

Guest Teacher Recognition Week

Hays CISD joined thousands of educators across the country during the first week of May in recognizing guest teachers as part of National Substitute Teacher Recognition Week.

*On a typical day, HCISD places approximately 190 guest teachers in its classrooms. Many of the schools in the district will have activities and will honor their guest teachers during this week. As a district, there were more than **38,500 jobs** in the 18-19 school year. Thank you to all **603 guest teachers** who have filled them this school year with a **94%** fill rate!*

Elementary Guest Teachers of the Year 2018-2019

Blanco Vista – Ana Zigler



Blanco Vista Elementary is proud to recognize Ana Zigler as our Guest Teacher of the Year. Ms. Zigler takes pride in her job, cares for her students immensely, and is always dependable. We love Ms. Zigler so much that she is the first one we reach out to when we have a long term substitute job opportunity. Teachers can be sure that their students will continue to learn and be cared for in their teacher's absence. We are so grateful to have Ms. Zigler in our campus as part of our BVES family.

Buda Elementary – Coffey McCurdy



*Coffey McCurdy is not only our BES guest teacher of the year, she is now a Bulldog. She is so amazing we just had to hire her. Coffey has demonstrated over and over her compassion, commitment and love for our Bulldogs. She often worked with some of our most challenging students. She not only did so professionally but she was able to build connections and a rapport with many of our students. She has been a valuable asset to our team & we are thrilled to honor her as our 2018-19 Guest Teacher of the Year!
Congratulations Ms. Coffey!*

Camino Real Elementary – Kendra Reyna



Camino Real Elementary is pleased to announce Kendra Reyna as our Guest Teacher of the Year for 18-19. Kendra is a very soft spoken guest teacher with high student expectations. Her graceful energy radiates in the classroom. She has great classroom management and chooses to see the best in every student that she comes in contact with. We can always count on Kendra to be flexible, positive & willing to go where she is needed without question. She cares about students & faculty. She is CRES!

Green Elementary – Farida Yasmen



Tom Green Elementary is proud to announce Ms. Farida Yasmen as our 2018-19 Guest Teacher of the Year! Ms. Yasmen doesn't hesitate to fill in any classroom even if it's short notice. We know we can count on Ms. Yasmen as she is very reliable and flexible. Her calmness around school and in the classrooms is something to be noted. Her dependability is something that makes her stand out and her dedication to our students is remarkable. Our campus is very fortunate to have Ms. Yasmen!

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Carpenter Hill Elementary – Debbie Gough



Debbie Gough was voted the CHES Guest Teacher of the Year because of her amazing, joyous, infectious personality! Debbie always has a smile on her face and the staff and students all love having her on campus. She goes into the classroom ready to teach the students and always follows lesson plans. She also has great classroom management skills. The students continue their learning while having a great day. Debbie has accepted sub jobs at the last minute, dropping everything to come in and give us a helping hand. The teachers love having her in their classrooms because they know learning will continue to happen even when they can't be there. Debbie has been a true blessing to Carpenter Hill Elementary this year – thank you Debbie!

Elm Grove Elementary – Amanda Gregory



At Elm Grove our guest teachers are like family. There are so many great ones to choose from it is hard to name just one as our guest teacher of the year. Amanda Gregory has gone beyond that. She is flexible, reliable, great at teaching, loves our students and our students love her. We know when Amanda is in the classroom it will run as if the teacher were there. Many curve balls have been thrown at Amanda over the years and she always hits it out of the park! There has never been a situation or challenge that she has not handled perfectly. We are happy to show Amanda our absolute adoration for her by recognizing her as guest teacher of the year at EGES!

Fuentes Elementary – Susan Quinn



Susan Quinn was voted as Guest Teacher of the Year at Susie T. Fuentes Elementary, from a group of excellent Guest Teacher candidates from Hays. Susan has the demeanor which embodies what Team Hays is all about. She works tirelessly when she's at our campus. She looks for areas where her experience and quick wit will benefit our students the most. Her smile along with her professional attitude also keeps her in demand throughout our campus. We love Susan and are so proud to call her a Fuentes Star!

