

MAXIMUM USE OF RESOURCES

January 14, 2021

The recipients were selected based on the following criteria:

- Actively seeks out and creatively plans for maximum use of time and money and the effective use of human and material resources in the school and community.
- Effectively plans and implements for the best use of resources.
- Provides ongoing and constructive evaluation of the use of resources and the impact of the planned use on students, the classroom, and/or the school environment.

ANDERSON ELEMENTARY

Dina Guittap – Health Clerk

Dina is a huge support to the Anderson Community. While I think her position may often be over-looked, as a Health Clerk she supports our students so valuably with care and kindness. She balances this with her outreach to families to ensure everyone is given the resources they need to be healthy and safe at school. She implements processes and procedures that have helped make sure we are all healthy on the school site and never ever complains when asked to help brainstorm effective and efficient ways to connect with families and provide them the support they need to feel comfortable in the Anderson Community. We are so lucky to have her!

BALDWIN ELEMENTARY

Elaine Drake – Library Clerk

I am honored to recommend Elaine Drake, Baldwin Elementary's School Librarian for the Maximum Use of Resources Vision Award. Elaine goes out of her way to seek donations and resources for teachers and students to use in support of their learning. Elaine is known as the "keeper of all things"! She is always ready to pull out books or find an item that enhances learning for all. It is an honor to recommend someone as resourceful as Elaine.

BERNAL INTERMEDIATE

Lina Sar – Science Teacher

Lina understands the value of the limited amount of instructional minutes she has with her students. Time is the most valuable resource we all have. She makes the most of the time she has with her students. She builds relationships, cultivates a growth mindset within her students, lifts up their spirits daily, teaches with rigor, relevance and relationships as a priority and always makes her students feel like geniuses. Bernal is lucky to have Lina.

CHRISTOPHER ELEMENTARY

Maribel Fong – 2nd Grade Teacher

Maribel works hard to find and use whatever is needed to give her students the best education possible. Her creativity in finding and using resources that are available to her becomes a support to her fellow staff members and their classrooms. We are appreciative for everything Maribel does for her students as well as for the school

DAVIS INTERMEDIATE

Cindy Inman – Library Clerk

Cindy has been a tremendous help with the Molina Project and distributing books to the families at Davis school. She has personally reached out to students and has worked with them to get the books in their hands while abiding by the county restrictions. Over the past year Cindy has worked on getting culturally relevant books in our library and made a great effort to ask students what they would like to see on the shelves. Davis is lucky to have such a caring and resourceful member on staff.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Kristina Borrego – Community Liaison II

Kristina actively seeks out ideas for parent engagement events at our most vulnerable school sites (Title One). She uses her connections and resources to provide parents various opportunities for enrichment and learning programs. She works with school site staff and principals to create engaging events and then partners with the county to fund the events. She is creative in her ideas, thoughtful in her planning and goes above and beyond to listen to what our parents really need and want. She then thoughtfully creates each parent event with the school culture and parents backgrounds in mind. Congratulations!

Debbie Rothacher – Administrative Secretary

Debbie does a phenomenal job at Maximizing District Resources. Her effort and determination to find the best prices for curriculum has saved us money in our general fund; she is constantly connecting with vendors and ensuring we receive the discounts we were promised, and she keeps a careful inventory of our curriculum to ensure we have what we need in inventory but are also aware of our inventory so we purchase wisely. During the school closures, she worked tirelessly to collect textbooks and other materials from Glider and Miner that could be used throughout the District. She asks great questions and offers suggestions that enable us to create improved systems for textbook ordering, inventory, and accountability, again, saving money. She is instrumental in supporting ESD and Business with the LCAP, and her knowledge of budgets is phenomenal. Aside from all of this, she is a self-starter; she has a strong work ethic, and is always willing to go above and beyond to support colleagues.

FROST ELEMENTARY

Elysabeth Queffelec – Health Clerk

Elysabeth is committed to making the most of school resources. She organizes our supplies and finds new uses for things. She is always so supportive, uplifting and generous of her time and attention. She is always looking for ways to improve things with budget and resources in mind. Thank you, Elysabeth!

HAYES ELEMENTARY

Carla Dickerson – School Secretary

Carla has done an incredible job managing Hayes and District resources during Distance Learning! She has solicited teacher requests for student at home supplies which she then orders and manages and sorts for the school. Carla has also been creating supply and curriculum bags for all new students enrolling so they have a seamless start to their Hayes experience. If families are unable to pick up student materials on deployment days she systematically houses the materials in the cafeteria and cheerfully retrieves it for the family when they come by later. She keeps the cafeteria deployment area organized and current. Carla has also been helping to problem solve families technology issues before referring them to IT and she is awesome at it! In addition, she has been a rock star at verifying student absences and has worked empathetically with families to solve whatever is preventing them from showing up in their virtual classrooms! All Hayes staff, whether at home or teaching from the classroom, recognize that Carla is helping keep our Hayes Community productive and positive during this difficult time.

HERMAN INTERMEDIATE AND THE ADVENTURE PROGRAM

Christina Chin – Science Teacher

Ms. Chin establishes a clear focus and a strategic framework of core beliefs, effective practices, and goals for improving student performance by maximizing her use of resources. She invests heavily in instruction-related materials to maximize student achievement. She rises to the challenge and focuses intently on student achievement while creatively staying within her budget.

