
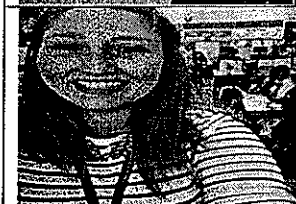





Special
Edition: Meet
the new Staff

The Taylor Times

A newspaper for & written by leaders, learners, and thinkers

This is a special edition of the Taylor times to introduce the new teachers at Taylor Leadership Academy. We are so happy that we got so many great new teachers to help us become leaders, learners, and thinkers. We are so grateful that they wanted to be teachers and then they chose to work here at Taylor. We really enjoyed getting to know them and we hope you do too! They shared really fun information about themselves. Thanks to the new staff members for giving us great exclusive interviews! We love you.

	<p>Mr. Tominaga is a brand new teacher to Taylor and he is teaching 3rd grade. He went to Humphrey's College and decided to be a teacher because he loves straight lines and waking up early! His hobbies include: weight lifting and Pokemon Go! We know Mr. Tominaga loves to joke because at his old school he changed his name to "Mister" so people called him Mister Mr. Tominaga!</p>
	<p>Ms. Borges-Vaz is another new addition to Taylor's teaching staff. She is teaching first grade and graduated from the University of the Pacific. She wanted to become a teacher to show students that learning is fun and to make sure students love to learn forever. She has some really cool hobbies: art, painting, drawing, and museum visits!</p>
	<p>Ms. Betterton is a brand new teacher to Taylor. She is teaching 1st grade this year! Ms. Betterton is a graduate of WGU and WNMU! She has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree. She wanted to be a teacher to make a difference and because she loves kids so much. She loves reading, walking, and visiting the beach.</p>
	<p>Mrs. Vue is our brand new 2nd grade teacher! She is an alumni of CSU Stanislaus. She wanted to become a teacher to educate students and be someone whom they can depend on. When she's not at school she loves to hang out with her family, go to the beach, see movies, and do arts and crafts! She has a 6 month year old daughter to do all those things with!</p>
	<p>Mr. Kemether is our brand new 7th grade language arts and social studies teacher. He went to Fresno Pacific University for college. He wanted to become a teacher to share all the knowledge he has been cramming in his head for years! When he's not sharing knowledge he is reading, visiting museums, fishing, or swimming. A fun fact about Mr. K is his two front teeth are fake!</p>

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Mrs. Bruns is our brand new sixth grade teacher. She is an alumni of Stanislaus State. She wanted to become a teacher so that she could change the world but helping kids. When she is not here teaching 6th grade she is probably doing art, ceramics, or scrap booking. She wants to students of Taylor to know that you can come to her if you need something anytime. She loves to help and share ideas! She is very loving and always wants to help any student of Taylor.



Welcome to Taylor Ms. Ruiz. She is our new 5th grade teacher. She is a graduate of Sacramento State. She wanted to become a teacher to help others, make a difference in students' lives, and change the world. When she isn't here at Taylor she loves to hike, watch movies, and spend time with her families. She wants the students of Taylor to know that she loves to laugh and hear jokes! So swing by her room and tell her your best joke!



Taylor got so lucky because we got Mrs. Hajar. She is a new 3rd grade teacher! She graduated from CSU Stanislaus. Mrs. Hajar wanted to become a teacher because she was inspired by her own 5th grade teacher and motivated by a counselor to teach. When she isn't teaching she is probably shopping, reading, cooking, and spending time with her one year old. She wants all the kids to know that she is really clumsy! So be careful not to trip her!



Another new addition to Taylor is Mrs. Padilla-Minter. She is a brand new Kindergarten teacher! She graduated from University of the Pacific. She wanted to become a teacher because she loves helping others be successful. In her free time Mrs. Padilla-Minter likes to listen to music, do art, work in the garden, and ride her bike. She wants the students of Taylor to know she loves to paint and really likes cats and dogs!



Mrs. Griffith is also new to Taylor school. She is teaching 2nd grade this year. She is a college graduate of Cal State East Bay and Teachers College of San Joaquin. She wanted to become a teacher to inspire students to never give up and to follow their dreams. When she's not teaching she loves to swim, sing, and play with her daughter. She also let us know she loves Disney stuff and school supplies!



Mrs. Miles is Taylor's brand new P.E. teacher. She went to college at Sonoma State. She wanted to become a teacher because she loves working with kids and she wants to change her students' lives. In her free time Mrs. Miles likes to swim, cook, take pictures, and build doll houses. Something really cool about her is she just swam to Alcatraz from San Francisco! She wants all the students to know you can do anything if you put your mind to it!

The Taylor Times staff welcomes you to our school. We are so happy you work here!

Thank you for choosing to be a teacher!