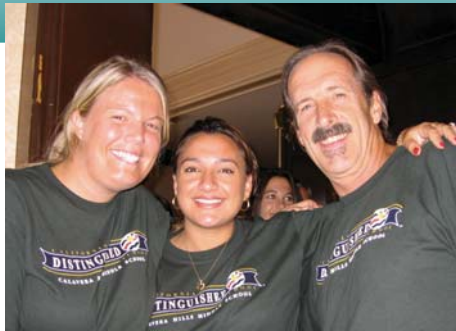




Welcome Back, CUSD-ers!



Heather Embrey, Marisa Tatar and Tom Palenscar are dressed for the distinguished success they have earned at Calavera Hills Middle School.

It's no wonder that Carlsbad Unified School District is on its way toward becoming a world-class district. We have a world-class staff!

Here is a look at some of the people who took time out amid the hugs, handshakes and hearty hellos at the August 23 Welcome Back celebration to smile for the camera and share their thoughts.

Building Rapport

"The upcoming construction at Carlsbad High will be a challenge for me as I teach Spanish," Linda says, explaining, "Language students need to hear clearly." Nevertheless, she is undaunted: "In the long run, it's going to be wonderful!"



Linda Scott, Carlsbad High; and Suzi Koepping, Aviara Oaks Middle School

Music is her Bag

It's obvious from her tote bag that Katie teaches band. "I love my job," confirms this fairly new kid on the block. "It's a great District. Great neighborhood. Great school. Great kids." Exuding energy, it's obvious that Katie is a great teacher!



Katie Browne, Aviara Oaks Middle School

He's Ready to Paint the Town

Groundsman Nicolas Morales has been helping keep District schoolgrounds pristine since 1991. Attending this early morning celebration was a piece of cake for him, since his workday begins at 6 am. Nicolas is enjoying the gathering, but keeps his eye on the clock; he has a big day ahead. "We're painting the high school football field for a scrimmage this afternoon."



Nicolas Morales, Groundsman

A Special Teacher for Special Kids

"I swear I didn't leave my job as an LAPD Dispatcher due to jokes about my last name," Trena chuckles. She takes her job as Special Education Instructional Assistant very seriously. "I love assisting children so they can manage their daily activities." If she encounters problematic behavior, Trena just harks back to her police days, shows a stern but loving countenance and declares, "You WILL do this and then you will be able to eat your lunch."



Trena Lawless, Poinsettia Elementary

Imagination Soars



Webmaster Sharan Merchant is herself no stranger to art and design, but even this expert was wowed by Erik Wahl's demonstration of creativity. She notes, "Erik's presentation was both exciting and inspiring. His incredible energy and talent are just amazing. I found myself thinking, I'd like some of whatever he had for breakfast!"

Look for more of Erik's work, coming soon on our District website.

Artist, Erik Wahl

Welcome Back to Each of You. Now Let's Go and Make it a Great Year!