



Hello Edgewater Families,

I want to welcome back all of our returning families with a special welcome to new families! I hope you have been enjoying a wonderful summer break—filled with whatever you and your family did to refresh, restore, and relax. I wanted to tell you a little something about me. I am a proud mother of two daughters, Chelsea and Courtney, and my first grandchild, Kieran. I was recently the principal of a middle school in Oroville. Prior to that, I was a principal in Paradise and Ferndale, CA.

At the moment, the school is beginning to buzz with the sound of teachers and staff preparing their classrooms for the beginning of the 2022-23 school year. We have a few new staff members to introduce:

- Raylene Robinson is our school counselor
- Jasmeen Hijazi is a 4th grade teacher
- John Georgopoulos is a 5th teacher
- Sabrina Jensen is a 5th teacher
- Hailee Thomason is a 5th grade teacher
- Emily Starving is a TK teacher
- Geoff Griffin is a PE teacher

As we begin another school year at Edgewater, there are many things to make you aware of so you will be able to support your child's education. First, there are some important dates to remember:

- **Aug. 11: The first day of school**
- **Aug. 24 & 31: Minimum days**
- **Aug. 10: Kindergarten Orientation/1-6 Meet Your Teacher (TBA)**

Second, we extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We value your involvement and support in your child's education! Your active participation is key to the success of our young Sharks during his/her school years. You can join our School Site Council, PTO, LCAP, our volunteers, and other activities taking place throughout the year. We look forward to working with you to make this a fantastic year for our students.

Finally, please know that we highly value home/school communication here at Edgewater Elementary. It plays an integral role in each student's success. We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to *stay in the know* about your child's studies, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings. Our school offers several ways to keep up-to-date using eco-friendly communication:

- **EES's website** is [edgewater.mjUSD.com](http://edgewater.mjUSD.com) and will be updated monthly for school activities, academic dates, events, and monthly newsletter called *Shark Bites*.
- **Aeries** parent portal <https://aeries.mjUSD.com/Portal/LoginParent.aspx>
- **Pickmykid** app instructions <https://schools.pikmykid.com/pikmykid/schooladmin/training>

I can't wait to meet all of our families and friends of Edgewater! I am so honored to be able to work with the staff and to serve as your new principal this year and many years to come. Remember, if you need to contact me directly, please feel free to email a message to me at [rhenderson@mjUSD.K12.ca.us](mailto:rhenderson@mjUSD.K12.ca.us) or call me at the office (530) 741-0866. You can also reach me at (530) 990-0160 (this is my off hours number I give to my families just in case you need to reach me after hours). Here's to a fantastic year of growing, learning, and having fun!

Sincerely in Partnership,

*Renee Henderson*

Principal