

COMMUNICATION VISION AWARDS 2022

The recipients were selected based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrates effective interpersonal skills by consistently and actively helping to promote effective group interaction and opinions in ways that are sensitive to the feelings or knowledge base of others.
- Uses effective techniques to clearly communicate a positive District image to the community in a highly creative and insightful manner.
- Consistently and effectively disseminates written information in a positive manner that is timely, clear and concise.

ANDERSON ELEMENTARY

Lisa Cowan – Transitional Kindergarten Teacher

Lisa is a wonderful ambassador for all things student centered at Anderson. She has actively sought out ways to support classroom engagement and learning at her grade level and others. She has been a strong advocate of teachers visiting other teachers for insight and new ways of supporting student success. She has worked with parents to support school, Anderson's successful TK program and beyond by supporting, for the second year, our ELO Funds after school interventions program. Lisa works as a wonderful liaison between the teachers and administration as a Union Rep and always strives for positive outcomes for our students. Anderson is lucky to have her!

Holly May – Kindergarten Teacher

Holly has been a huge asset to our team this year. Holly joined our Leadership Team and has been a strong voice for equity and finding ways to support classrooms from TK - 6 for student success. She is passionate and shares her perspective for the best interest of students, even if it shakes the status quo - in a way that offers positive outcomes. She communicates with parents regularly and is even working on videos to communicate with the students for PBIS. Her passion for student success is hard to miss!

BALDWIN ELEMENTARY

Courtney Miller – School Psychologist

It is an honor to recommend Courtney Miller for the Communication Vision Award. Courtney demonstrates effective communication, supports and facilitates group interactions in IEP meetings and always approaches situations with a positive mindset. Her communication is always clear and concise for parents and staff. She is always sensitive to the feelings and knowledge base of others and makes every effort to maintain a calm and attentive demeanor.

Kennedy Whitaker – School Psychologist

It is an honor to recommend Kennedy Whitaker for the Communication Vision Award. Kennedy demonstrates clear and concise language and approaches situations with a positive mindset. She is attentive in IEP meetings both to the needs, feelings and knowledge base of others and demonstrates effective communication while facilitating group interactions.

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BERNAL INTERMEDIATE

Skye Johnson – PE Teacher, Leadership, Athletic Director

Mrs. Johnson effectively communicates with the District, administration, staff and families frequently. Her communication skills are valued as she works with a number of outside agencies to schedule referees and all after school sports. She utilizes Parent Square often to keep families informed on tryouts and game schedules. Miss Johnson disseminates information early and frequently which helps families understand and plan for any and all sports events that are taking place. We all appreciate the hard work she puts in to make sure that our student body has a positive experience with after school sports.

CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

Courtney Hunter-Quevedo – RSP Teacher

Courtney is a bright light that always tries to bring people together and help ensure that everyone hears and works together. She will do what she can to ensure that the message that needs to get through is conveyed, and in the many different ways needed to get across.

DAVIS INTERMEDIATE

Sunita Bal – RSP Teacher

Sunita Bal is a positive, calm, reflective, and dedicated professional educator. I am always impressed with her ability to create and innovate lessons for her students that are easy to understand and engaging. She is a cheerleader and an encourager. She collaborates with her department and team on a regular basis. She believes in her students' success and pushes them to be the best versions of themselves. She communicates well with administration and her colleagues and is able to facilitate IEPs and offers clarity and support to all parents that she is in contact with.

EDENVALE ELEMENTARY

Katia Berrocal Perlacios– 1st Grade Teacher

Katia is an amazing maestra and communicator. She regularly communicates with her families and has a message board outside her classroom with upcoming events and news.

FROST ELEMENTARY

Kayleigh Sustaita – School Secretary

Kayleigh is often the mouthpiece for the school. Daily she is the helpful gatekeeper of the school with parents. She is the first smiling face that teachers see when they arrive to sign in. She comforts students when they have booboos and owies as they wait for the health clerk. She interacts well with all stakeholders. She listens and affirms with all whom she communicates. She communicates effectively and positively. She represents OGSD well.

Kelli Dorsey – 2nd Grade Teacher

Kelli Dorsey is a leader on the Frost campus. She leads announcements and professional development activities at the school site. She is detail oriented yet clear and amiable in her communication to staff. Staff trust her and rely on her expertise in a broad range of pedagogy. Further, she coordinates the SST program at Frost. She has developed systems to make the system more effective and to clarify lines of communication. Kelli interacts equally well with parents, students, staff and administration. Kelli Dorsey embodies Oak Grove professionalism and positivity.

