

## 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 over **40,000 jobs** in the 17-18 school year. Thank you to all **610 guest teachers** who have filled them this school year with a **93% fill rate!***

## Elementary Guest Teachers of the Year 2017-2018

### **Blanco Vista – Destiny Horton**



*Blanco Vista Elementary is very proud to recognize Destiny Horton as our Guest Teacher of the Year. Ms. Horton has become our go-to person when a Guest Teacher is needed. Destiny's response is always "yes" whenever she is asked to take on an assignment, make a sudden change or just lend a helping hand. Our teachers rest assured that learning will continue and our students will be well cared for when Ms. Horton is in the classroom. She is always pleasant, dependable, and flexible. We are very fortunate to have Ms. Horton as part of our Blanco Vista family.*

### **Buda Elementary – Carol Callahan**



*BES is happy to honor Carol Callahan as our Guest Teacher of the Year. Carol subs regularly on our campus and always shows up with a smile, ready to go! She makes herself available on a moment's notice and is willing to help in all areas when called. She knows our school so well and we couldn't be happier to have her as part of our Bulldog family!*

### **Camino Real Elementary – Theresa Chavez**



*Camino Real is proud to announce Teresa Chavez as our 2017-2018 "Guest Teacher of the Year" for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. This shows all of her wonderful qualities still being recognized by our teachers. She is truly a very passionate individual that cares about students and teachers. Teresa is clearly someone that teachers can count on. She is highly requested by our teachers because of her exemplary work ethic. Teresa is also very flexible and we can always count on her to adjust to the demand at hand, without any questions. She also is a well-trained office helper. We love that she can help in all areas of our school. Teresa Chavez is still #1 at Camino Real Elementary.*

### **Green Elementary – Irina Casey**



*Our campus selection for Guest Teacher of the Year stands out for being very reliable and professional. Mrs. Irina Casey adjusts very well to any last-minute changes, always putting our students first. We love her flexibility and her willingness to step up to any of our campus needs. Mrs. Casey shows great classroom management and our teachers rest assured knowing that their students are in excellent hands while they are gone! She is an excellent asset to our team and we treasure all her hard work in our school!*

## Elementary Guest Teachers of the Year 17-18

### **Carpenter Hill Elementary – Michelle Bevers**



*Michelle Bevers was chosen as our guest teacher of the year for many reasons. She is professional and reliable, she maintains the high expectations of our campus and she has knowledge of individual students. Michelle has a calm, quiet presence about her which contributes to her success as a guest teacher. She is great about following the lesson plans that teachers leave for her and she leaves detailed notes about the day. The kids absolutely love her – some have said “Mrs. Bevers is the BEST substitute ever!” It’s always nice to come back to a classroom when Michelle has subbed because everything is neat and organized – and the lessons for the previous day have been completed. We are fortunate and grateful that Michelle has chosen CHES!*

### **Elm Grove Elementary – Brooke Paluch**



*We are pleased to announce Brooke Paluch as our Guest Teacher of the Year. Ms. Paluch has been a long-term sub for three different teachers and has subbed wherever needed throughout the year. She is always positive, hard-working and teaches as if each class is her own. Mrs. Paluch truly cares about students. When she is in the classroom it is the same as if the teacher were there. Brooke has developed great relationships with our staff and is definitely our most requested sub. She is part of our Elm Grove family and we feel so very lucky to have her.*

### **Fuentes Elementary – Holly Prine**



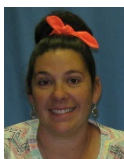
*Holly is an amazing Guest Teacher. She has worked every grade level at our school this year including Specials. Holly jumps in where ever she may be needed with a calm, peaceful, manner that has her in such demand and makes her such a positive role model to her students. She is a wonderful Guest Teacher and we are proud she represents Susie T. Fuentes Elementary!*

### **Negley Elementary – Hannah Deaver**



*Hannah has been a lifesaver this year. She has taken over a class when the planned long term job unexpectedly started very early. She covered another vacancy position for us until we could hire and then went back into her first class for more long term. She then graciously agreed to stay when the job started early again and then was extended out a month past the original end date. She has helped us more than words can describe and all with a smile on her face and kindness in her heart for her students. She is amazing!*

