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Principal

**Rebecca Polidano**  
TOSA Student  
Achievement  
Teacher

**Dina De La O  
Johnson**  
UPK Leadership  
Team, NPDL &  
UC Davis C- STEM

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1<sup>st</sup> G Leadership  
Team, NPDL, EL  
Facilitator, &  
UC Davis C- STEM

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2<sup>nd</sup> G Leadership  
Team, NPDL, &  
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Burke**  
3<sup>rd</sup> G Leadership  
Team, NPDL, &  
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STEM

**Joanna Palatto**  
4<sup>th</sup> G Leadership  
Team, NPDL, &  
STUCO

**Hai Pham**  
5<sup>th</sup> G Leadership  
Team, NPDL, &  
Science  
Olympiad Coach

**Monica McEvoy**  
School Office  
Manager

**Dennis Hisamoto**  
School Psychologist

**Genesis Stoll**  
School Counselor

**Sara Cendejas**  
Speech Therapist

**Analouise Gomez**  
Cafeteria Manager

**Makenzie Di Pietro**  
2024 Teacher of  
the Year  
NPDL & UPK  
Program



Hacienda La Puente Unified School District

## Sparks Elementary School

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Student Achievement*

February 28, 2025

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs. Carolyn Schnaible has been named our 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year!



Mrs. Schnaible is a proud graduate of Valencia Elementary School, Las Palmas Middle School, and Northview High School, all located in Covina, CA. She has an impressive educational background, having attended the University of Florida, Mt. San Antonio College, Cal State Long Beach, and Cal Poly Pomona. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work with a Minor in Gerontology and a degree in Moderate/Severe Special Education.

Mrs. Schnaible recently shared her dedication to teaching special needs children: "I have numerous favorite moments of teaching every day. One of my most memorable moments was when I was a Special Education Preschool teacher. I had a new student who had never been in a school. He couldn't sit in a chair, let alone stand on the spot on the carpet. But over the course of two years, he became my 'Star' student. He moved on to a higher functioning classroom and continued to improve year after year. To this day, he is still one of my favorite students." Mrs. Schnaible has a motto she lives by, "Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful" – Joshua J. Marine.

Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Schnaible on this well-deserved honor!

***Eagles For Life...Go Sparks Eagles!***

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