

Gilbert Barraza
Principal

Rebecca Polidano
TOSA~Student
Achievement
Teacher

Dina De La O,
NPDL, Leadership
Team, District
Teacher of the Year
2021

Sandra Villalobos,
Leadership Team

Elizabeth Girvan,
NPDL &
Leadership Team

Joanna Palatto,
Leadership Team

Lana Willis,
Leadership Team &
SSC Chair

Grace Shin,
EL K-5 Facilitator
& Leadership Team

Kim Baez,
Leadership Team

Gabriela Esparza,
School Office
Manager

Dennis Hisamoto
School Psychologist

David An,
School Counselor

Sara Cendejas,
Speech Therapist

Ana Gomez,
Cafeteria Manager

Lina Bak,
Teacher of the Year
2022



Hacienda La Punete Unified School District

Sparks Elementary School

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March 2, 2023

Congratulations Mrs. Elizabeth Girvan, 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year! She is a proud graduate of Maranatha High School and a West Covina Christian Elementary/Middle School product. Mrs. Girvan earned her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in Education from Azusa Pacific University. Additionally,



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she also earned her Educational Technology Competency Certification from UC San Diego, CA.

Most recently she shared, "...Being a member of the Sparks Elementary School family has been one of the most powerful and rewarding experiences in my teaching career. This outstanding school community has inspired me to be the best educator I can possibly be."

Mrs. Girvan feels that her colleagues at Sparks Elementary are truly remarkable and have encouraged her to reach beyond herself and ignited a strength within herself that she didn't know existed. Our Spark's community of students, teachers and parents absolutely love Mrs. Girvan.

Her favorite quote, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." By Winston Churchill

Eagles For Life...Go Sparks Eagles!

Principal G. Barraza