



# PURITAS PRIDE NEWSLETTER

March 2024

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Puritas Lion Family,

Can you believe we are already into March 2023? The school year is flying by, we have 3 months left of school including March. By May 23, 2024 our scholars have a lot to accomplish, and Spring Break will be here before we know it on March 28 to April 8th. In the meantime our Teachers are working diligently to prepare our students for OST (3rd-8th Grade) and iReady Spring Assessments (K-8th Grade). With this being said it is imperative for all Scholars (Kindergarten all the way up to 8th Grade) being at school on time everyday. We appreciate our Puritas Parents and Guardians for your continued support and involvement with your Scholar(s) and our Teachers.

Additionally, we have a Second Annual Fun in the Field day on May 22, 2024 and in order for it to be a success again we are going to need parent and guardian volunteers to help set up, run and take down stations. If you are interested in helping out please send a dojo message to Mrs. Goss or Mrs. Marshall. We will be having Popcorn and Snow Cones again, minute it to win it games, relay races, water fun and other activities.

### Do not forget:

**May 22-8th grade promotion ceremony 6-7:30pm**

**May 23 -Kindergarten promotion @ 10 am.**

**May 23-Grades 1st through 7th will have individual award ceremonies starting at 11:30.**

As always, thank you again for working as a team to support all of our Scholars with their academic success,  
Mrs. Goss & Mrs. Marshall

## MONTHLY CHARACTER TRAITS & PBIS CHALLENGE:

March's trait is honesty. Students will work with their counselor to write cards for the local police department.

Our 3rd quarter PBIS incentive will be free gym time. It will be on March 22nd and students need at least 88% on Dojo.

Any student who is suspended will lose 25 points for each day of suspension and every detention earned will lose 5 points.

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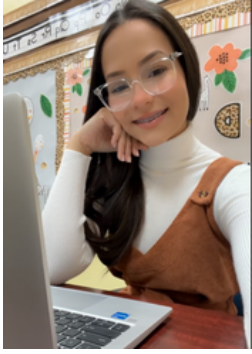
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# Staff Highlight Corner

## Angely Montalvo, 4th Grade

My name is Ms. Montalvo, I currently am the 4th grade teacher, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work at Constellation Schools: Puritas Community Elementary & Middle. I have been teaching for eight years, and I am passionate about creating a positive and engaging learning environment for all of my students. My goal is to inspire a love of learning in each child and to help them reach their full potential.



## Amerah E. Mustafa, Middle School Math

Hi, my name is Amerah E. Mustafa. I am currently teaching math at Puritas Community Middle School. I am ethnically Arab-Palestinian, but I was raised in San Francisco, California. I received my bachelor's degree from the University of California, Davis (UC Davis) and am currently working on a Master's in teaching. My passion for teaching is coupled with a passion for baking and I often enjoy coming up with new desserts and pastries. I love learning new things and am always finding a way to integrate this in my lessons with my students.



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION!!

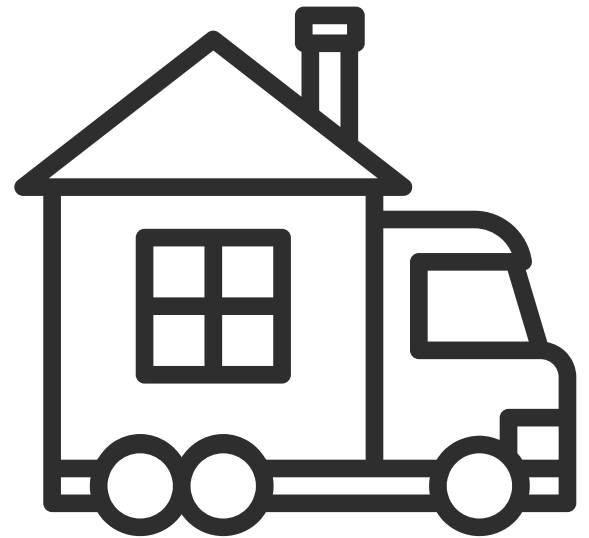
It's time to register for Kindergarten! Join us to learn more about our school culture, academics, extracurricular programs, and school services.

Tour our campus, meet our staff, and preview our easy registration process! March 14

@ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

RSVP Today:

[constellationschools.com/puritas-events](https://constellationschools.com/puritas-events)



## A WARM WELCOME TO THE NEW LIONS IN OUR PRIDE!

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**Antanetta-Marie King**  
Kindergarten Teacher  
Assistant

**Sarah Zona**  
Paraprofessional

### Remember:

- If you have moved or will be moving
- If you have a new phone number

Please notify Ms. Lovelace or Mrs. Zint of your new address and/or phone number!!

# UPCOMING EVENTS...

# 23-24 SCHOOL GOALS

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## March

**3/14 3rd Quarter Ends**

**3/18 No school for students!**

**3/22 February & 3rd Qtr Awards & PBIS Awards 1:00- KG/5th/6th, 1:30-1st & 4th, 2:00- 2nd & 7th, 2:30-3rd & 8th**

**\$1 Puritas Spirit Wear Day**

**3/27 Cabin Fever Family Event (5:30-7:30)**

**\$1 Puritas Spirit Wear Day**

**3/28 No school for students!**

**3/29-4/8 Spring Break!!**

1. By the end of the 23-24 School Year, 90% of our students will attain at least a 90% attendance rating.
2. By May 2024 at least 65% of the students will meet or exceed the projected growth goal in reading as measured by the 2023-2024 i-Ready Diagnostic.
3. By May 2024 at least 65% of the students will meet or exceed the projected growth goal in math as measured by the 2023-2024 i-Ready Diagnostic.

**February  
Attendance Percentage:**

**79 %**



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# SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING

This month's character trait is Honesty. Students will work with their counselor to write cards for the local police department. Mr. Poole will also guide a discussion about what honesty is and why it is important to use it. Parents, ask your child what honesty means to them!

