

COMMUNICATION VISION AWARDS 2024

The recipients were selected based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrates effective interpersonal skills by consistently and actively helping to promote effective group interaction and opinions in ways that are sensitive to the feelings or knowledge base of others
- Uses effective techniques to clearly communicate a positive District image to the community in a highly creative and insightful manner
- Consistently and effectively disseminates written information in a positive manner that is timely, clear and concise

BALDWIN ELEMENTARY

Lori Coye – Speech and Language Pathologist

It is an honor to recommend Lori Coye for the Communication Vision Award. Lori consistently demonstrates professionalism when engaging with our community, staff and students. She takes time to reflect and think before she responds. Lori communicates a positive school/District image to the community. She seeks clarification and disseminates written information in a positive manner that is timely, clear and concise. She goes above and beyond to ensure that families are communicated with and that their feelings, concerns and opinions not only matter but are taken into account during IEP meetings. We are honored to have Ashlee as part of our Baldwin Support Team.

Ashlee Mowry – RSP Teacher

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BERNAL INTERMEDIATE

Romina Karim – Librarian

In addition to her duties as a Librarian, Romina assists every day with break and lunch supervision. She opens the Student Store daily in order to support our PBIS program where students use their Bronco Bucks to purchase snacks, gift cards, supplies, and mile run passes. She does the same twice a week during lunch. She gives out free utensils to students who need them and warms up food. This makes students feel taken care of. Romina reaches out to the business community by asking for donations for our Student Store helping to supplement our school budget for PBIS. Likewise, she is very thoughtful when purchasing books for our students. She reaches out to our families to ask for donations to supplement our Library budget so that we have more books that engage teens.

CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

Katie Moore – Noon Duty, Reading Support

Katie has been a constant support to all students on campus and does everything she can to ensure she is clear and communicates well with everyone. Katie always stays positive and does what she can to make sure she is an example to others.

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CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

Selina Sicherbryant – Instructional Assistant

Selina is a true professional who works hard to have strong communication with her team, her students and her families. She is consistent in trying to do what she can to make sure she is a professional and does her best at all times to help make sure she is clear so that everyone is successful.

DAVIS INTERMEDIATE

Lindsay Lewis – President of the HSC

Lindsay is always full of positive energy and she brings forth many ideas to help support Davis School. Last year, she coordinated and ran our Scholastic Book Fair, the first one in many years at Davis. This year, she committed to planning one "Dinner Night Out" as a fundraiser monthly to raise money to buy more student incentives and bring events and activities for our students to increase positive school culture. She communicates regularly with the Principal and secretaries to communicate out to the rest of the Davis families through Parent Square and through her attendance at parent meetings. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Lewis as a parent leader on campus.

Taylor McElvain – Assistant Principal Secretary

Ms. Taylor works closely with both the Assistant Principal and Principal, as well as the entire office staff and Davis community of teachers, students, and staff to ensure that there is smooth communication. When asked to complete a task, Ms. Taylor executes it. She has positive relationships and connections with the entire community which makes it easy to get support and follow through actions from her. We are so lucky to have Ms. Taylor in the office answering calls, emails, and tending to the many visitors and students who enter the Davis office. She is full of Davis Raider pride and spirit on top of it all.

DEL ROBLE ELEMENTARY

Nashely Villalvazo – RSP Teacher

Nashely is the consummate professional when engaging with all school stakeholders. She is caring, warm, kind, respectful, prepared, organized and more... She just has a way of engaging with students to make them feel seen and loved in the classroom. She also has a way of speaking with parents that make them feel listened to and respected. With colleagues she consistently finds win-win solutions for even the most challenging situations. Overall, she is highly appreciated by all that have the distinct pleasure to know and work with her.

EDENVALE ELEMENTARY

Sahira Larios Silva – Kinder TWBI Teacher

Sahira Larios is a dedicated member of Edenvale Elementary. She consistently fosters an environment where every individual feels valued and heard. Her sensitivity to the knowledge and feelings of her colleagues has not only strengthened teamwork but also enriched the collective wisdom of our initiatives. Sahira's creative approach to promoting her students' achievements, engaging families, and promoting collaboration makes her a valuable asset to our community.

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EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Caryn Daughters – District Nurse

Nurse Caryn does a fantastic job communicating to all of our school sites about health and safety reminders. She reaches out to other districts and her nursing organizations to bring sample documents for OGSD to adapt, whether it be about allergies, health events, or even enrollment changes. She often creates templates for the health team to use. Whenever there is a site emergency, she communicates clearly to all necessary parties. She is a team player, supporting staff at her various schools with any situation that arises.

