

Sparks Elementary School

*A Learning Community Dedicated to
Student Achievement*



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Principal

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Achievement
Teacher

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Leadership Team

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Leadership Team

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Leadership Team

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Teacher of the
Year 2020

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Cafeteria
Manager

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Teacher

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K-5 ELP Teacher

Kim Baez,
6th Grade ELP
Teacher

**Ana Laura
Perez,**
ELAC Chair

Congratulations Sparks Elementary School Teacher of the Year Mrs. **Dina De La O-Johnson**. She is a proud graduate of La Puente High School, Sparks Middle & Sparks Elementary School. Mrs. De La O earned her master's degree in History



from *Cal Poly Pomona* and her bachelor's degree with clear teaching credentials from the *University of La Verne*.

Everyone at Sparks knows Mrs. De La O has a enormous gentle heart. She is creative, optimistic, has a good sense of humor & possesses a "Can Do" attitude.

Mrs. De La O is an active member of our site Leadership Team, SSC and NPDL. Dina is loved by our Spark's community of students, teachers and parents.

Sparks Elementary Teacher of the Year 2021

Recently she shared with me, "it's the *Aha*

Moments, as I watch the children's eyes light up when they are learning...I love those moments." Most recently, Dina was honored by the LA Clippers Teacher appreciation program. She was recognized as a teacher of the month <https://www.nba.com/clippers/community/teacherappreciation2020>. BRAVO Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Dina De La O-Johnson.

Eagles For Life...Go Sparks Eagles!

Principal Barraza