

MAXIMUM USE OF RESOURCES

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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.

CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

Art Garcia – Lead Delivery Driver

As the Lead Delivery Specialist, Art Garcia successfully coordinates the purchasing, receiving, and distribution of food, supplies, and equipment from different vendors in the food service warehouse. His position requires the maintenance and upkeep of food service delivery records, monthly inventory of the warehouse products and accurate recordkeeping, and his performance is stellar. His ability to be proactive and flexible has served him well as he has implemented numerous changes, resulting in a more organized and efficient work environment.

Art Garcia is a person one can always depend upon with the knowledge that any job given to him will be accomplished with the highest degree of quality. He is conscientious, takes pride in his work and can simultaneously handle multiple tasks. He is a problem solver and looks to implement solutions which is certainly a valuable asset in today's work climate!

Additionally, Art is a team player on all levels and the safety of his teammates is a top priority. When there is a request for support, his response is immediate. He possesses excellent communication skills, is collaborative in his interactions and is, without a doubt, respected by colleagues.

CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

Xochil Garcia – 2nd Grade Teacher

Xochil is a hard worker and does what she can to maximize the time she has with what she's got for her students. Because of that dedication Xochil's students benefit a lot. Xochil is one of those teachers you need to remind to leave work and relax. The impact that she makes is big and Christopher School is lucky to have her on staff.

Sara Piazzola – 7th/8th Grade Teacher

A lot of change has happened to Sara over the last few years, but through it all Sara's dedication to her job and her students has never wavered. Sara is able to find creative ways to have students have access to what they need. She has wonderful ideas that every staff member has benefited from. Her commitment and dedication will allow her students to go far. Sara is a hard worker and a wonderful mentor to others.

EDENVALE ELEMENTARY

Katie Lucitt – 5th/6th Grade Teacher

Katie Lucitt goes above and beyond for the students at Edenvale Elementary. Recently, she reached out to the San Jose Earthquakes soccer team to get donations for an after school soccer program. Ms. Lucitt is extremely resourceful and advocates for the needs of her students.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Jimmie Brown – District Counseling Services

Trina Trinidad-Ramirez – District Counseling Services

Trina and Jimmie have done a fantastic job bringing social worker interns and marriage and family therapist interns to our District. Under their guidance and with their expertise, they have been able to bring more mental health services each year benefiting our students which maximizes our community resources.

FROST ELEMENTARY

Carolyn Verdugo – RSP Teacher

Carolyn is highly creative and effective in how she manages the schedules of the Special Education IA, students, teachers and her own schedule in order to maximize instructional services and supports for students. Carolyn tirelessly coordinates with other agents such as speech and OT providers to ensure resources are marshalled as needed for IEPs, assessments and direct services.

INDIGO PROGRAM

Holly Ennis – Parent Volunteer, PTA Vice President

Holly has served as the Vice President of Programs for the past two years. During that time, she has worked to help re-establish our in-person Indigo programs like garden, art, music, and various special events at Indigo. She is always looking for creative ways to reuse resources and reimagine how we do things at Indigo in order to maximize and conserve human resources, financial resources, and materials. Her leadership is greatly appreciated by the Indigo students, community, staff, and administration.

Tara Hookano – Art Teacher

Ms. Tara has done an amazing job sustaining and rebuilding the art program in the past two years since distance learning. She teaches concepts such as sustainability, multi-culturalism, and art as service in her classes. She teaches students to use resources wisely and actively seeks grants, donations, and participates in fundraising through art. Through the Square One Art program, Ms. Tara has been able to engage students in making high quality art which is then converted into unique one of a kind items that friends and families can order. These proceeds then go to continued funding of our fantastic art program at Indigo. We are grateful to Ms. Tara for her creativity and for her positive impact on our community.

LEDESMA ELEMENTARY

Sheetal Bhagat – 6th Grade Teacher

A colleague described Sheetal as being one of the best teachers he had worked with in his 26 year career. Any ideas provided she will sincerely consider. Even with some of the seemingly craziest ideas suggested she has been encouraging and will work to make it happen.

Sheetal is also one who uses the District adopted reading and math series completely. She works to maximize ENY Reading and Math. She also helps her fellow upper grade teachers and anyone needing help to use ENY Reading and Math efficiently.

She has worked to bring 6th grade promotion to Ledesma, helped to provide services to disadvantaged students in her and her grade-level partner's class. She also works hard to support students from disadvantaged households in academics.

OAK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

RoseAnn Griffin – SDC TK/K Teacher

RoseAnn creates a learning environment for her students that includes multiple hands-on opportunities for students to learn. Many of the materials she incorporates are creatively used to help our youngest learners engage with the curriculum. RoseAnn also incorporates other materials to support visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learners to help them meet their goals. When new students join her program, she immediately tailors her program to fit their needs and continues to evolve her curriculum and learning materials to embrace all students.

PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY

Venessa Wright – 3rd Grade Teacher

Mrs. Wright is a dedicated and innovative teacher. She is always looking for ways to make the most of the resources available to her and her students.

One of the things she did to maximize the use of resources at our school was to make the most of technology. She incorporated the use of computers, tablets, and interactive whiteboards into her lessons which allowed her students to access a wealth of information and engage with the material in a more interactive and dynamic way.

Mrs. Wright also makes sure to use the school's resources in ways that are efficient and effective. She carefully plans her lessons to ensure that they are aligned with the curriculum and cover the necessary content, but she also makes sure to leave room for flexibility and creativity. She encourages her students to think critically and ask questions, and she uses a variety of teaching methods to engage all learners.

SAKAMOTO ELEMENTARY

Julia Randazzo – Kindergarten Teacher

Julia wanted to recreate her classroom environment and update it for her students' needs. She set out to engage a variety of avenues to gather resources and grants. She was able to collect sufficient resources that helped her organize her classroom in a way that best supports all learners in her classroom with updated furniture. We are very proud of her work in engaging community partners to complete this idea.

TAYLOR ELEMENTARY

Daniel McDonald – 5th/6th Grade Teacher

Mr. Daniel McDonald is a passionate 5th/6th-grade teacher at Taylor Elementary School who seeks collaboration and partnership with the Taylor community. Mr. McDonald is an active member of our PTA. He brings forth creative ideas in getting the community involved. This year he applied for our 5th-grade students to attend a field trip at the California Theatre to watch a dance performance by Jose Limon. This field trip was free of cost to our 5th-grade students. Also, Mr. McDonald brings in a wealth of visual and performing arts knowledge. He brings this talent to his class and to our community by directing musical shows at Taylor Elementary.