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HAYES ELEMENTARY

Carla Dickerson – School Secretary

Ms. Carla takes care of so many things here at Hayes and makes sure everything is organized and communicated clearly to the staff and parents. She does all the legwork and organization for picture day, clearly explains to parents all the options for before and after school care, keeps meticulous attendance records and maintains close communication with families regarding attendance. She serves as the unofficial historian of our Hayes Home and School Club and is available to answer questions that might come up from staff and families regarding just about anything. Her correspondence with families and vendors is professional and accurate. I honestly can only imagine the things that might fall through the cracks without Ms. Carla here to manage all that needs managing in a bustling school front office.

Katlynn Baalke – 3rd Grade Teacher

Katlynn Baalke is an exceptional newer teacher! In the years since coming to Hayes, Katlynn has always established a positive, collaborative relationship with the families of her students. She keeps them in the loop about everything, sometimes through class Parent Square posts but also through messages and texts. As a member of SST teams, she also offers great strategy and intervention strategy ideas. Katlynn is a member of our Hayes Culture Committee and helps communicate PBIS information and data to staff members. Katlynn models her beliefs about inclusion to her students, their families and the rest of the Hayes staff. Hayes is blessed to have Katlynn Baalke on our Team!

LEDESMA ELEMENTARY

Paige Kovats-Wildenradt – 3rd Grade Teacher

Paige Kovats effectively facilitates and communicates our PLC work at Ledesma. Her work is sensitive and responsive to the group dynamic. She is organized, thorough, and timely in her written and oral communications.

OAK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Holly May – Kindergarten Teacher

Holly is an excellent communicator with her community and colleagues. She has a rapport with her families where she is approachable and communicative and families feel comfortable discussing their students' needs and strengths. She is thorough in her written communication and is conscientious about her word choice. She remains positive in both her verbal and written communication. As the SST Coordinator this year, she connects with colleagues in scheduling SSTs, ensuring that the proper paperwork is provided, and answers any questions that teachers may have.

PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY

Rina Esch – ELTP Instructional Aide

Ms. Rina Esch is an essential part of Parkview. She is a hardworking individual with a very positive personality. Every day she works really hard to motivate our English learners to do their best. She is not only helping them with their language skills but also building positive relationships with each one of them. Her warm heart makes her go beyond her professional duties. You can see her having long conversations with families, giving parties to her students to make sure they feel included and welcomed. She is always there when needed. Thank you Ms. Rina!

Kayla Villegas – RSP Teacher

Ms. Kayla Villegas is a great member of Parkview's teaching staff. She is our RSP Teacher and working with students with disabilities. Not only does she work hard to improve students' individual academic levels, but also she works on their social emotional well-being. She has a great connection with students' parents and we work closely when there is a behavioral concern about any of her students. She is supporting them with social stories and finds alternative ways to teach correct behavior.

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SANTA TERESA ELEMENTARY

Dina Mansuy – Librarian

Dina Mansuy, the Santa Teresa librarian, is an excellent communicator. Through her work as our librarian and on the STHSA board, she seeks out opportunities for students to engage in school events and learning opportunities, including the Gobblethon, authors' visits, Walk n' Roll, and more. Dina provides clear and concise information about these enrichment opportunities to share with students, staff, and the community. Santa Teresa is proud to nominate Dina Mansuy for the Communication Vision Award.

STEAM AT STIPE ELEMENTARY

Seema Soin – Long-term Substitute Teacher

STEAM at Stipe is proud to nominate our Long-term Substitute Seema Soin for the Communication Vision Award. Thank you for your support, Seema!

TAYLOR ELEMENTARY

Debbie Cogliandro – 2nd Grade Teacher

The first time I met Ms. Cogliandro was in June 2022. At this time, she was very forthcoming and eager to share such a positive image of Taylor Elementary. She advocated for all of the students. Every time we have conversations about any students, she is very positive and speaks highly of them. Ms. Cogliandro has also been the SST coordinator for Taylor for two years in a row. In this role, she communicates and teaches the staff and families the process and how it benefits the student who is needing additional support.

TWO WAY BILINGUAL PROGRAM

Sandra Lopez – 1st Grade Teacher

Maestra Lopez is always very approachable and is eager to interact with our Del Roble community. She always brings out music in the morning and consistently and actively helps to promote effective group interactions. She uses effective techniques to clearly communicate a positive District image to the community in a highly creative and insightful manner and always has something productive and positive to say of others around her.