

RANCHO SANTA MARTA

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Rod & Tina's Corner

Mexico is reducing summer vacation for teachers. Our teachers' school year begins August 14 and operates until July 18. That is only a four-week summer break, a drastic change of an 8 week vacation they enjoyed three years ago. The shorter schedule is a bittersweet situation for us at the home: bitter because four weeks goes awfully quick and sweet because our children need that school schedule structure. They perform well under a structured, planned out schedule and our school classrooms provide that daily routine. As of the writing of this newsletter we have not received our high school permit yet from the high school education department in Mexicali, but what we would like to present is a list of our 2017-18 teachers for the coming year to give you an idea of who we employ and what they do. Our school is highly recommended in our area and that is a result of the quality of staff and training they receive from Tina and other invited experts during the year. Keeping the quality of education at a high level at Colegio Santa Marta comes from not only the hard work from our teachers but also the quality of service that is offered. From the chart you can see that we offer many extra curricular classes. Our philosophy is that every child can learn. Some children do well sitting at their desks and listening to the teacher lecture, but most children learn by touching, sharing, interacting and doing as they collaborate on different projects. Most of our special education students are included periodically into the regular classroom and integrated into the extra curriculum classes helping them with their social skills and educational skills as they paint, play sports and work on computer assignments together. Employing competent staff is an investment that we believe is necessary to provide a quality education for both our ranch children and for the community. Thank you for taking part in this educational venture. It is not possible without your financial and prayer support. Continue to pray with us as we approach the new school year. Pray the funds come in to pay our teachers for the hard work and dedication to Colegio Santa Marta's students.

Thank You June Groups!

- St. John's Episcopal Church and Faith Lutheran Church of Chico, CA
- Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church and Bayside Church of Sacramento, CA
- Covenant Presbyterian Church of Sharon, PA and WestGate Church of San Jose, CA

Check out our website for more group photos and information.
www.ranchosantamarta.org



2017-18 Teachers

GRADE	STAFF MEMBER	POSITION
K	Regina Morales	Teacher
K	Cariño Lawrence	English Teacher / Speech therapist K-9th
K	David	Aide
1 st & 2 nd	Adriana Cisneros	Teacher - Math
1 st & 2 nd	Gisela	Teacher – Lang. Arts
1 st , 2 nd	Verónica	Aide
3 rd , 4 th	Reyna Morales	Teacher – Lang. Arts
3 rd , 4 th	Marco Antonio A.	Teacher – Math
3 rd , 4 th	Elizabeth	Aide
5 th , 6 th	Lucía Tarifa	Teacher – Math
5 th , 6 th	Marisela C./Mónica	Teacher – Lang. Arts
5 th , 6 th	Guadalupe H.	Aide
1 st – 6 th	Ibeth Gámez	English Teacher
Spec Ed 1 st – 4 th	Angélica Barrios	Teacher – Lang. Arts
Spec Ed 1 - 4 th / Junior high trade class	Rosalva Perez	Teacher – Math/ Sewing for Trade class
7 – 9	María de Carmen	Teacher Science
7 – 9	Carmen E.	Teacher – Lang. Arts
7 – 9	Roxana	Teacher – Math
7 – 9	Yolani	Teacher – Hist.
7 – 9	Fabiola	Teacher - Ethics
7 – 9	Grant	English
K-9 th	Jonathan L.	Art
K-9 th	Mario A.	PE
K-9 th	David Torres	Computer
K-9 th	Ignacio	Music
Spec Ed 7-9	Arelia Tapia	Teacher/VP Jr High
Spec Ed 7-9	Carolina López	Teacher
K-9 th	Denise Lee	Occup. Therapy
K-9 th	Anahi Bañaga	Psychologist
K-9 th	Irma Garate	Psychologist
K-9 th	Gisela/Viviana	Substitute
Spec Ed/Elem	Rosalba Mercado	Secretary
K /7-9	Daniela Camacho	Secretary
K-9 th	Belia Santoyo	Janitor
K-9 th	Irma Serafin	Janitor
K-9 th	Maritza Castañeda	Chef
All Grades	Rod Struiksma	Principals #1 fan!
K-9 th & Spec Ed	Tina Struiksma	Principal
K-9 th	Milly Shold	Teacher: Intervention
Spec Ed 7-9	Steve Shold	Teacher: carpentry, electrician
Spec Ed 7-9	Jerónimo Lopez	Teacher: masonry, agriculture
Spec Ed 7-9	Tali Espinoza	Teacher: welding, small motors



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Staff Spotlight

House parents for a home for children is one of the hardest positions to fill. We have inaugurated the Victor house back in May, 2017 but we continue to search for a couple to join our current staff, people who will give their lives to caring and loving on Santa Marta kids. It is definitely a calling from the Lord. We are very grateful for the house parents that we do have and we would like to present Hector and Alejandra and their two children, Mateo and Sofia. They will complete one year this August in our boys house. It was a very difficult first months when they arrived. They were compared to the former house parents, were yelled at, kicked at, and just treated without respect. We had to reprimand the boys for their misconduct but also understanding that they were testing their new house parents. Imagine their point of view where you become accustomed to your new "parents" after a couple of years and then another comes in to take their place and the process starts all over again. Of course they are going to test, and Hector and Alejandra had their car packed on a couple of occasions. Praise the Lord they have stuck it out and now they are doing a super job. Our children need a firm but loving voice in the houses and they have discovered how to accomplish this with the boys. They need our prayer support as well as the other three houses and continue to pray for another couple to come in so we can begin to use our new Victor house.



Hector, Alejandra, Mateo & Sofia



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In Memory:

Mr/Mrs Bert and Donna Hill of Gold River, CA in memory of Donna's sister - Diana Johnson.

Joanne Gibson and Jeanne Morgan of Seal Beach, CA in memory of their parents, Mr/Mrs Sterling Sharp.

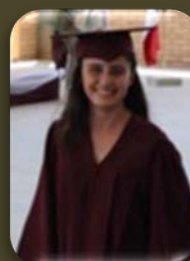
In memory of Robert (Bob) Lee - Denise's Dad: Art and Marilyn Bervin of Philomath, OR and Adam & Marilyn Wosick of Corvallis, OR

Con-Graduations!

We are so excited for our graduates this year! Sobeida and Esperanza graduated from high school in Ensenada. They both applied to the government university. Esperanza wants to be an orthodontist and Sobeida a teacher. Cassandra, their sister, graduated from special education junior high at Colegio Santa Marta. She will be staying at the ranch helping out in the school. Esmeralda is our kindergarden graduate. She will pass on to 1st grade next year!!



Esmeralda



Cassandra



Esperanza
& Tina



Sobeida
& Monica