

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Vision Award for Quality Instruction

Maestra Cortón has been a key instructional member of the development of the TWBI program at OGSD. She has the charisma and a growth mindset that has supported the team in moving forward and determining what is needed to have students succeed. Maestra Cortón has taught at different levels, leans in during discussions, shares her thoughts in a respectful and caring manner, and uses data to analyze best practices. Maestra Cortón has students engaged in lessons and makes sure that the instruction she presents to them is relevant and meaningful. She is very organized, dedicates a lot of time to the teaching craft, and works very well in any team. She is an exemplar teacher who is not shy to share her knowledge with others and has an open mind to learn many different things, especially with technology. Maestra Cortón has embraced distance learning and has collaborated with her team on a daily basis to provide students with the best interactive and engaging opportunities that she can give. She is a very creative individual and always uses the most fundamental best teaching strategies to make learning fun and enjoyable. Her lessons are well structured, provide student-thinking time, supports vocabulary development, scaffolds lessons appropriately, has students orally present as much as possible to give them opportunities to apply their knowledge of the languages, uses many visuals to bring teaching to life, and does this with a smile on her face. We are very fortunate to have Maestra Cortón as part of the team. Throughout her years of teaching, she has touched many lives and will continue to make a very big impact on students, parents and on the entire team of Del Roble.



Exemplar Staff Vision Award

Through this unprecedented time of hardship, Maestra Scherr has risen up to the challenge by using multiple modalities to reach out to our students, to help them continue to learn and be as successful as possible. Every weekend, she posts thorough lesson plans for the week ahead. She explores new resources such as Mystery Science and uses Flipgrid to engage her students, asking them to post their commentaries of their favorite book. They also get to see their classmates' posts. In a time like this, many students are lonely, they miss their classmates, and this single task allows their friends to be visible in an academic forum. It also reinforces their Spanish speaking and presentation skills. Maestra Scherr keeps lessons relevant by using Newsletters to connect concepts with current news. She extends learning beyond the four walls by connecting her students with other 3rd graders across the states in global-read-aloud. She assigns work that applies to students' experiences and to current topics learned in class; like giving an oral presentation afterwards and doing the relevant math of calculating time differences in different regions. Overall, I commend her on being so creative and innovative. Aside from her excellent lesson planning skills and abilities, her professionalism is also very admirable. She definitely "walks the talk" and does as she says. At parent meetings, she presents credible data with applicable student samples and provides exact goals to accelerate student learning, that is specific for individuals. Throughout the year, Maestra Scherr is actively keeping parents in the loop by posting information and pictures of students working on and enjoying the activities in class. Maestra Scherr is organized and intentional in all that she does. My hat goes off to the wonderful Maestra Scherr. She is a gift to our students who have crossed her path. She is essential to our educational community and we are very lucky to have her teach our youth.



Communication Vision Award

Ms. Chan demonstrates effective interpersonal skills by consistently and actively helping to promote effective group collaboration among staff members. She is always ready to support others, asks clarifying questions, and is not shy to share her opinion while staying very positive. Ms. Chan uses ParentSquare and engages in team meetings to effectively and clearly communicate a positive site and district image to the community in a highly creative and concise manner.



Communication Vision Award

Maestra Martinez demonstrates effective interpersonal skills by consistently and actively helping to promote effective group collaboration among staff members. She takes into account people's feeling and needs. Maestra Martinez always seeks to stay positive and work together to resolve any misunderstanding or concerns. Maestra Martinez uses YouTube, ParentSquare and team meetings to effectively and clearly communicate a positive District image to the community in a highly creative and insightful manner.

¡Hola, mi nombre es Maestra Flores y estoy muy emocionada de enseñar en el programa de TWBI este año! Soy una mexicana-americana de primera generación, nacida y criada aquí en San José, CA. He estado enseñando durante 16 años y he enseñado kindergarten, 1er grado y 2do grado todos aquí en Del Roble. Mi estilo de enseñanza gira en torno a crear relaciones positivas con cada uno de mis alumnos para que se sientan lo suficientemente seguros como para asumir riesgos académicos.

