

# JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT



**2024-2025  
EMPLOYEES of the YEAR**

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## *2024-2025 CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEE of the YEAR*

### JEFFERSON SCHOOL

### LORI SCOTT

The 2024-2025 Jefferson School Teacher of the Year is Lori Scott. Ms. Scott has been a teacher in the Jefferson School District since 2000! She has dedicated her time and energy for those years in our Special Day Class.

Ms. Scott goes above and beyond to support her students. She makes sure the students have a safe place in her classroom and that they feel welcomed and valued each day they are with her. Something I really enjoy about her is that she makes sure to bring laughter and joy into her classroom. She is quick to crack a joke and make sure she gets a smile from someone that might be feeling down. She doesn't just teach, she inspires and motivates. She takes the time to get to know each and every one of her students so she can support them in any ways they need. That's powerful.

She not only builds relationships with her students, but with parents and staff too. She goes out of her way to make sure that her families feel supported, valued, and a part of their child's education. I have personally seen her do whatever it takes to make sure that the families of her students are connected to what they are doing in the class and at school on a daily basis. She also embraces staff and has built not only strong relationships, but friendships. She welcomes in new staff and makes sure they feel a part of the family here at Jefferson. Her and I have a very strong connection and I always know where to go when I need a quick fix of chocolate or a Coke Zero!

As a Principal... you hope for teachers like Ms. Scott. You hope that you can find teachers that truly put students first and show outrageous love every single day. To find someone that inspires and motivates our students is an absolute win and we are winning everyday Ms. Scott is with us at Jefferson.

Please join me in congratulating Lori Scott on her award!



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## *2024-2025 CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE of the YEAR*

### JEFFERSON SCHOOL

### TIFFANIE HEBEN

The 2024-2025 Jefferson School District and San Joaquin County Office of Education Classified Employee of the Year is Tiffanie Heben. Ms. Heben has been with Jefferson School and with our library since 2019.

Ms. Heben has transformed our library into a vibrant, welcoming hub of creativity and learning. Whether students are building robots, diving into other STEAM related projects, exploring art activities, or simply enjoying some engaging games, she has created an environment where curiosity and imagination thrive. Beyond the activities, what truly sets her apart is her ability to connect with students—building genuine relationships that make every child feel seen and supported. They know that the library is a safe space for them to visit and they trust Ms. Heben.

In addition, Ms. Heben teaches classes for 5th and 6th grade covering various topics and highlighting different authors! She is always up to date on current events and honorary months (like Black History and Women's History month) and has out displays for students to see and ask questions. Our library is ALIVE and we can thank Ms. Heben for that.

As impressive as all of this is, the most impressive thing to me is that Ms. Heben does all of that with a smile on her face and love in her heart. She truly “does it for the kids,” and enjoys coming to work. The connections she has made with students and staff over the years are powerful and Jefferson would not be the same without her. We are so fortunate to have her on campus. She is dedicated and committed to Jefferson and her duties and has clearly gone above and beyond to service our school community.

Please join me in congratulating Tiffanie Heben on her award!



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**TOM HAWKINS SCHOOL**

**CHRISTOPHER FLECKNER**

It's my great honor today to recognize someone who truly exemplifies what it means to be an outstanding educator and colleague at Tom Hawkins School — our Employee of the Year, Chris Fleckner

Chris brings something special to our school every single day. Whether it's a warm smile in the hallway, an encouraging word to a student, or a helping hand to a fellow staff member, he always leads with kindness and professionalism. Chris is the first to step up when extra support is needed, never hesitating to go the extra mile — often before anyone even asks.

On top of that, Chris' mastery of our sound system and school technology has been a game-changer. From school assemblies to classroom tech needs, he quietly ensures that everything runs smoothly, helping all of us focus on what matters most — our students.

Chris' positive spirit, reliability, and dedication have made a lasting impact on our staff, our students, and our school culture.

Please join me in congratulating Chris Fleckner, our 2025 Employee of the Year!





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### TOM HAWKINS SCHOOL

It is my absolute honor and privilege to recognize an extraordinary member of our school community—our Classified Employee of the Year, Ms. Kelly Phipps.

