

Hello Ramona Elementary School Staff and Community.

I am honored and humbled to join the Thunderbird family this upcoming school year! As your new principal, I look forward to joining this wonderful community and am eager to work with our amazing students, families, and staff.

I was born and raised in Oxnard by two immigrant parents who came to this country to provide their children with opportunities for a better future. I have two sisters and one brother who are educators and who I am lucky to call my best friends. Together with my husband, we are raising three children and two dogs. I am a product of Larsen Elementary, Blackstock Jr. High, Channel Islands High School, UCSB, and Cal Lutheran University.



Education has always been my passion, and I firmly believe that every student deserves a supportive and nurturing environment in which they can thrive. As an advocate for student success, my primary goal is to create a school culture that promotes academic achievement, personal growth, and well-being for each and every student under our care.

I firmly believe that the education system thrives when parents are actively involved and engaged in their child's learning journey. As a principal, I am committed to establishing open lines of communication, fostering positive relationships, and ensuring that parents' voices are heard. I understand the invaluable role parents play in their children's education, and I am dedicated to creating a partnership that promotes collaboration, transparency, and mutual respect between our school and families.

Equally important is recognizing and appreciating the remarkable work done by our dedicated and talented teachers and staff. I firmly believe that teachers are the heart and soul of any educational institution and I have an open-door policy. I am committed to providing teachers and staff with the necessary support, resources, and professional development opportunities to enhance their teaching practice. By cultivating a culture of collaboration, innovation, and continuous growth, we can empower our teachers to create exceptional learning experiences that inspire our students.

In addition to my commitment to student success, parent engagement, and teacher support, I bring 20 years of experience in the educational field. I have served the Oxnard community in multiple capacities. I taught English and Spanish at Pacifica High school and was a cross country and track coach. I taught at Soria K-8, was a Teacher on Special Assignment for English Learners Services and am currently an Assistant Principal at Frank Academy. My previous roles have provided me with a strong foundation in fostering a positive school climate, implementing effective instructional strategies, and cultivating a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students.

I firmly believe that education is a collective effort, and together, we can create an exceptional learning community where every student has the opportunity to reach their fullest potential. I am excited to collaborate with the exceptional staff, engage with our vibrant parent community, and make a positive impact on the lives of our students at Ramona Elementary.

With Gratitude,
Cristina Huizar