

Spring Open House 2026-2027

WELCOME!
3rd to 5th Grade



Ruth Brown Elementary School

Ms. Patricia Ann Arce

23 years in Education

2 yrs- Instructional Assistant (paraprofessional)

7 yrs- 2nd Grade

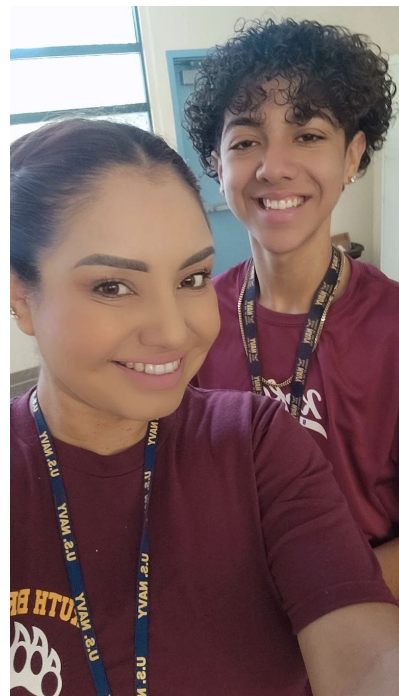
3 yrs- 3rd Grade

7 yrs- Master Teacher (Coach/Mentor)

1 yr- Academic Coordinator @PVUSD

2023-2026 Current- FJA Principal

2026- RUTH BROWN!



My Beliefs About Education

- Every child can learn and succeed
- Strong relationships are at the heart of great learning
- Students do their best when they feel safe, supported, and valued
- Learning should be engaging, meaningful, and fun
- We grow the most when we challenge ourselves and keep trying
- I'm passionate about helping students grow and succeed



Our Mission for 2026-2027

Our Shared Vision

- Helping every student reach their full potential
- Building confident, independent learners
- Creating a positive, welcoming and supportive school environment
- Celebrating growth, effort, and achievement
- Improving our attendance
- Working together as a school community



Meet Our Ruth Brown Staff

Our Incredible Team

- Dedicated, experienced educators
- Specialists in literacy, math, and student support
- Committed to collaboration and student success
- Passionate about making a difference every day



Why a 3rd-5th Grade School?

The Power of Upper Elementary

- Students begin to transition from "learning to read" to "reading to learn"
- Students learn organization, responsibility, and critical thinking skills
- We help prepare students for a smooth transition to middle school
- Consistent expectations across all classrooms help students feel supported



Benefits for Students

Student Advantages

- Age-appropriate learning environment
- Stronger peer relationships and teamwork skills
- Engaging lessons that encourage thinking and problem-solving
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- Age-appropriate learning environment
- Social-emotional growth opportunities
- Greater sense of belonging with peers at similar developmental stages
- More opportunities to take initiative and ownership of learning
- Exposure to collaborative learning
- Improved readiness for transitions (middle school and beyond)
- Stronger peer relationships and teamwork skills
- A learning environment designed just for their age group
- The right balance of challenge and support
- Opportunities to build confidence and independence
- Engaging lessons that encourage thinking and problem-solving
- Support for both academic and social-emotional growth
- A safe place to learn, try, and grow



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- Shared instructional strategies
- Deeper expertise in upper elementary standards and curriculum
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- Opportunities to refine and strengthen instructional practices
- More meaningful data conversations around student growth
- Increased ability to target intervention and enrichment
- Consistency in expectations, routines, and academic goals
- Stronger collaboration with colleagues teaching similar content/levels
- Ability to build lasting relationships with students over multiple years (familiarity)
- Shared focus on preparing students for middle school success
- More efficient planning through shared resources and teamwork
- Supportive environment that encourages innovation and trying new strategies



Our School Culture

A Place Where Students Thrive

- We set high expectations and support students in reaching them
- We build strong relationships with students and families
- We create a safe and welcoming environment for all



Family & Community Partnerships

Working Together

- We believe families are an important part of student success
- We value open and ongoing communication
- We welcome family & community involvement and participation
- We are here to support you and your child



Exciting Year Ahead

- A year full of learning and growth
- Opportunities for students to explore and shine
- Fun events and build together our school traditions
- Continued focus on supporting every child



A Day In The Life Of A Bear



- Start Time M/Tue/Thu/Fri: 8:30am & End Time 3:20pm
- Wednesday: 8:30am to 12:15pm
- English Language Arts & Writing Block (Reading)
- Mathematics
- Science / Social Studies
- Interventions/ ELD/MyON/ AR Block
- AM / PM Recess, Lunch & Recess
- PE
- Art (Once A Week)



Our School Map

West Field - Primary Assembly Area

WELLS 32 5th Grade	LOPEZ 33 5th Grade	M. DE LEON 34 5th Grade
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School Garden

LIBRARY	26
TOSA	
STINSON	

SANCHEZ 31 5th Grade	DARLAND 30 5th Grade	D. IRIART 29 5th Grade	JACQUEZ 28 5th Grade	STAFF 27 LOUNGE
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RUTH BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2026-2027

BOYS
WUERTZ 11 RSP
TRIBBY 12 3rd Grade
URIAS 13 3rd Grade
WADE 14 3rd Grade
PHELPS 15 3rd Grade

GIRLS
BONNET 16 SDC
A. IRIART 17 1st Grade
ORTIZ 18 3rd Grade
VALENCIA 19 3rd Grade
HARTWELL 20 3rd Grade

BOYS
JACUINDE 1 SDC
SILVA/GUERRERO 2 RSP
PETERS 3 4th Grade
STEPHENS 4 4th Grade
BUSH 5 4th Grade

GIRLS
COPPLE 6 4th Grade
E. DE LEON 7 4th Grade
LEIVA 8 4th Grade
CERVANTES 9 4th Grade
DOMINGUEZ 10 4th Grade

24 COUNSELOR
25 OT/SPEECH

MS. ARCE PRINCIPAL
OFFICE

LVN: PAOLA

CAFETERIA

23 BEAR CAVE

3rd Grade	Bear Cave		
4th Grade	Special Use Facility		
5th Grade	Faculty and Staff Use		
SDC	Restrooms		
RSP	Gas Shut off		
OT/SPEECH	Main Water shut off	S	N
Counselor			

ARNETT 21 Lifeskills
AYALA 22 ART

TEACHER / STAFF PARKING LOT

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Together, we will make a difference!

THANK YOU!

- Excited to join the Ruth Brown community
- Looking forward to a great year together
- Together, we will support every student's success



At this time parents/families:

- Are welcome to get to know our staff
- and/or walkaround our campus
- Parents keep in mind we do not have supervision available for students at this time.
- We recommend that your child stay with you at all times for supervision.

Thank you

