration, adaptability, empathy, and patience. His professionalism, dedication, and passion for teaching have made him an invaluable member of the Twin Rivers Adult School and community, where he creates a welcoming environment that motivates learners to reach their goals.



# Vineland Preschool

Coordinator: Courtney Fanfelle



Watching Nancy interact with students is a joy—she builds strong, positive relationships and approaches every day with kindness, enthusiasm, and a willingness to try new things.

Her dedication, attitude, and genuine heart for students make her an exceptional member of our school community.

**Laihin (Nancy) Saephanh**

*Early Childhood Special  
Education (ECSE) Paraeducator III*



# Vineland Preschool

Coordinator: Courtney Fanfelle



**Rhaniel Lao**

*Early Childhood Special  
Education Teacher*

Rhaniel goes above and beyond for his students, colleagues, and the entire school community. He ensures his students experience rich opportunities in art, sensory integration, and social-emotional play, teaching in unique and creative ways that encourage self-expression.

A natural leader, he supports new teachers, partners exceptionally well with families, and individualizes activities, goals, and lessons to meet the diverse needs of all learners.



# Vista Nueva Career & Technology High School

Principal: Bob Wilkerson



There is nothing that Tasha won't do to make the school run efficiently. Since Tasha has become our Attendance Clerk, attendance has improved by 8%. Her ability to work with parents is remarkable; she is always positive with them.

**Tasha Moseley**  
*Attendance Clerk*



# Vista Nueva Career & Technology High School

Principal: Bob Wilkerson



Elisa is one of the hardest working teachers on our campus. There is nothing that she won't do to help the students feel welcomed at Vista Nueva. She is responsible for all the activities that take place here at school and they are always fun events for the students. Her work in the credit recovery program is outstanding; she works with our special education students and our English Learner students.

**Elisa Magallanes-Diaz**

*11th-12th Grade Leadership & World  
Language Teacher*



# Warehouse

Director: Francine Brissey



**Teodoro Burgos**  
*Delivery Driver*

Teo is the kind of teammate everyone hopes to have. His willingness to help –whether it’s guiding new subs in the warehouse, jumping in on last-minute requests, or taking on extra tasks, he shows a level of generosity and dedication that goes far beyond the job description.

He brings a positive energy to every interaction, greeting challenges with a smile and making those around him feel supported and valued.



# Westside Elementary

Principal: Kristina Jordan



**Kelley Hicks**

*Administrative Clerk*

Kelley consistently demonstrates exceptional dedication, kindness and professionalism. Her warm smile greets every student, parent and staff member who walks through Westside's doors. Her calm, organized approach ensures our school runs smoothly each day.

Kelley goes above and beyond—keeping meticulous records, supporting families, and helping students feel seen and cared for.



# Westside Elementary

Principal: Kristina Jordan



**Amy Inderkum**

*2nd Grade Teacher*

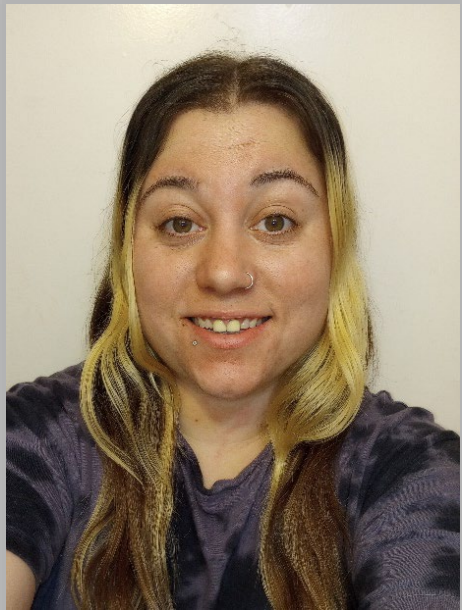
Amy is the kind of teacher that makes every child feel special, safe and excited to learn. Her classroom is filled with joy, curiosity and encouragement. Amy works hard behind the scenes to find creative and engaging ways to help her students grow.

She is a member of the TriForce team and loves to share what she learns with staff. She listens with patience, teaches with passion and celebrates every success, big or small.



# Westside Preparatory Charter School-Westside Campus

Principal: Mai Yang



Monica's primary role is to take the lead in managing student behavior in the cafeteria at lunchtime, and she does it well. In fact, students describe her as being nice and funny. Monica is very reliable. She is always on time, consistent, and willing to adapt to changes whenever they arise.