As the heart of our library, Kelly goes far beyond checking out books and shelving returns. She creates a vibrant, welcoming space where students don't just read—they experience the magic of stories. Whether it's through her innovative flashlight reading sessions that turn ordinary reading time into a thrilling adventure, or the ever-popular book café where students "taste test" different genres, Kelly transforms the library into a place of discovery, imagination, and joy.

Kelly, thank you for your never ending commitment, your tireless efforts, and your incredible heart. You have made our school better, brighter, and more inspired. We are truly lucky to have you.

Congratulations, Kelly—our Classified Employee of the Year!

### KELLY PHIPPS



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### MONTICELLO SCHOOL

### ALEXIS IMPERIAL-BOBIS

Alexis has worked for the Jefferson School District since 2022. She brings her love of teaching and passion for education into the classroom on a daily basis. Alexis genuinely loves and cares about each and every one of her students. She advocates for all of her students and truly wants the very best for them.

To quote one of Alexis's colleagues, "Alexis works with a variety of students on our campus from all grade levels. She has to meet the needs of our students who need the most support. She collaborates with all classroom teachers to understand what each of her students most imperative needs are."

Alexis is highly respected and admired by her peers, and loved by her students and their families. She is a true example of an amazing teacher, and we are so lucky to have her as a part of the Monticello family. Please help me in congratulating our Monticello Certificated Employee of the Year for 2024-2025, Alexis Imperial-Bobis.



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## *2024-2025 CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE of the YEAR*

### MONTICELLO SCHOOL

Neali has worked for the Jefferson School District since 2022. Her caring and compassionate ways have quickly made her an integral part of the Monticello family. Neali is currently an Instructional Aide and Campus Aide at Monticello. She is engaging and quick to help in anything that is asked of her. Teachers have described her as “Always doing what is best for our students and going above and beyond.”

To quote some of Neali’s colleagues it has been said, “Neali enhances the school community by coming to school each day with a smile.” Additionally it has been said, “Neali loves Monticello and she keeps everyone safe. We are lucky to have her.”

Neali takes on any task that is presented willingly and is always looking for support the Monticello school community. Please help me in congratulating our 2024-2025 Monticello Classified Employee of the Year, Neali Cordano.

### NEALI CORDANO





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## *2024-2025 CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEE of the YEAR*

### ANTHONY TRAINA SCHOOL

Mrs. Cooper is a core pillar at Traina Elementary. She has worked at Traina for 9 years. Currently, she teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA & Science and next year will take on our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade split position. Mrs. Cooper is the epitome of a team player. She is always willing to lend an extra hand and go above and beyond to support her students, colleagues, and the Traina community. Her personality with her students is caring, yet firm and her decision making is always rooted in the thought of “What is best for the students?” Traina is fortunate to have Christina Cooper as part of our Tiger Family.

Congratulations and thank you Mrs. Cooper!



### CHRISTINA COOPER





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### ANTHONY TRAINA SCHOOL

Mrs. Garvin brings so much joy to our students and staff. She has worked at Traina for over 18 years. As an intervention aide, Ms. Garvin works closely with small groups of students to improve their reading skills. Everyday she greets me with a cheerful good morning as she makes her way through the office. All of her students love working with her as she greets them with a smiling face and encourages them to try their best and work hard. Mrs. Garvin goes above and beyond to help create a positive staff culture. For example, this year she did a “get to know you” wall in the staff office where she collected information from staff members and featured them on the wall. Traina is lucky to have Ann Inokuchi Garvin as part of our Tiger Family.



### ANN INOKUCHI-GARVIN



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## *2024-2025 CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEE of the YEAR*

### CORRAL HOLLOW SCHOOL

### DANA KIRKPATRICK

We are excited to announce Dana Kirkpatrick as Corral Hollow School's Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Kirkpatrick has been a JSD teacher since 2018 and joined the Corral Hollow School community this year.

She is a passionate educator who is highly respected by her peers. Mrs. Kirkpatrick also serves in the Jefferson Teachers Association (JTA) and is also a mentor teacher. Additionally, she serves as a member of our PBIS Team. Furthermore, she is a strong support of our Corral Hollow Parent Faculty Association. Mrs. Kirkpatrick consistently seeks new ways to enhance learning opportunities for students and is committed to fostering a positive climate and culture for both students and staff at Corral Hollow School.