### **Hemphill Elementary – Charisa McBee**



*We are pleased to announce Ms. Charisa McBee as our Guest Teacher of the Year. Ms. McBee has been subbing at Hemphill for several years and has built positive relationships with faculty and staff. The students enjoy having her in their classroom. She has a kind spirit and really cares for students. She’s very dependable and is always willing to help out at a moment’s notice. She is one of our top requested guest teachers.*

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### **Kyle Elementary – Laurie Fisher**



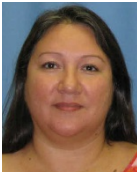
*Kyle Elementary's Guest Teacher of the Year Laurie Fisher has been a valuable asset to our staff. She can be counted on to come in and teach or fill in any classroom with short notice. She is hard working and reliable. She has a passion for encouraging students to do their best and collaborating with the staff. We appreciate Mrs. Fisher dedication to Kyle Elementary and we are thrilled to have her on campus.*

### **Pfluger Elementary – Caitlin McGuinness**



*Caitlin McGuinness has been a guest teacher for most of the second semester. From the moment she steps into a classroom, we know the kids will learn and have a great day! She is a natural teacher and created authentic relationships with our students and parents. She was willing and able to take on any and all task with ease. After finishing her student teaching, we were lucky enough to have her sub around our campus. She took on each classroom as if it were her own. We were extra lucky to have Caitlin as a long term sub for two of our kinder teachers! She slipped right into the teacher role and did a wonderful job with each class! The students did not skip a beat! We are honored to have her on our campus! She is well deserving and we know her future as an educator is bright!*

### **Science Hall Elementary – Diana Olvera**



*Throughout my years at Hays CISD, I have met some of the hardest working, respectable guest teachers, that take pride, and responsibility in all they do. Diana Olvera is one of those people, she is an asset to Science Hall Elementary School, she is very well liked by all staff, we appreciate all she has done this year for us, how she stepped in our kinder class this year to help out one of our teachers on maternity leave. We couldn't have done it without her willingness to be such a great part of our kinder team. The students have really enjoyed having her in the classroom. We look forward to her returning next year. Thank you, Diana, for your passion for student learning, flexibility, positivity, hard work and dedication to our staff, to our students, to our parents and to our community.*

### **Tobias Elementary – Janera Miller**



*Tobias Elementary is proud to recognize Mrs. Janera Miller as the Guest Teacher of the Year. She is the first we call when we are in a need of a sub, and she is always willing to help us. Mrs. Miller is dependable and flexible. She has gained the trust of our staff and students. We know that learning continues even in the absence of the teacher if Mrs. Miller is present. 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.*

## Middle School Guest Teachers of the Year 2017-2018

### **Barton Middle School – James Wiseman**



*Congratulations to James Wiseman for being selected as our Barton Guest Teacher of the Year for 2018! Mr. Wiseman is respected by both our staff and our students for his professionalism. We appreciate how he contributes to our learning environment and demonstrates enthusiasm for teaching. He is well trusted among the staff at Barton, as our “go to” guy. His passion for education is acknowledged through his daily efforts. He greets students at the door, he follows lesson plans thoroughly, he demonstrates genuine concern for all student’s well-being. He communicates thoroughly with the teacher he is providing service for. He goes unnoticed as a guest teacher and more noticed as another teacher on campus! We wish him much success in all of his future endeavors! Peace, Love, and Bobcat!*

### **Chapa Middle School – Megan Frazier**



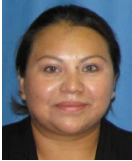
*Ms. Frazier has been an amazing long term sub for Amanda Henke. She came in over the holidays to prepare for the Spring. She also agreed to allow us to observe her for co-teach walkthrough so she could use the feedback to get better as a teacher. She is open to feedback and immediately implements the changes she sees to improve instruction for her kids. She takes time and tutors them after school and makes phone calls to parents. She is calm and enjoys teaching our kids at CMS. She not only does great in the classroom but she comes to after school events to see the kids. She has easily become one of the members of our faculty since she has been on campus so long. She is a team player and asset to our campus.*

