



A Message from the Superintendent

Congratulations, LUSD! School Year 2021-2022 is a wrap! Even though it is repetitive, I would like to express my appreciation for the tremendous work that you did this school year. Your dedication and commitment were key to ensuring that as students returned to a “regular” school year. The students were greeted with positivity and optimism. As the year continued and the challenges seemed to never end, your support of students didn’t waiver. Thank you for coming together as a LUSD community for our children. We have always known that our school sites are not just for reading, writing, and math. The pandemic has shown our community what incredible services our schools provide to our families. With this great support, comes tremendous work on your part. So, I hope that you take time for yourselves this summer to rest and recharge! You deserve it!



SBCEO SELPA-BRATION!

Jamie Johnson



SELPA-Bration AWARD RECIPIENTS

Lompoc Unified School District was well represented this week at Santa Barbara County Special Education Local Plan Area (SBCSELPA) "SELPA-Bration" Awards. Jamie Johnson (Hapgood), Vivian Velasquez (CHS), and Krista Caniano (LVMS) were three of eleven Santa Barbara County award recipients, in recognition of their outstanding work in the area of special education. Congratulations and thank you for your amazing work with students and staff in Special Education!



Vivian Velasquez



Krista Caniano



Lompoc Unified Employees Matter



LUSD Payroll Team - Kerri Faulkner, Candra Vetch & Michelle Rowe

Kerri Faulkner, Payroll Technician

Kerri has been in the Payroll department since 2020. She handles the Benefits for all of our employees! It was only a year ago, that Kerri decided to step up to the challenge and she has truly become a shining star! Kerri is always so eager to help whomever comes her way. She serves with a smile and sweet disposition, and works hard to ensure our employee benefits are correctly added to each month's paycheck. She has learned so much in the past year, and is doing a great job! Thank you Kerri!

Candra Vetch, Payroll Analyst

Candra has been with the Payroll Department since 2016. It shows! She is rich with the history and experience of our department, and heads up every audit we may be conducting, whether CalPERS, leaves, or auditing the payroll of specific department. We appreciate all Candra does for Payroll. Her knowledge is extensive, and irreplaceable. She delivers her assistance with a smile, and is a great teacher of all things payroll. Candra works any necessary hours to complete our Payroll submission. We truly thank you, Candra!

Michelle Rowe, Payroll Technician

Michelle has been in this department since 2020. She takes care of our classified payroll, and all the classified employees who come to see her or call with questions. She is friendly and patient. She makes sure that our employees get their questions answered, that their pay is correct, and that they leave understanding how their pay works. She is knowledgeable with all forms and time sheets that classified employees use. We thank Michelle for her flexibility and knowledge!



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Lorna McNamee **Miguelito Elementary**

Ms. McNamee goes out of her way to communicate effectively with parents - both in areas where they are excelling and in areas where they are struggling. She offers kind suggestions, praise, and encouragement, and holds students to high standards of academics and behavior. If you have been inside of Mrs. McNamee's classroom, you have surely seen colorful displays of rigorous student work. We are constantly surprised and impressed by the quality pieces that her students produce. From one parent- "When I asked my son who taught him how to read so well, he proudly announced, "Mrs. McNamee!" It is clear that she has helped mold my son into the best version of himself." Lorna, LUSD is grateful for you and all you do for your students!

Jake Morehart **La Honda STEAM Academy**

Mr. Morehart has created an environment where students are excited to go every day, respect is expected and parents feel good dropping their children off with someone that they know genuinely cares for them. Through interacting with Mr. Morehart, parents and colleagues through class dojo and hearing stories firsthand from students you can see the genuine pride and care he takes in his students and his role as their educator. He expects inclusiveness and goes the extra mile to make sure his students leave his classroom ready for the next step. Thank you Jake, for your dedication to the education of students at La Honda!

