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Guadalupe "Lupe" Godinez: Inspiring With Heart & Positivity

In this month's Promise Feature, we met up with Northmead Paraeducator Guadalupe "Lupe" Godinez, who has been with the district for over 20 years. Read how she inspires students and staff to be respectful and responsible, while reinforcing the importance of school and spreading positivity.

A Heartfelt Force Behind Student Success

For over 20 years, Guadalupe "Lupe" Godinez has been a warm, and encouraging presence in the Patterson Joint Unified School District. Now, in her 15th year at Northmead, Lupe starts each day as a Yard Duty, checking the campus ensuring a safe and respectful environment for students.

"I always make sure that the kids are safe," said Lupe. "That they are responsible, and respectful."

Once the bell rings, Lupe shifts her focus to small group instruction in the classroom as a Paraeducator. She focuses on reading support, math, and assisting her teachers wherever needed. Her commitment to students is grounded in a strong belief in responsibility, respect, and personal growth, values that Lupe models and encourages daily.

"Guadalupe 'Lupe' Godinez exemplifies greatness as a paraeducator," said Northmead Principal, Jill Ziegler. "Lupe motivates students to achieve their personal best by showing them compassion while challenging them to learn and do better. She also inspires Northmead Cubs and staff with her positivity, can-do spirit, infectious laugh and truly kind heart. Every space at Northmead is better when Lupe is in it."



“I love seeing the kids, seeing them happy.”

A lifelong Patterson resident and proud mother of five Patterson High School graduates, Lupe found her calling early on.

“I always loved being around children,” said Lupe. “So I dedicated myself to being a Paraeducator. I love seeing the kids, seeing them happy. I also see a lot of kids that are challenged with coming to school and I talk to them. I ask them why? I let them know that school is something that is going to help them, and educate them. It’s going to help them reach goals and become somebody in life.”

For Lupe, showing up to Northmead isn’t a job, it’s showing up for her family, and she has no plans to retire anytime soon.

“This is [an extension] of my family. I just love coming to see all these kids and I’ve known them since they were in Kindergarten to now 6th grade...I won’t retire until my legs go out, or the kids don’t want me here at school anymore.”

At Northmead, Lupe is a beloved presence who inspires growth, respect, and joy every day.