Christine Lovejoy – Music Teacher

Ms. Lovejoy is truly a collaborator in budget planning. She finds new and creative ideas to help maximize resources for the music department. She rises to the challenge of the enhanced responsibilities of providing a high quality music program for our students.

Julie Rehbock – Special Education Teacher

Ms. Rehbock actively seeks out creative ways to maximize her budget. As a result of her leadership, she is able to influence the high quality of teaching that goes on in her department. She effectively plans the best use of budget to ensure that all students in Special Education obtain a high quality education experience.

LEDESMA ELEMENTARY

Alicia Wong – ELTP Biliterate Instructional Aide

Alicia the best ELD Instructional Aide a school could have. Alicia consistently shares resources with staff, students, and community members. During Distance Learning Alicia has shared professional development articles with staff, participated in staff meetings to collaborate and share resources with staff that will help all students especially our ELL students. Alicia is my go to person when I need to know or understand programs or services that are available to our ELL students and families. Thank you, Alicia!!

OAK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Carlos Mercado Lopez – Lead Custodian

Carlos is currently the lead custodian at Oak Ridge. Since we went into shelter in place and moved to distance learning in March of this year, he has actively been seeking out and creatively planning for maximum and resources at Oak Ridge. During the start of shelter in place, it was often hard to find cleaning materials and the time to disinfect our building. Carlos did not let this stop him. He effectively planned and implemented for the best use of resources we had. Even when the staff returned in the Fall, he always working collaboratively with the district custodial staff and Principal to best support his staff and building through the COVID-19 pandemic. He continues to stay busy everyday ensuring that all Oak Ridge staff have a clean, organized and sanitized building. Oak Ridge is proud to nominate Carlos for the Maximum Use of Resources Vision Award!

PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY

Valerie Burrows – 4th Grade Teacher

Valerie Burrows, 4th Grade Teacher at Parkview Elementary School, has spent countless hours of her own time searching for and vetting quality, engaging resources to supplement the core curriculum. She has collected such a wealth of rigorous resources in math and language arts that she created a class website to house these resources, not only for her students, but for her colleagues to use with their students as well. Valerie willingly shares her website with her grade level, site, and District colleagues. She continually reviews and adds to her list of resources and recently rebuilt her entire website to create a more efficient student user experience. In addition, Valerie learns about and uses District purchased resources to their fullest and shares her in-depth knowledge to the benefit of our entire staff. She can always be counted on to provide a thorough and thoughtful review of potential resources. For her ongoing effort to seek and utilize resources to the fullest, it is an honor to acknowledge Valerie Burrows with the Oak Grove School District Vision Award for Maximum Use of Resources.

SAKAMOTO ELEMENTARY

Kristen Lindseth Reed – Parent Volunteer

Kris is in her 3rd year serving as Sakamoto's Art Vista Coordinator. Since taking on this role, she has sought ways to maximize the use of purchased art materials, as well as rewriting lessons to include supplies that students may already have on hand. Additionally, during Distance Learning, Kris has offered art classes online using found objects and very basic household supplies. Students at Sakamoto are so fortunate to have Art Vista and we appreciate Kris' efforts to sustain the program resources!

Julie Rau – SDC 3rd/4th Grade Teacher

Julie works tirelessly to bring the maximum amount of hands-on learning tasks, projects and activities to students, even during Distance Learning. While campus is closed she utilizes the support of IA and noon duty staff to support her with creating and packaging kits weekly for student distribution. She re-uses materials whenever possible and thinks of ways to create art projects out of excess materials. Because of Julie's resourcefulness, students in her class engage in hands-on learning regularly whether in-person or virtually!

STEAM @ STIPE ELEMENTARY

Prathiba Adamo – 6th Grade Teacher

Mrs. Adamo acquires outside resources to support her students in receiving real-life experiences from real-life practitioners. Mrs. Adamo has been instrumental in our implementation of STEAM. Her units consist of hands-on activities facilitating engagement that offers her students practice in problem solving and critical thinking. Through the partnerships that she has developed with outside organizations, such as Google, Mrs. Adamo provides her students an alternative manner of learning, one that is not reliant on a students' proficiency in English to access. This is extremely important for her English Learners as they gain the ability to access subject matter content. Most admirable is her passion for equity in ensuring that all students are provided the education they deserve.

TAYLOR ELEMENTARY

Rachel Brown – RSP Teacher

Rachel Brown is new to Taylor School and to being a Resource Specialist this year. While being one of many new support staff members, she has taken a true leadership role in ensuring all RSP students have the human and academic resources needed to succeed. She has worked closely with her IA to research and gather academic resources specific to students' IEP goals. She has shared them with the substitute for the other RSP teacher to ensure all students receive an equitable education. She has also compiled resources that support students' accommodations and provided them for students to access at home. Rachel's focus on resources that will support student achievement, and her willingness to assist other staff members and families in accessing them, is so valuable in promoting student success. We are extremely fortunate that Rachel joined our Taylor team this year!

Linda Hart – RSP Instructional Assistant

Linda Hart has been the backbone of Taylor School's Resource Specialist Program (RSP) for many years. With many new support staff members this year, Linda has researched and gathered academic resources specific to students' IEP goals and shared them with Taylor's new resource specialists and the other IA. She has also compiled resources that support students' accommodations and provided them for students to access at home. Linda's focus on resources that will support student achievement, and her willingness to assist other staff members and families in accessing them, is so valuable in promoting student success.