

# BOARD RECOGNITION



Newport-Mesa  
Unified School District

In celebration of School Board Recognition Month today we highlight President Carol Crane. Two of her proudest accomplishments include being one of the first districts in OC to return to full-time instruction during COVID which required collaboration with teachers, staff, parents, community members, and government agencies, and hiring Supt. Dr. Wesley Smith. [#NMUSD](#) [#InspireEducateElevate](#)

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## Carol Crane



“I think, therefore I am.”  
~ René Descartes

**HOBBIES**

- Cooking •Hiking •Reading
- Traveling •Skiing

**FUN FACTS**

- Carol's husband attended Newport El, Ensign & Newport Harbor.
- Her children attended Eastbluff and Corona del Mar Middle/High School.

Board Member Since 2020



Continuing our celebration of School Board Recognition Month - today we highlight Vice President Krista Weigand. In addition to both of her children attending Mariner's Elementary, her husband and father-in-law are graduates of Mariners, Ensign, and Newport Harbor High School. Krista is most excited to see students achieve their goals and go on to do great things after high school in [#NMUSD](#). [#InspireEducateElevate](#)

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## Krista Weigand



“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

**HOBBIES**

- Chauffeur my young children as they explore their hobbies.
- Yoga
- Spending time at the beach

**FUN FACT**

- As a child, I competed in "hamster races" where my hamster would run in it's clear plastic ball. It won the Orange County Championships in 1986.

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January is School Board Recognition Month. Meet Board Clerk Leah Ersoylu! In high school, she played lacrosse on the boys' team because her school did not have a girls' team. When she isn't learning languages, yoga, and playing basketball she's focused on serving our community. Thank you, Leah! [#NMUSD](#) [#InspireEducateElevate](#)

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## Leah Ersoylu



“We are each entitled to our own opinions, but not to our own facts.”  
~ anonymous

**HOBBIES**

- Learning Languages
- Yoga
- Basketball

**FUN FACT**

- She played on the boys' lacrosse team because her school did not have a girls' team

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Today's celebration of School Board Recognition month features Michelle Barto. Michelle's four children attend [#NMUSD](#) schools and her husband is an NMUSD graduate. Thank you, Michelle for your commitment to serving the families of Newport-Mesa! [#InspireEducateElevate](#)

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## Michelle Barto



**HOBBIES**

- Reading •Skiing •Being outside

**FUN FACT**

- I have been to 49 states and will visit the 50th this summer.

**MOST PROUD OF**

- Facilities Master Plan
- Bike safety training
- Increased Career and Technical Education (CTE) options

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Today we recognize Board Member Michelle Murphy, MSW. She has two children who attend [#NMUSD](#) schools. Her commitment to championing support for community schools funding has been the highlight of her time on the Board. She is working to obtain funding for enhanced learning opportunities. We appreciate you! [#InspireEducateElevate](#)

It is School Board Recognition Month and today we recognize Lisa Pearson. A world traveler, Lisa went through a mahout training program in Thailand. As a busy mom of two adult sons, both Corona del Mar graduates, Lisa enjoys visiting school sites and seeing students learn first-hand. [#NMUSD #InspireEducateElevate](#)

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# Michelle Murphy



Board Member Since 2022

“ You can be afraid and fearless at the same time. ”  
~ Jose Andreas

### HOBBIES

- Reading • Yoga • PTA Meetings
- Playing with my kids and our dog

### FUN FACT

- Can still do handstands



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# Lisa Pearson



Board Member Since 2022

“ Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of human change. ”  
~ Bob Kerrey

### HOBBIES

- Skiing
- Traveling with family

### FUN FACT

- Her two sons graduated from Corona del Mar High School



It is School Board Appreciation Month and today we recognize Ashley Anderson. An [#NMUSD](#) graduate, she hopes to one day have a child who attends our schools. She is most proud of the resources available for our schools such as school-community facilitators elementary counselors, science camp and field trips. She is also proud of the districtwide focus on the science of reading to help every student read well by third grade, as well as hiring Dr. Smith, who is an exceptional s... [See more](#)

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# Ashley Anderson



Board Member Since 2018

“ We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say "it's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem." Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes. ”  
~ Mister Rogers

### HOBBIES

- Traveling • Swimming
- Riding my bicycle

### FUN FACT

- I have bunnies - they are amazing pets!