Hi, my name is Maestra Flores and I am very excited to be teaching in the TWBI program this year! I am a first generation Mexican American born and raised here in San Jose, CA! I have been teaching for 16 years; I have taught kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade all here at Del Roble. My style of teaching revolves around creating positive relationships with each of my students so that they feel safe enough to take academic risks.



Olivier Castañeda

I was born in Guadalajara Jal, Mex. and came to the US when I was 12 years old.

I was raised in a big family of six brothers and three sisters. I have been married for 22 years and I have two awesome children who are now going to high school and college.

I love learning and I sharing my knowledge.

I feel very fortunate to belong to the “familia” at Del Roble TWBI.

“Hello my name is Salvador Gutierrez Ruiz; I will be working with 3rd grade in the Two-Way Immersion program. I was born and raised in a small rural town called Yahualica in Mexico. I was able to receive formal education in Mexico in Spanish until the first year of high school. I attended Macalester College for my Bachelor’s degree where I majored in Latin American Studies, which required me to take courses in Spanish, Portuguese, and French. I have been working with students since I graduated high school; having experience with students from preschool to high school. Teaching is my passion and I hope to bring equitable and just education to all students at Del Roble. Thank you for welcoming me into your community.”



ALL ABOUT ME

I am a passionate teacher with more than 15 years of experience teaching K to 5th. I love to interact and learn with my students. I believe that each student has the ability to learn, and totally agree that parents play a significant role on the development of my students.

Hello! My name is Anica Moss. I transferred to the TWBI program from Christopher Elementary School where I taught 5th and 6th grade.

Before that, I taught in Campbell and Alum Rock. This is my 15th year of teaching.

I grew up in the Bay Area, and currently live in East San Jose with my husband.

I began learning Spanish in high school, and became so determined to become fluent that I went on to major in it in college, study abroad in Spain, and live abroad and volunteer as a teacher in Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico to improve my language skills.

I truly believe in the power of bilingual education, and wish I had had the opportunity to learn in a TWBI program as a child!

In my spare time, I love to garden, hike, exercise, teach and dance folklorico, go to the beach, and travel.

I look forward to getting to know more of the TWBI families!



Hello everyone, my name is Veronica H. Altamirano. I have been part of our district for the last eight years and I am excited to join the Del Roble community as the new ELTP this year. I look forward to meeting all of you when it is safe to be back in school.



Hello!

I am very happy to be back at Del Roble this year as your “Moody” psychologist!

I have been a psych in this district for 18 years! I have a wonderful husband and a precious son who are the light of my life!

When I am not doing psych work, I enjoy music, singing, books, and good food!

I am here to help in any way I can during these crazy times, and I hope you are all being kind to yourselves and others!

Happy holidays!

Jennie

Hola,

My name is Tina O’Hara.

I am a proud wife, mom and grandma who has worked in the district for 21 years.

I love cooking, taking long walks, reading and playing board games with my family.

My favorite part of working at Del Roble/TWBI is getting to know the awesome students.

Looking forward to meeting you all in person soon!

