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Brittany Kuhn: From Student to Teacher, A Full Circle Journey

From Las Palmas Student, to Las Palmas Teacher. This month's Promise Feature highlights Las Palmas teacher, Brittany Kuhn, whose Patterson roots and deep love for her students guide her every day. Learn how her full circle journey reminds us what makes our schools feel like home.

Rooted in Patterson

Walking through the foggy breezeways of Las Palmas, you can feel the history and charm of the campus. For Teacher Brittany Kuhn, that feeling runs even deeper. Her story begins in Patterson and has come full circle at Las Palmas, the very place where she once walked as a student.

Mrs. Kuhn's family has called Patterson home for 70 years, and she grew up attending Patterson schools before earning her degree and teaching credential at CSU Stanislaus. After seven years teaching first grade in a neighboring town, she returned home to Las Palmas, where she now teaches third grade in the very classroom she once sat in as a 4th grade student, a true full circle moment.

Reflecting on her journey, Mrs. Kuhn said, "In many ways, I've always been part of this district first as a student, then as a staff member, and now as a teacher. My three children are also students in our district and attend Las Palmas with me. That is what I am most proud of."

At Las Palmas, Mrs. Kuhn finds the perfect blend of her roles as both parent and educator. She treasures being able to teach in the same school her children attend, explaining, "The biggest parts of my heart are with me at school every day: my children and my students. They both define who I am as a person and as an educator." She also cherishes the connections she maintains with students when she runs into them outside the classroom, sharing that "Seeing them grow, succeed, and remain part of my life beyond the classroom is one of the most rewarding parts of this work."



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Mrs. Kuhn believes the heart of teaching is found in the everyday moments that bring her students together.

“We work hard, explore new ideas, and challenge ourselves, but we always make time for a little fun and lots of love... They’re the reminders of why our classroom feels like a second home for all of us.”

She extends this care beyond the school day by holding after-school tutoring sessions for students who need extra support or one-on-one time. These quieter moments give her space to slow down and connect.

“I know my students look to me for stability, encouragement, and love, and knowing that my children are learning in the same environment motivates me to be the best version of myself. The connections we build, the growth I get to witness, and the impact we create together are what keep me going.”

Every day in the classroom offers something that reminds Mrs. Brittany Kuhn why she loves this work. Even on the hard days. As she shared, “The challenging days make me dig a little deeper. It’s not always easy, but I’m able to push through because my heart is fully in this work. A single smile, a small breakthrough, a moment of kindness between students, or a simple ‘thank you’ can shift everything and remind me why I’m here.”

From walking these hallways as a young student to shaping them now as a teacher, Mrs. Kuhn’s journey represents what makes our district special. It is a place where students grow into leaders, where families stay rooted, and where classrooms become second homes. Her story is a reminder that our schools aren't just buildings, they're communities built through heart, history, and the people who return to lift the next generation.