**Monica Braden**

*Yard Duty Assistant*



# Westside Preparatory Charter School-Frontier Campus

Principal: Mai Vang



**Jason Perry**

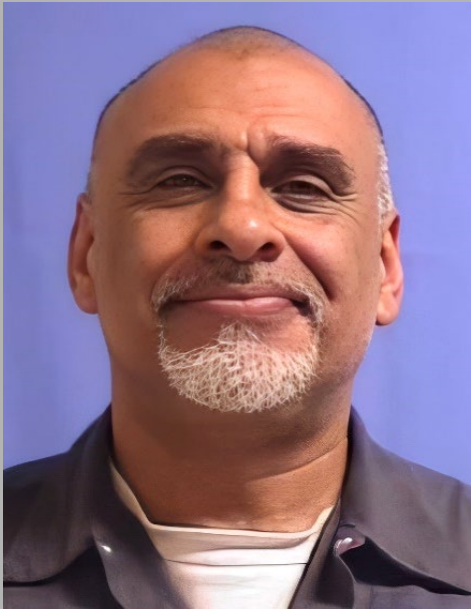
*7th-8th Grade Physical  
Education Teacher*

Jason has a unique gift for building relationships that span from elementary to the charter middle school, causing students to naturally gravitate toward him. Inside the classroom, he has his lessons 'dialed in' with clear, simple expectations that allow students to be their true selves while still being held accountable for their success.



# Woodlake Elementary

Principal: Debra Chandler



**Ruben Santos**  
*Head Custodian*

Mr. Santos has been a dedicated member of the Woodlake community for nearly 30 years. His commitment to maintaining a well-kept school and clean spaces for students is invaluable. Every day, he warmly greets parents and students in the parking lot, helps to keep the staff and students safe, stays informed on school matters, and offers assistance to those in need.



# Woodlake Elementary

Principal: Debra Chandler



**Katrina Kleinhammer**

*4th-6th Grade System for  
Teacher and Student  
Advancement (TAP) Teacher*

Ms. Kleinhammer has transformed the mild moderate special education program at Woodlake. Her classroom serves as a center for positive social interactions and academic excellence, benefiting not only her students but also many from the regular education program.

By fully engaging with Woodlake's school culture, she contributes to several leadership committees focused on school safety, inclusion, and instructional growth.



# Woodridge Elementary

Principal: Suzen Holtemann



**Ramish Imani**

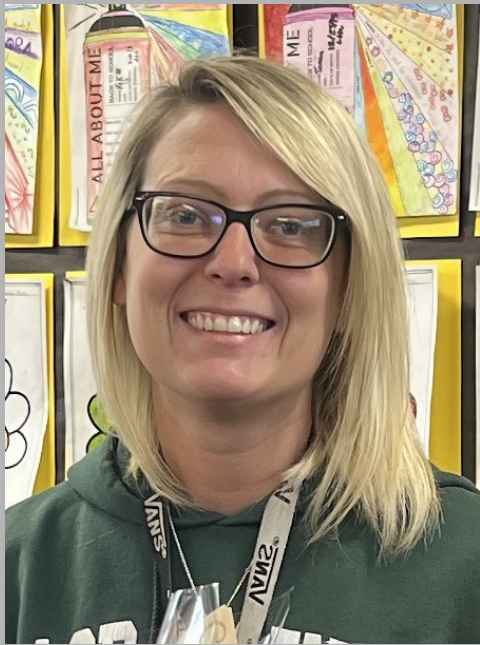
*Academic Intervention  
Specialist Sr. - Bilingual*

Ramish is an exceptional member of our Woodridge school community and truly embodies the spirit of a Classified Employee of the Year. As our bilingual family liaison, he goes above and beyond to build meaningful connections between our school and families, ensuring every voice is heard and supported.

His ability to communicate in multiple languages is remarkable, but it is his genuine care, cultural responsiveness, and commitment to equity and access that make the greatest impact.

# Woodridge Elementary

Principal: Suzen Holtemann



**Jennifer Ambrose**  
*6th Grade Teacher*

Jennifer creates a classroom environment where scholars feel valued, challenged, and supported every day. Ms. Ambrose is a key member on our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) team, consistently modeling positivity, problem-solving, and a commitment to schoolwide systems.

She is also a strong collaborator within her grade level and a trusted mentor for new teachers, offering guidance, resources, and a steady, professional presence.