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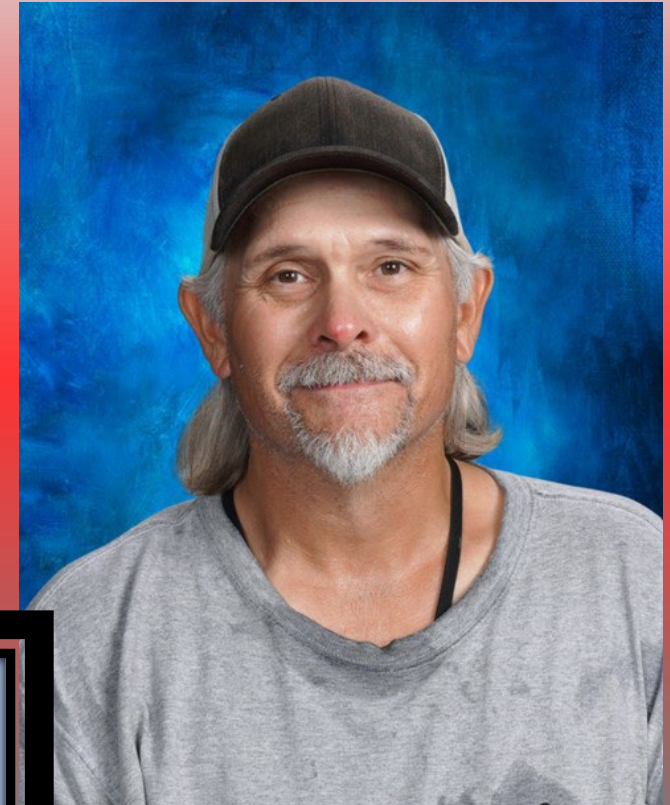
## *2024-2025 CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE of the YEAR*

### CORRAL HOLLOW SCHOOL

We are excited to announce Robert Cain as Corral Hollow School's Classified Staff of the Year! Mr. Cain serves as our Head Custodian.

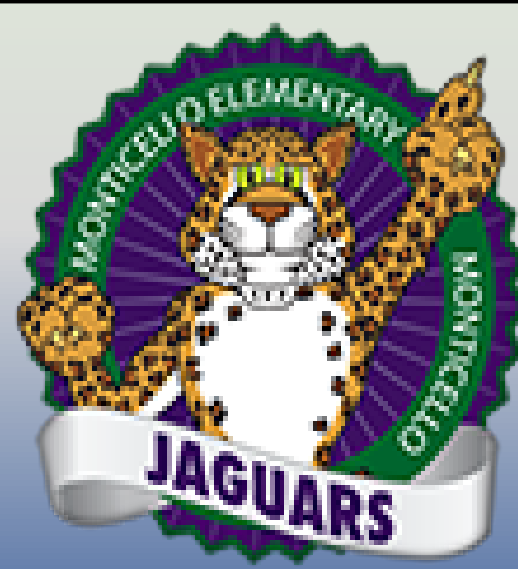
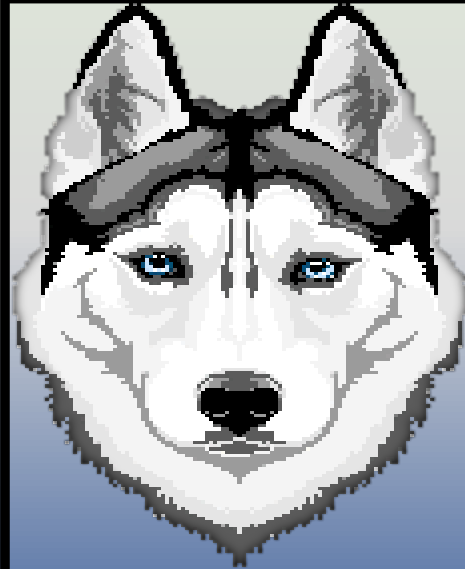
He is friendly, dependable, and eager to help anyone on campus with his "can-do" attitude. This year, Mr. Cain has done an outstanding job of leading the custodial team, especially during the significant undertaking of managing the influx of new furniture, supplies, and equipment. His dedication and commitment to maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment at Corral Hollow School is greatly appreciated.

### ROBERT CAIN





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**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**THANK YOU!**