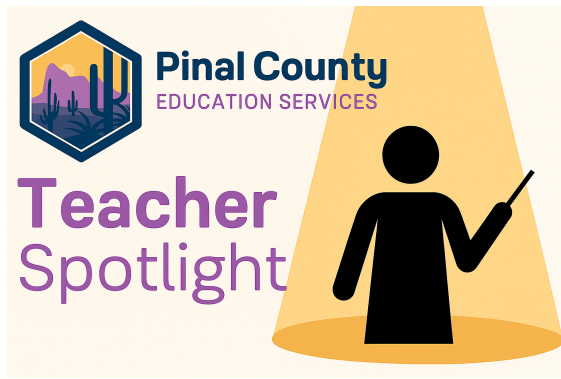




February 2026 Spotlight Teacher - Victor Castruita

It is a pleasure to recognize Victor Castruita from Combs Middle School, an outstanding Spanish teacher whose dedication, creativity, and quiet leadership have made a lasting impact on students and staff alike.

Victor is an innovative educator who continually strives to create an engaging, welcoming, and supportive learning environment. As one of the first teachers on campus to embrace flexible learning, he has transformed his classroom into a space where students are excited to learn the moment they walk through the door. With flexible seating, cooperative learning structures, and even a mock café just outside his classroom, Victor creates authentic opportunities for collaboration, critical thinking, and meaningful student engagement. His exceptional classroom management ensures that this dynamic environment remains structured, purposeful, and student-centered.



Beyond instruction, Victor is deeply committed to building strong relationships. His approachable demeanor and genuine care for student success make him a trusted mentor to students and a valued colleague to fellow teachers. Parents, too, recognize his dedication and responsiveness. Victor consistently goes above and beyond to contribute to school initiatives and support the overall well-being and academic growth of his students.

Victor is also known for thinking outside the box when it comes to cultural immersion. From inviting Latin food trucks to campus to creating experiences that bring language and culture to life, he finds creative ways to help students connect learning to the world beyond the classroom.

In addition to his work as a classroom teacher, Victor plays a vital role in overseeing all things 8th grade. He coordinated the 8th-grade field trip and organized celebrations that ensured students' final year was both meaningful and memorable. These efforts, often happening behind the scenes, reflect his commitment to students during a pivotal moment in their educational journey.

While Victor leads quietly, his influence is far-reaching. His dedication, innovation, and unwavering commitment to students make him a truly deserving recipient of the Pinal County Teacher Spotlight. We are fortunate to have an educator like Victor Castruita shaping the experiences of our students and strengthening our school community every day.