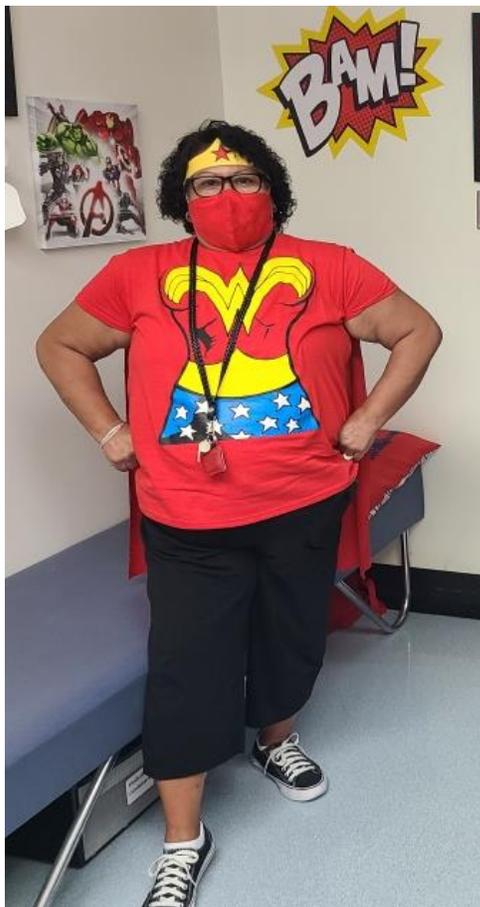


Hola my name is Deniz Patiño Ramos, but you can call me Maestra Patiño for short. I am so excited to be a part of the fabulous Kinder Team at Del Roble Elementary. Here's a little about myself. I was born in a small town called Ameca, Jalisco. When I was 6 years old, my mother, father, and 4 siblings moved to California and San José has been my home since then. I am the first in my family to graduate from San José State University with a B.A., and I am currently enrolled in the Multiple Subject Credential and Master's Program with Bilingual Authorization at SJSU. My husband, Manuel, and I just celebrated our 2-year anniversary. We have an Australian-Sheppard/Husky mix named Luna. We love to go hiking, exploring the cliffs along the ocean with Luna. I love to bake, cook and try new recipes. I look forward to getting to know your family as we continue on this distance-learning journey.

Hola, me llamo Deniz Patiño Ramos, prefiero Maestra Patiño. Estoy muy emocionado de ser parte del fabuloso Equipo de Kinder en la Primaria Del Roble. Aquí hay un poco sobre mí. Yo nací en el pequeño pueblo de Ameca, Jalisco. Cuando tenía 6 años, mi madre, mi padre y mis 4 hermanos nos mudaron a California y San José ha sido mi hogar desde entonces. Me gradué de la Universidad Estatal de San José en 2019 con un B.A. en Desarrollo Infantil y Adolescente, y actualmente estoy inscrita en el Programa de Maestría y Credencial de Materias Múltiples con Autorización Bilingüe en SJSU. Mi esposo Manuel y yo acabamos de celebrar nuestro segundo aniversario de matrimonio. Tenemos una perrita mix Australian-Shepherd / Husky llamada Luna. Nos encanta ir de excursión, explorar los acantilados junto al océano con Luna. Me encanta cocinar y probar nuevas recetas. Espero poder conocer a su familia mientras continuamos en este viaje de aprendizaje a distancia.



Hello, my name is Paulina Salcedo Valdez; I am doing my student teaching semester with the fabulous, wonderful, and amazing kindergarten team. I received my BA in psychology from San Jose State University in 2019. During my undergrad, I worked at Horace Mann Elementary as a preschool instructional associate. After 3 years, I started working at Burnett Middle School as a secretary, and then later switched to the parent liaison of the middle school. After 4 years at Burnett Middle School, I decided I wanted to pursue my passion and become a teacher. I will graduate in 2021 with a Masters in Elementary Education, multiple subject credential, and a bilingual authorization (Spanish). I am very excited to be a part of the Del Roble team, now and in the future **wink wink**!!



Hello Everyone,
 My name is Patricia Gonzales but everyone knows me as Ms. Pat.
 I am a transfer from Parkview School I am an I.A. from the Autistic Program.
 I will be working with Ms.Verdugo.in the RSP classes.
 I am looking forward to meeting each and all of you when we all can come back safely.
 Just a little bit of myself:
 I am a Mother of three beautiful grown kids. Two girls and one son, and a Grandmother of TEN grand kid.
 My family means everything to me.
 I always say my Grandkids are my carbon copy of me.
 I have been married to my Husband nearly 40 years.
 I think of myself hands on with the kids.
 I am Artistic at times.
 Funny, a good sense of humor.
 But most of all I'm a TEAM PLAYER...
 So I wait for the day that I can meet all of you...



MS.PAT