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SPOTLIGHT: MEET THE 5 NHES INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS

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Diana Jennings - Kindergarten: This is Diana's 16th year at NHES. Her daughter (22yrs.) attended school at NHES. You can find Diana in all four kindergarten classes supporting reading and math, projects and lesson preparation. You can also find her artist husband, Gary Miltimore, around school painting areas like the hallways, library, multi-purpose room and playgroup backboards.

Allie Hodges - K – 3rd + 6th Grade: This is Allie's second year at NHES. Allie has a 2nd grader attending NHES. You can find Allie working with small groups focusing on letters and sounds, guiding reading groups and assisting with math lessons. Allie's goal is to build up the children's confidence in a positive learning environment!



Patty Villanpando - 1st/3rd/4th/6th: This is Patty's 3rd year at NHES. Patty is the proud mother of her successful 16 yr. old son who attends Costa Mesa H.S. You can find Patty working with 1st graders on SIPPS, in 3rd/4th grade working with small reading level groups, and during math rotation in 6th grade. Patty experiences the benefit of small group teaching when she sees smiles on the children's faces who are excited to learn and enthusiastically apply the strategies she's taught them!



Sheryl Hiramoto - K-2nd +4th: This is Sheryl's 2nd year at NHES. Sheryl's 2 children graduated from NHES. Her son is in the 8th grade at Ensign Intermediate School and her daughter is a Junior at NHHS. Sheryl highlighted the growth of a student from Kindergarten to 1st grade as she watched the student move from learning basic phonics to now reading short stories. Sheryl loves taking part in the student's educational growth!



Connie Estrella - K-2nd + 5th: Connie moved from Las Vegas, NV to Newport Beach in 2016. Connie has a Kindergartener attending NHES. You can find Connie working with small groups in Kindergarten on things such as letter recognition, 1st grade introducing new sight words and also assisting students with math. Connie experiences the children's sense of accomplishment as they grow a love for reading and learning in school!



These Instructional Assistants are working directly with students in the classroom on **content and curriculum needs.**

MEET THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT- Ryan Tomalas

Ryan Tomalas and his wife Amy have been part of NHES family since 2010 when their son Blake (now a 7th grader at Ensign) entered Kindergarten. Ryan is now in his 8th year as a volunteer Board member; serving 2 years as the Foundation VP before taking over his current role as President in 2016. With their daughter, Lily, currently in 2nd Grade (Ms. Bunge), he looks forward to supporting the Foundation for many years to come (albeit in a reduced capacity after his term expires at the end of this school year). Ryan grew up in Newport Beach (NHHS class of 1993) and is now an attorney and partner at the Tomalas Law Firm (specializing in representing injury victims against insurance companies). In his free time he enjoys spending time with his family at the beach, coaching youth sports, traveling, golfing, skiing and drinking great wine!



DID YOU KNOW?.....

Studies show small group learning can provide flexible teaching, inspire confidence, enhance feedback and build teamwork.

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