

# Monte Vista Elementary School

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Dear Monte Vista Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! As the new principal of Monte Vista Elementary, I am honored to have the opportunity to lead a school with such a legacy of success and so many points of pride! This year marks my 26<sup>th</sup> year in education. I joined Glendale Unified School District in 1998 as a teacher at Horace Mann Elementary. Beginning in 2010, I served as a Teacher Specialist at Balboa and Columbus, followed by Toll Middle School in 2015. In 2016, I was promoted to assistant principal of Monte Vista. During the past five years I have had the pleasure to observe and admire the dedication of our staff, the support of our parents and the grit of our students. My experiences during this time will allow for a seamless transition as I move into the role of principal.

My goal is to continue the academic excellence that exists at our school by collaboratively working with all stakeholders to facilitate Monte Vista's mission of "striving to ensure a safe and supportive environment, with high expectations, where students are prepared to meet the challenges of a social and academic environment and to be successful in a diverse society." This will feel like a whole new experience for all of us: some students returned to in-person learning the last few months of school in smaller class sizes, some were distance learning for a year and a half, and this year we have our new families who will be joining the Monte Vista community. We are all approaching this new school year with some uncertainties, but we will all get through it together.

In addition to the anticipation of returning to school, we'll also have the excitement of having the construction of our new building! I will do my utmost to facilitate this project so that it will have the least impact on our school's everyday function. The 2021-22 school year promises to be an interesting year during which we will be "*Building*" *Back Together*, our theme for the year. I am eager and excited for our school and our parents to work together, as members of the Monte Vista "construction crew," to build our students up for the future by supporting them academically, socially and emotionally as they return to in-person instruction.

Check your emails for our newsletter, Pawprints, which will have information for this upcoming week. Here's to a new rewarding and successful new school year! I will see you in a few days!

Sincerely,

Hury Babayan  
Principal