

## **MAXIMUM USE OF RESOURCES 2024-2025**

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

### **ANDERSON ELEMENTARY**

#### ***Cindy Pinheiro – School Secretary***

Cindy is a major supporter in creating a positive learning environment for Anderson students and staff. She has embodied our theme this year; Bulldogs on the RISE -Ready, Invested, Steadfast, Equity-driven. She is determined to find a way to get things done for staff and students. She has made connections with community members that have positively impacted our Anderson community. We all know that Cindy will make a way out of no way; we are grateful to have her at Anderson!

### **BALDWIN ELEMENTARY**

#### ***Ola Madanat – One-to-One Instructional Assistant***

Baldwin is honored to recognize Ola Madanat for the Maximum Use of Resources Vision Award. Ola actively seeks out resources to support her student. She goes above and beyond with planning and implementing strategies and resources to meet the needs of her student. She provides ongoing and constructive feedback to the case manager and is always seeking new ways to make learning better for the student she supports.

#### ***Ellen Yusico – RSP Instructional Assistant***

Baldwin is honored to recognize Ellen Yusico for the Maximum Use of Resources Vision Award. Ellen actively seeks out resources to support her students in RSP. She goes above and beyond with planning and implementing strategies and resources such as Sonday to meet the needs of her students. She provides ongoing and constructive feedback to the case manager and is always seeking new ways to make learning better for the students she supports.

### **BERNAL INTERMEDIATE**

#### ***Allison Juhasz – Art Teacher***

Allison teaches Art, Advanced Art, Yearbook, and Printmaking. Since Printmaking is new this school year, Allison has developed the curriculum for this elective. She aligned one of the assignments with our school-wide AVID focuses on college and career when she tasked her students to select one staff member to interview about their college experience and to describe their personality. The students will take what they learn and create a new t-shirt for that staff member to reflect who they are. Staff members were encouraged to donate any t-shirt to the student for this project. Allison also utilizes DonorsChoose and Amazon Wishlist to receive donations from the community to fulfill the supplies that are needed for her classes. She also uses ParentSquare and Google Classroom as a home and school connection to keep families and the community involved in helping with the classroom resources for projects.

## **CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL**

### ***Maribel Fong – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher***

Maribel is always looking for ways to use what we have to support all her students. If we need it, she will get it one way or another. She and her teammate are strong together in this area and make a wonderful team.

### ***Xochil Garcia – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher***

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## **DAVIS INTERMEDIATE**

### ***Sarah Rivas – Wellness Social Worker***

We are fortunate to have the support of Sarah Rivas as a social worker here at Davis. She was a social worker intern at Anderson last year and started the year as additional support in Davis' Wellness Center. Sarah was quick to offer support beyond the Wellness Center. She has opened up an alternative classroom for students to use at lunch, which we have coined "the Clubhouse". Sarah gathered community donations to furnish the room and gather activities, games, and materials for a safe and fun place to be. She has also helped to bring community agencies on campus as part of a student resource fair at lunch and has brought organizations from the county office, such as TUPE to do some prevention and educational awareness for our students. She has hosted after school activities and parent resources around attendance and wellness. Sarah has a lot of positive energy, ideas, and support that contribute to our Davis community. She is creative and constantly seeks out resources to support us at Davis.

## **EDENVALE ELEMENTARY**

### ***Ma Isabel Nava – Lead Custodian***

Isabel is always looking out for Edenvale students and staff. She goes above and beyond for our school. Isabel stays on top of the custodian budget and maximizes the resources we have available.

## **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

### ***Alle Alvarez – Executive Secretary***

Alle is a leader in the department when it comes to organizing and maximizing the use of our office resources. She gives thoughtful consideration to budget impacts. ESD appreciates Alle's organization!

## **FROST ELEMENTARY**

### ***Rebecca Munson – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher***

Ms. Munson serves on the HSC and seeks grants and other means to secure funding for student field trips and activities. She makes sure these funds and resources are secure and utilized for the maximum benefit of students.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### ***Donna Taniguchi – Executive Confidential Secretary***

Donna Taniguchi is an exemplary candidate for the Maximum Use of Resources Vision Award. She consistently demonstrates thoughtful and creative planning to maximize time, money, and resources for the benefit of the school and community. She is often the go to person for District staff and managers when they are seeking information. Donna always has a customer service mindset in researching resources and getting back to staff quickly. It's testimony to the trust that everyone has in her! Her deep knowledge of the teachers' collective bargaining agreement ensures that she provides clear guidance to teachers and administrators on complex issues such as leaves, evaluations, and available stipends or release days. Donna's meticulous coordination of the annual Employee Recognition Dinner is a prime example of her resourcefulness partnering with various platforms, organizations, and companies while evaluating cost

and efficiency to deliver a memorable and impactful event. Donna's commitment to maximizing resources enhances student outcomes, improves the District's culture, and inspires those around her to adopt a similar mindset.

### **LEDESMA ELEMENTARY**

#### ***Kristine Borbons – RSP Teacher***

Kristine works overtime to seek out programs and offer her support to all Ledesma staff. She values the human resource and consistently makes herself, her strategies, her techniques, and her time available for others. Through her work and commitment to the Ledesma community, the well-being of all students and staff are always considered. We are pleased to recognize Kristine with the Maximum Use of Resources Vision Award!

### **OAK RIDGE ELEMENTARY**

#### ***Erin Eckland – Home and School Club Board Member***

Erin Eckland has been a parent volunteer for over 8 years at Oak Ridge, has worked as a first grade teacher and currently substitutes at the school. During her time at Oak Ridge, Erin has been the Home and School Club president and now a long-standing board member. In her time, she has worked tirelessly to fundraise for our school to provide enrichment activities for the students. She has created, co-planned and run events at our school that brings together our school staff and school community such as the Glow Dance, Sweetheart Dance, Bingo Night, Color Run, Movie Night and more! Through these events, she has recruited numerous volunteers and found creative ways to include staff and teachers to support the events. Furthermore, the success of her events has supported the Home and School Club's fundraising efforts throughout the year. This year, she is supporting the fifth-grade class in fundraising for 6th grade Science Camp. She continuously researches new ideas, events, and fundraisers that will support all students.

#### ***Brenna Juull – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher***

Brenna supports her fifth-grade team with fundraising for field trips. These past 2 years, she has researched numerous grant opportunities and applied for two very large amounts in order for all fifth graders to go to the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. She works tirelessly applying for grants and, fortunately, received two to pay for the transportation to San Francisco. For two years in a row, students and parents have raved about this field trip which leaves lasting memories for all. She also finds other opportunities to raise funds so that fifth graders begin saving for Science Camp and works with the community to help support their efforts.

### **SANTA TERESA ELEMENTARY**

#### ***Dina Mansuy – Library Clerk***

Mrs. Mansuy has served Santa Teresa in many capacities over the years. In her time as Treasurer of the HSA, she reviewed budgets and found creative solutions to fundraise and ensure funding existed for students at Santa Teresa. She also serves as our reading and math intervention teacher. In this role, she competently identifies student needs, and delivers small group instruction to help students make progress. She collaborates with teachers and District staff to find materials and implement a quality intervention program. In her role as Librarian, she maintains our library with updated books and resources for students and teachers. She integrates community resources, frequently letting students and teachers know about events and resources available at the public library.

### **STEAM AT STIPE ELEMENTARY**

#### ***Celestina Olivas – Literacy Support Provider***

Celestina is working with small groups of students, and we are seeing great acceleration for the students she is working with. The budget for this is tiny, and it is truly because of the work and effort and deep level of caring about each student that we have seen incredible results!