Negley Elementary – Angie Crites



Angie Crites has been subbing at Negley for 4 years and we have nothing but positive things to say about her. She gets along well with all children and adults. She always has a smile on her face and a positive thing to say about everyone. She helps the SBI students feel at ease and they always have a smile when she enters the room. She has been working with a particular student this year and he has made tremendous growth. She also works well with others. There is no doubt in my mind that she is always an excellent addition to the Negley Team when she is on our campus.

Hemphill Elementary – Diane Levario



We are pleased to announce Ms. Diane Levario as our Guest Teacher of the Year. Ms. Levario was previously a teacher at Hemphill. She has built a positive relationship with faculty & staff. Our students love having her in their classrooms. She has a kind spirit and really loves working with our students. She is always willing to help out where needed. Thank you, Ms. Levario!

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Kyle Elementary – Laurie Biscoe



We are honored to have Laurie Biscoe as Kyle Elementary Guest Teacher of the Year. Laurie has been a great asset to our Panther family. She has built great relationships on our campus with our teachers, students and parents. She is always professional and always willing to help out however she can. Thank you Laurie for your dedication to our children and your continued support to our campus.

Pfluger Elementary – Emma Hernandez



Pfluger Elementary is proud to announce Emma Hernandez as our Guest Teacher of the Year. Emma has become our go to person when a Guest Teacher is needed. She is always pleasant, dependable, and flexible. She is an excellent asset to our team and we appreciate all her hard work. She is part of our Pfluger family and we are very lucky to have her.

Science Hall Elementary – Krystal Cano



Science Hall Elementary is very proud to recognize Krystal Cano as our Guest Teacher of the Year. Ms. Cano has become our go-to person when a Guest Teacher is needed. Krystal's response is always "yes" whenever she is asked to take on an assignment, make a sudden change or just lend a helping hand. She has delivered more than was has been expected. Our teachers rest assured that learning will continue and our students will be well cared for when Ms. Cano is in the classroom. She is always pleasant, positive, dependable, and flexible. We are very fortunate to have Ms. Cano as part of our Science Hall Elementary success story.

Tobias Elementary – Mary Giles



Tobias Elementary is proud to recognize Mrs. Mary Giles as the Guest Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Giles is dependable and flexible and was a long-term teacher most of the school year. She is loved by all. She has gained the trust of our staff and students. We know that learning continues even in the absence of the teacher if Mrs. Giles is present. She is always positive, hard-working and teaches as if each class is her own. She is a great asset to our school! We are so fortunate to have her and pleased to have her as our Guest Teacher of the Year.

Uhland Elementary – Olga Nava



*It is with great pride that we recognize Ms. Olga Nava as Uhland's **first ever** Guest Teacher of the Year. She is professional, reliable, hardworking, kind hearted and builds amazing relationships with the staff and students. We can always count on Ms. Nava to step right in and lead in our classrooms. It has been a blessing having her at Uhland all this year and she has without a doubt made a difference in the lives of all our Roos at Uhland Elementary.*

Middle School Guest Teachers of the Year 2018-2019

Barton Middle School – Theresa Picou



Theresa Picou remained a part of the Barton family even after she retired. In the fall she subbed in many classrooms as well as helping out at cross country meets and volleyball tournaments. The spring found her stepping in as a long-term sub and helping run track meets. Theresa Picou is a team player and Barton is lucky to have her on our team.

Chapa Middle School – Halie Silhan



*We were so lucky to have found Halie Silhan as a long-term Guest Teacher. What struck me about her first was the initiative she took in making sure she was prepared for the class with detailed lesson plans from day one. Miss Silhan also took extra time on her own to get the classroom ready before her assignment. Miss Silhan is also a great communicator. I am most grateful for her tremendous amount of patience with our students. Every time we asked her how her day went, she would tell us her funniest story about one of her **'precious'** students – and I promise, always with a positive spin to her sarcasm. We didn't realize just how patient she had been with us and our students until the last day of her assignment for Mrs. Cochran in mid-April– I mean, she literally left the office...doing CARTWHEELS! It's true! It's on video. Hey, but guess what?! She **still** came back!! Ms. Silhan tutored through the end of May, and then after a well-deserved week vacation she returned for her **SECOND** long-term assignment!*

Dahlstrom Middle School – Jessica Fritz



Jessica Fritz has been a breath of fresh air since subbing for our school. She has an amazing personality and such a positive attitude first thing in the morning. Her smile lights up the classes as soon as she walks in. The students enjoy her enthusiasm in their classes. Many of our staff members have requested her to cover their classes while they are out, she does an amazing job while she is there. Mrs. Fritz not only subs but she also helps cover during STARR testing and does a great job also. She is willing to do whatever DMS needs to make our day run smooth. Thank you, Mrs. Fritz for going above and beyond and giving us your time!

