

Special Edition

This special edition of News You Can Use celebrates the outstanding work of our BPSD team. The individuals recognized here have been nominated by their peers for their commitment and effort in their work. Through these exemplary individuals, we celebrate the contributions of all BPSD teachers and classified staff members. Please join me in congratulating our 2017 Teachers and Classified Employees of the Year. Thank you for all you do for our students and BPSD team!

Superintendent Greg Magnuson

Teachers of the YEAR

Gordon H. Beatty School



Congratulations to Beatty's sixth grade teacher, Ms. Brittany Magliocchi, on being recognized as Beatty's Teacher of the Year. Ms. Magliocchi's enthusiasm for all of our students and our community is evident every day. Among many

contributions, she is a valued member of the BPIS team and an adviser to the community service club, Beatty Loves Buena Park. She exemplifies our mission statement: "Beatty embraces diversity and develops life-long learners who contribute to the global community." Ms. Magliocchi is an inspiration to us all.

Arthur F. Corey School



Corey School is excited to congratulate sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Wendy Roxas, as our Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Roxas received this award from her colleagues in recognition for her dedication to Corey School and our students. In addition to

always finding ways to enrich her teaching practice, Mrs. Roxas also devotes her time on Corey's CAST Team, as a PBIS Coach, and participates in Leadership. Corey School is so fortunate to have such a wonderful, dedicated educator on staff. Congratulations, Mrs. Roxas!

Charles G. Emery School



Congratulations to Rebecca "Becky" August, Emery's Teacher of the Year. In addition to teaching her fourth graders every day, Becky's focus on health and fitness can be seen here at our school

with Running Club, Jog-a-thon, Fit Room and the Wellness Committee. We appreciate all of these opportunities she provides for our students. Great Job, Ms. August!

Carl E. Gilbert School



Gilbert's third grade teacher Tina Nguyen works diligently to educate, engage, and empower achievers, their families, and the community in which they live in. She believes that teachers

are our students' best hope for achieving their goals, excelling in the competitive world, and positively impacting the community through excellence in thought and action. Tina is an amazing, yet humble colleague on our staff and we are proud to have her as our 2017 Teacher of the Year!

Mabel L. Pendleton School



Pendleton is proud to congratulate our Teacher of the Year, Jenny Mangkalakiri. Jenny works with special needs students in her multi-grade classroom of 1-3 grade students. While it is only her second

year at our school, Jenny has become an integral piece of the Pendleton community. Jenny serves as a leader on our PBIS team by serving as a consultant for creative and innovative interventions for students who need the most support. Pendleton School is lucky to have such a constant source of positivity and light for students and staff alike.

James A. Whitaker School



Sally Santos is the Whitaker Teacher of the Year, and for a very good reason. Committed to the community we serve, children thrive in her care. You won't find a person with more integrity and compassion for students and families.

When entering Sally's classroom, it is evident that children are learning at deep levels and enjoying their school experience. Sally is also very involved as a BPTA representative, as well as an officer in HSO. She also received the Whitaker "Platinum Apple," a recognition from her peers at Whitaker.

Buena Park Junior High School



A big congratulations to Brian Travis, BPJH's Teacher of the Year. Mr. Travis has been instrumental in a number of important initiatives at our school. He pioneered the use of

the new school app call schoolGO, worked closely implementing our new digital science curriculum call Discovery Education, and was the first to 'jump on board' with the STEM sailing program that launched this school year. He is a great team member on the science team and supports other staff across the campus. He has gone above and beyond inside the classroom and outside, making our school a great place for students.

Classified EMPLOYEES of the YEAR

Child Nutrition:



Lina Khoe has worked for the BPSD Child Nutrition Department for 20 years. Lina cares for all the children she serves breakfast and lunch to daily. When students enter the cafeteria, they are greeted with a smile and know that Ms. Khoe cares about them. She is a hardworking and efficient employee with a great attitude. Lina often prepares food to feed the homeless in her community, up to 200 men and women at each meal.

Maintenance, Operations & Facilities:



Sanh Ta has been employed by BPSD for 32 years working as both a day and night custodian. He is a dedicated employee who is hard working and always goes beyond what is asked. In his line of work it is sometimes not evident when a job is well done, but it is always obvious when it is done poorly. Sanh can always be counted on to be at work on time and his job is always neat and complete. Sanh is a family man and very involved with his community as well as his church.

Office and Technical:



Michele Stein is the first line of contact for most employees when contacting the Human Resources Office, she understands the importance of first impressions and greets all visitors with a welcoming smile, providing them with her full attention. She is a friendly and concerned individual and her easy-going temperament allows her to answer questions and discuss issues with employees in a manner that assures understanding and acceptance. She is highly involved in both community and District sponsored activities including: CSEA, Relay For Life, Little League and Bobby Sox, and fund raising activities for the Buena Park Junior High School Honor Roll.

Para-Educator & Instructional Assistant:



Joann Butcher supports students and leads them through a variety of before/after school day care activities, such as arts, homework help, and outdoor play. She has a great demeanor with students and speaks to them with respect. She also has a great working relationship with parents and communicates with them on a regular basis. She cares about the students and parents and will go above and beyond to make sure their needs are met. She participates in district events and represents the Kid Connection program in order to promote it. She also mentors aspiring leaders so they can assume more responsibilities and grow professionally.

Support Services & Security:



Jennifer Garcia's formal title is Health Clerk, but she is also much more. She is an advocate for all children, a translator, an interpreter, and a community liaison. No matter what the day brings, she has a smile and a super attitude, proving herself to be a dedicated and enthusiastic team player. She cares deeply about the Whitaker families she serves, there is nothing she would not do to support the students and their families. Jennifer is also an active member of Giving Children Hope which is a program to assist children with food insecurities. She is a willing participant in after school activities with students and is known to show up after working a second job.

Transportation:



Sergio Villalobos inspects and repairs our school buses; he also drives a daily route and is outstanding with the students he transports. The students love Mr. Villalobos. He is attentive and respectful of all students. They appreciate his encouraging greetings when they board and disembark the bus. His kind demeanor helps all students have a positive start and end of their school day. Additionally, he understands the importance of safety on the bus. He expresses his behavior expectations to all riders and reinforces correct behavior so students understand how they should act and display appropriate behavior.