### **Dahlstrom Middle School – Larson Frost**



*Larson has been a wonderful addition to our extended Dahlstrom Family. Mr. Frost has been with us throughout the entire year, and has always been able to just go with the flow, pick up and move and do whatever coverage is asked of him. He has enjoyed getting to know our students, has built positive relationships with them, and is always a welcome face to everyone on campus. Thank you Mr. Frost for going above and beyond. You are true gem!*

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### **Wallace Middle School – Sarahi Hernandez Lopez**

*Ms. Hernandez has 2 children as students at our campus. 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 year. Not only is she willing to take 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 – Paul Thompson**

*Mr. Thompson is the guest teacher of the year for 2017 – 2018. When he is in the classroom as a guest teacher he has a way of getting students to follow directions and his expectations. When we ask students why they are so well behaved for Mr. Thompson many of their answers are very similar;*

*“He is nice.” “Mr. Thompson is respectful to us.” “He tells us the rules.” “He shares personal stories and experiences.” “He makes up songs about various things that are going on in class.” “He is fair.” “He is always in a good mood.” “We like him because he comes back to Simon so we know him.” “He is himself, he doesn’t try to act like someone else.”*

*All of these statements from students not only tell what type of teacher Mr. Thompson is for Simon Middle School, they speak to what type of person he is. Mr. Thompson has the ability to build a relationship and positive rapport with students, making him a valuable member on the Simon Wolverine team. When he is filling in for a teacher the students are comfortable and complete their assignments, which gives the classroom teacher much needed peace of mind. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to our students at Simon Middle School.*



### **McCormick Middle School – Julie Castillo**

*Julie Castillo has been such a vital part of the MMS Family this year. She is always willing to go above and beyond in her assigned jobs and does it with a smile. We definitely would not have been able to finish out the year smoothly without her. We appreciate all she does for our campus. We are proud and honored to have her as our Guest Teacher of the Year!!*

## High School Guest Teachers of the Year 2017-2018

### **Live Oak Academy – Joel Matthews**



*Mr. Joel Matthews is Live Oak Academy's Guest Teacher of the Year...for the second year in a row! Previously, he was Guest Teacher of the Year at Dahlstrom Middle School -- TWICE! Anyone who meets him knows why. It is said attitude is everything, and he has a wonderful attitude. Mr. Matthews truly seems excited to be here. Many students know him from other campuses and he seems to remember them in return. He is patient, respectful, helpful, punctual, and reliable. His commitment to students and colleagues, his professionalism, and his kindness all add up to a wonderful man. Mr. Matthews views his role as more than a job or stand in for the teacher. He views his guest teaching as a calling and service to others. This is apparent in his genuine interaction with both faculty and students on campus. Always bright, he is there to encourage and uplift all who meet him.*

### **Impact Center – Julia DeLeon**



*The Impact Center is excited to announce Julia DeLeon as our Guest Teacher of the Year for the second year in a row! Ms. DeLeon has become a cherished part of our team helping us with everything from long term sub jobs to helping set up our luncheons, and everything in between. Our staff knows they can trust her with our students and classrooms. The Impact Iguanas consider Ms. DeLeon a significant part of our "lizard lounge". Thank you for your continued service and support to our program, and caring for our students with compassion.*

### **Hays High School – MaryAnn Clarke**



*MaryAnn Clarke is Amazing. You can tell that she has a heart of gold while she is in the classroom. She is very dedicated to the students and also to the teacher she is subbing for. You can guarantee that when you return to the class everything will be completed and organized.*

*MaryAnn has gone far and beyond any other guest teacher. Just name a few things that she has done.*

- *Grading and organizing during her conference time*
- *Parent meetings with dept chair and/or admin*
- *Tutoring*

*Thank you, Ms. Clarke for your dedication. We love you.*

### **Lehman High School – Ann McReynolds**



*Ms. McReynolds goes above and beyond what is expected of a guest teacher. She always is willing to fill in at a moment's notice - in any capacity. She is always on time, early actually, and handles every classroom with aplomb. Ann is my right hand. She gives the new guest teachers a tour of the school, shows them to their assigned room and helps them get started. She also puts away the guest teacher folders from the day before. LHS is proud to name Ms. Ann McReynolds the 2018*

*Guest Teacher of the Year!*