



Ida Jew Academy and Valle Vista Elementary

Home of the Pumas and Vikings

Dear Ida Jew Academy and Valle Vista Elementary Community,



IJAVVE

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It is with great honor that I introduce myself as your principal for the 2024-2025 school year. My name is Anthony Oskar Alvarado, and as an educator, I believe in the importance of supporting the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students to help them succeed in school. I am committed to establishing support systems that enable our students to achieve their goals and partnering with parents, teachers, support staff, and community members to continue programs that benefit our students while initiating new ones that can enhance student outcomes.

I am thrilled to be returning for my second year, and I am excited to continue the great work we started last school year. This 2024-2025 school year, we will further enhance the initiatives we launched last year, especially in support of the social, emotional, and academic success of our students. We will also be launching the Energy School Bus to improve the school culture for our teachers, staff, students, and their families. Together, we will foster a positive and supportive school environment, addressing challenges with a collaborative, problem-solving mindset.

In the 2023-2024 school year, IJAVVE has earned numerous accolades, and I am proud of our accomplishments, including:

- **Civic Learning Award of Distinction** from the California Courts
- Santa Clara County Office of Education Awards:
 - Mrs. Geetha Manjunath (STEM Collaboration)
 - Ms. Alyssa Friend (Civic Engagement)
 - Ms. Francisca Rodriguez (Arts Leadership)
- Middle School Sports Champion: 8th Grade Boeger Ida Jew Basketball Team
- MPESD-FMSD Cheerdance Competition 3rd Place: IJAVVE MPAS Cheerdance Team
- Excellence in Using Technology to Enhance the Skills of Multilingual Learners from the Santa Clara County Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy for our Global Exchange Program (% Ms. Alyssa Friend)





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- Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators Awards:
 - Ms. Onycha Threadgill (LaVerne Owens Community Service Award)
 - Sabirah (Academics)
 - Samantha Greene (Academics)
 - Jay Wysinger (Improved GPA)
- We are also proud of our students recognized at the San Jose State University Celebration of Future Educators:
 - Brooklyn Flores (8th Grade)
 - Nathaniel Adriano (8th Grade)
 - Kassandra Castaneda (7th Grade)
 - Audrielle Walter (6th Grade)
 - Samantha Greene (6th Grade)
 - Michael Herrera (5th Grade)
 - Maite Morelos Sanchez (4th Grade)
 - Joshua Aguilar (4th Grade)
 - Ariella Jones (4th Grade)
- Additionally, our students excelled in the Tech Challenge (Cosmic Monkeys):
 - Nathaniel Adriano
 - Samantha Casey
 - Obadaiah Martinez
 - Brian Do
 - Brandon Hailey
- And in the MPESD Future Chefs competition:
 - Idelle Leggette (Grand Winner)
 - Maite Morelos Sanchez (Finalist)
- MPESD and IJAVVE Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Geetha Manjunath
- Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Rookie of the Year 2024: Dr. Anthony Alvarado

These achievements are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and community.

Dr. Alvarado's Background

My career in education started as a special education paraeducator in second, third, fourth, and fifth-grade classrooms, followed by student teaching experiences in second and fifth-grade classrooms. After completing the credential program at San Jose State University, I taught first grade, third grade, and fifth grade at Franklin Elementary School for five years. Before moving to IJAVVE, I had the privilege of serving as the assistant principal at Shirakawa Elementary School,





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a K-8 school in the Franklin-McKinley School District. Additionally, in response to the need, I started working as the assistant principal of Bridges Academy, a middle school, in March 2023. I adeptly balanced both schools, catering to the students' needs and providing unwavering support to both schools at FMDS.

I am proud to share that I recently completed my Doctor of Education (Ed.D) in Educational Leadership at San Jose State University in May 2024. In addition, I completed the Administrative Services Credential Program & MA in Educational Leadership at Concordia University Irvine in December 2020. In May 2017, I graduated from San Jose State University with a Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential and a Master of Arts degree in Education - Curriculum & Instruction. In April 2013, I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Banking and Finance from National University, Manila, Philippines.

On a personal note, I am multiracial with a quarter Filipino, a quarter German, and half Salvadorian heritage. I am fluent in Tagalog, the official language of the Philippines, and I am conversant in Spanish. Outside of work, I enjoy singing karaoke with my wife, spending time with friends, watching movies, playing table tennis, dining out, and traveling. So far, my wife and I have visited 20 countries and 18 U.S. states, and our travel goals include exploring more countries and visiting all U.S. states.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me through various means: by visiting the office, calling me at the office number (408) 223-3750 ext. 77100, contacting my work cell number (408) 599-0884, or emailing me at aalvarado@mpesd.org. I am beyond excited to continue to be a part of this wonderful community and I eagerly anticipate collaborating with each one of you throughout this school year.

With optimism,

Dr. Anthony Oskar Alvarado