FROST ELEMENTARY

Erin Thompson – 2nd Grade Teacher

Erin actively helps to promote effective group interactions. She communicates well with parents as well as staff members. We are very lucky to have Erin at Frost Elementary!

HAYES ELEMENTARY

Carla Dickerson – School Secretary

With the evergrowing influx of new families to our Hayes Community, Carla consistently spends above and beyond the amount of time needed to get new families enrolled in our school as well as explaining many District and school processes so families feel prepared to begin their educational journey at Hayes. Due to her highly efficient executive functioning skills she is organized and never misses anything. The Hayes Community counts on Carla as the person to go to if you have a question which makes her invaluable to the Hayes Team!

Reason Roxas – President of the HSC

As the Hayes Home and School Club President, Reason has positively promoted group interaction strategies to enable effective communication and collaboration amongst our HSC Executive Board and Committee chairs, as well as the Hayes Community at large. Under her guidance the Hayes Home and School Club has grown in size and has increased the number and quality of community events we host for our families.

HERMAN INTERMEDIATE AND ADVENTURE PROGRAM

Nereyda Camacho – School Counselor

Nereyda demonstrates effective interpersonal skills by consistently and actively helping to promote effective group interaction and sharing of opinions in ways that are sensitive to the feelings or knowledge base of others.

Mariana Garcia-Serrato – Science/STEM Teacher

Mariana demonstrates effective interpersonal skills by consistently and actively helping to promote effective group interaction and sharing of opinions in ways that are sensitive to the feelings or knowledge base of others. She is responsible for communicating the details of the many AdVENTURE events and is the liaison between the AdVENTURE Team, parents and staff.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Rita Cartagena – District Office Receptionist

When parents, families and community members arrive at the Oak Grove District Office, Rita is oftentimes the first person who they will meet. We couldn't have a better representative greeting and welcoming visitors at the front desk. Rita greets everyone with warmth, genuine kindness and a willingness to listen and assist. Even in cases when folks may come in frustrated, upset or escalated, Rita's verbal and non-verbal communication helps to respond in a respectful way. She is skilled at connecting people with the right person to help them at the District Office. She is sensitive to feelings at hand and has high knowledge of who to bridge the visitors to for maximum support. Additionally, she has transformed the reception area to be a visually engaging space and has taken great strides to reflect a welcoming space that communicates a very positive image to the community. Lastly, she is invaluable in her communication to employees within the District Office. She will reach out when items are left behind, or when we have visitors who may benefit everyone, like Mr. Softee and the Mountain Man! We are very fortunate to have Rita be the first person to greet our OGSD visitors.

LEDESMA ELEMENTARY

Kelly Johnson – 4th Grade Teacher

Mrs. Johnson is an effective communicator and valued school leader. Time and time again, she encounters difficult conversations and topics and consistently brings a collegial, problem-solving attitude and energy. She is fair and equitable in her approach and her leadership style and voice is respected by all. In addition, she provides a level of support to team members that are new to the school site or new to the profession, consistently offering guidance and resources. We are proud to recognize Kelly Johnson with the Communication Vision award!

SAKAMOTO ELEMENTARY

Renee Glick – Health Clerk

I am pleased to nominate our amazing school health clerk, Renee, for her exemplary contributions to our school community. She demonstrates outstanding dedication and skill in her role. She consistently exhibits exceptional interpersonal skills and fosters a welcoming, respectful environment. She is supportive and a wonderful teammate and colleague. She communicates effectively with students, teachers, staff and families. She is amazing and we are so lucky to have Renee at Sakamoto.

STEAM AT STIPE ELEMENTARY

Kenzie Major – English Language Teacher Partner

New to OGSD, Kenzie brings with her a strength in communication as evidenced by her ability to quickly partner with teachers for coaching support. She has also already collaborated with our team to analyze data and develop a plan for intervention support.

She effectively communicated both the rationale and the procedure for identifying student needs and implementing a system for intervention. She sends follow-up emails and maintains clarity and open pathways in her communication with staff members. For so many reasons, we are fortunate to have Kenzie on our team. Communication just happens to be one of her many strengths!

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TAYLOR ELEMENTARY

Chrissy Terwilliger – President of the PTA

We are so grateful for our incredible PTA President, Chrissy Terwilliger, whose leadership and interpersonal skills bring our community closer each day. Ms. Terwilliger consistently fosters an environment where everyone feels heard and valued, encouraging open communication and thoughtful interaction within our school community.

Her dedication shines through in promoting a positive District image, using creative and impactful methods to connect with families and neighbors alike. Whether through informative emails, engaging social media posts, or school-wide events, Ms. Terwilliger shares updates and information in ways that are always clear, timely, and filled with warmth. Thank you, Ms. Terwilliger, for your invaluable contributions to our Taylor school and community. You truly make a difference!