

**Del Mar Union School District  
Classified Employees of the Month  
March 2017**



**Ashley Falls School – Jen Whalen, Special Education Aide**

Jen Whalen is Ashley Falls' Employee of the Month! She is an outstanding instructional aide who is always willing to do whatever it takes to support her students. Jen has a unique ability to connect with students and is able to skillfully adjust supports (academically & socially) to ensure they are making amazing progress. She is trustworthy, flexible, and always has a positive attitude! We are so fortunate to have Jen here to support our students, staff, and families!



**Carmel Del Mar School – Day Yantis-Joudrey, LVN/Special Education Aide**

CDM is pleased to honor Day Yantis-Joudrey with the March Employee of the Month. As a dedicated and thorough nurse assigned to our Special Day Class, she cares for the physical well-being of all students in this classroom and ensures their medical needs are met with precision. Mrs. Yantis-Joudrey is also a caring member of our staff and greater community. She greets everyone with a smile, goes out of her way to say hello, and is eager to help whenever there is a need. CDM is fortunate to have such a wonderful nurse who is dedicated to some very special students on campus. Congratulations Day!



**Del Mar Heights School – Sarah Jurewicz, Night Custodian**

This month Del Mar Heights would like to recognize the hard work, dedication, and commitment of Night Custodian, Sarah Jurewicz. Sarah is always willing to step up and go the extra mile for our entire school community. Sarah is there when needed; not only ready to help, but is there with a smile on her face. Thank you Sarah for everything you do!



### **Del Mar Hills Academy – Jenna Ellis, Administrative Assistant**

Del Mar Hills is delighted to announce Jenna Ellis as our selection for March Employee of the Month! Jenna is our school's Administrative Assistant and serves as the first person to greet students, staff, and family members on a daily basis. She is welcoming, friendly, and sets a tone of warmth and caring that permeates the front office and can be felt by anyone as they enter our campus.

Jenna is calm, extremely efficient, supportive, and takes everything in stride. She is often willing and able to jump in and brainstorm ways to solve difficult problems. On any given day, requests are presented to Jenna from every direction and she handles each one with a smile, an amazing sense of humor, and an "I've got this" attitude that is second to none!

Jenna Ellis has been a member of the Del Mar Hills team for the past five school years and is a great person to turn to whenever we need help in making something seemingly impossible, possible. Jenna is fun-loving, truly enjoys her work, brings laughter and upbeat energy to our front office, and positively impacts the lives of all she touches here at Del Mar Hills. Congratulations Jenna, we are grateful for your leadership in our school!



### **Ocean Air School – Karrie Beach, Office Assistant**

Ocean Air is pleased to announce Karrie Beach as our Employee of the Month! Karrie has been with us for over four years, and during that time she has become an integral member of our team. As our Office Assistant, she makes everyone who walks through our doors feel welcome and has never failed to greet anyone with a smile. Her encouraging attitude and willingness to go above and beyond to support both our students and teachers, makes her an irreplaceable presence at our school. Her patience and kindness as our CNS resource is unmatched and she consistently makes sure our students are safe and sound during lunch. Karrie has also been a vital part of our administrative team, managing our school site budget. She is the ultimate team player and is always ready to support our students, teachers and parents in any way she can. Everyone who meets Karrie has nothing but glowing things to say about her and her positive attitude makes her an ideal representative of our school. We are so lucky to have Karrie call Ocean Air her home and cannot imagine our school without her. Congratulations Karrie!



### **Sage Canyon School – Samantha Scholten, Special Education Aide**

Sage Canyon is pleased to announce our Employee of the Month for March, Samantha Scholten. Samantha is consistent, professional and shows great problem solving skills. She is a hard worker that promotes quality work with students and has high behavior management skills and knowledge. Her positive attitude with students is palpable and her leadership with other staff members is evident in the special day classroom. Samantha always takes that extra step in supporting other aides and has been a great addition to our family here at Sage Canyon.



### **Sycamore Ridge School – Juan Rios, Plant Manager**

Juan Rios is highly dedicated to his job, keeping Sycamore Ridge beautiful and safe. He performs his job to the highest standard, taking pride in all he does and always with a smile. Juan's happy smile and warm demeanor are a huge part of what makes Sycamore Ridge such a great place. Juan has a "can do" positive attitude with every person he interacts with! He is a valuable member of our team and is very deserving to be honored as Sycamore Ridge Employee of the Month.



### **Torrey Hills School – Angela Darrock, Administrative Assistant**

Torrey Hills is thrilled to announce Angela Darrock, Administrative Assistant, as our Classified Employee of the Month. Mrs. Darrock goes above and beyond to help families, students, teachers, staff, and visitors to feel welcome at Torrey Hills. She reaches out to all of our new families to learn about their specific needs including providing materials in their home languages, learning the stories of each family, and inviting them to all upcoming events at school. Mrs. Darrock is also conscientious and supportive of teachers and staff, making sure they have everything they need in a timely manner. She is incredibly knowledgeable of all the requirements of her job and keeps our school running smoothly. Mrs. Darrock is a well-loved and valued member of the Torrey Hills family whose enthusiasm and caring for people shines through every day.



**Early Childhood Education – Nicole Odwazny, Early Childhood Instructional Assistant - Preschool**

Nicole Odwazny has been with DMUSDs ECDC for 13 years because she loves spending her work time with the younger ones in our Preschool combo room. Day to Day, Mrs. Nicole is an integral part of her classroom team. She shows commitment to the children through creative, age appropriate, play based lesson contributions and a warm and welcoming personality that students and parents enjoy. She is consistently a willing and flexible team player to her colleagues and seeks out professional learning opportunities to improve her practice. Ms. Nicole's favorite time in class is taking anecdotal observations of the children and noting what amazing ideas they come up with. Nicole has an AA in Child Development, a BA in History, and holds an Early Childhood Site Supervisor Permit. The ECDC is proud to name Nicole Odwazny as March employee of the month.



**District Office – Stephanie Tobin, ABA/Behavior Specialist Assistant**

In her role as ABA/Behavior Specialist Assistant, Stephanie assists the Board Certified Behavior Analyst with a multitude of tasks in support of instructional programs for students with behavioral needs. Some of her duties include, setting up data collection systems, analyzing these data, and training team members to effectively implement behavioral intervention strategies. Stephanie is incredibly hardworking, is an excellent communicator, and provides exceptional care to her clients.