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Wallace Middle School – Dana Smith Barker



Wallace Middle School is please to announce Mrs. Dana Barker as our Guest Teacher of the Year for the 2018-2019 School Year! Mrs. Barker has 2 children as in Hays CISD Schools, including one at Wallace. She volunteers her time as an active and involved parent. She is also the most consistent and reliable guest teacher that we have had here at Wallace this past year. Not only is she willing to take on any and all jobs and help where needed, but she has quickly become part of the Wallace family with her happy and helpful positive attitude. We are so thankful to have her as a parent, a guest teacher and a friend!

Simon Middle School – Amal Ouhinach



Amal is very helpful and understanding with our staff and students. She always makes the students feel welcomed when they walk into the classroom. Not a day goes by that she doesn't have a smile on her face. We can call or text her at last minute and she always answers saying I am on my way! No need to say for what class or times she answers with the same response each time. She always asks how you are doing and wants to make sure you have a wonderful day. Her smile lights up the room and oh my does she give the best hugs! You will never pass the hallway without her saying hello, good morning or good afternoon. She is always willing to help; even during conference time she will ask where she can go to assist. She is always wanting to help any way she can. Thank you for your continued support and letting us be a part of your life.

McCormick Middle School – Kim Midkiff



McCormick MS is honored to announce Kimberly Midkiff as our Guest Teacher of the Year!! Kim filled a long term position while our teacher was out at the beginning of the school year. NOT an easy task, I might add!! She owned every bit of it. She was here early and she left late most days. Kim is reliable, positive & hard-working and has a wonderful sense of humor! She is always willing to help out. She goes above and beyond for our students. She also continued to sub throughout the year whenever we needed her. Kim has been such blessing to us and will always be a part of our MMS family!!

High School Guest Teachers of the Year 2018-2019

Live Oak Academy – Connie Pfefferkorn



Connie Pfefferkorn is Live Oak Academy's Guest Teacher of the Year for the third time since 2014. Ms. Pfefferkorn is genuine in her commitment to the students at LOA. She is always excited to be here. Connie is a go-to guest teacher and most of our staff have her number in their phones. She never sits out a conference period – she always comes to the office to see how she can help. Ms. Pfefferkorn is truly a pleasure to work with.

Impact Center – Jennifer Monroe



Jennifer Monroe is the Impact Center's Guest Teacher of the Year for 2018-2019. Mrs. Monroe fit in very well at the Impact Center. She built good relationships with our students and staff. She has excellent classroom management skills. Mrs. Monroe would work individually with our students helping them with their academics and creating a trusting relationships with them. We appreciated her dependability and patience in working with our sometimes challenging students. Thank You Jennifer Monroe for all the time you spent working at the Impact!!!

Hays High School – Robin Manning



Robin Manning was chosen the HHS Guest Teacher of the year for the 2018-2019 because:

- *Very Dependable*
- *Great with the students*
- *Organized*
- *Great classroom management*
- *Awesome attitude*
- *Patient, Respectful & Punctual*

Mrs. Manning is always eager to help in any way. You can always come back to the classroom knowing that the lesson plans will be completed and room left organized. We love Mrs. Manning!

Lehman High School – Ashley Carrington



Lehman High School is proud to announce Ms. Ashley Carrington as the LHS Guest Teacher of The Year. Although Ms. Carrington has only served the Lehman Community for a short while, her character and charisma make her a stand out guest teacher. It has been a pleasure to get to know her and watch her grow as an educator. We look forward to her future endeavors, and she will always be a valued member of the pack!