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Year!**

**New Faces!**

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**ELM  
PANTHER  
TRACKS**

**Quarter 1  
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# Message from the director

Dear Parents,

On this year's first edition of our "Panther's Tracks", we would like to welcome you back to Escuela Las Morochas! This is my first write-up as the Director of the school, this year we have already seen several changes, this is projected to be a very interesting and challenging year for the school, in which we are all working together to move the school forward. During the past year the school had to undergone some radical changes to make it a viable and vibrant school. Of course this wouldn't have been possible without the support that ELM has received from the community. All the staff members are working very hard to make 2017-2018 a successful year.

Mrs. Iraima Ojeda did a tremendous job to stabilize the school and left us full with enthusiasm and optimism. She deserves especial mention in this page for all we need to thank her. I personally am indebted to her for all her guidance and support since I arrived to the school, and even now whenever we need her advice we know she is there for us. In a few words; Mrs. Ojeda managed to ensure that we have a school this year; it is now to all of us to continue, develop and grow from strength to strength. Changes always create new challenges, together; we will be able to overcome them. With this in mind, one of my goals as the new Director is to continue to follow the recommendations that AdvancED gave us to raise our standards and be able to provide a better quality education for all our students. From the administrative point of view, Ms Ojeda left a set of procedures in place which ensure the outmost transparency and which I plan to follow in its entirety.

In order to improve the academic performance, we continue to strengthen some of the policies started last year and are also making new changes. We are continuing to have school-level academic coordinators, and several new teachers. Some of our coordinators are familiar faces, for example at ELM. Ms. Frances Cable will be guiding the Early Childhood department, Ms. Karen Gaddis Lower School, and Mr. Roger Brady Upper School (who is also a new addition to the school). We are also bringing new staff to our community.





# Message from the director

**The new members of the ELM team are Mr. Roger Brady, he is from the USA and has over 30 years of experience as an educator in international settings. He will help us build a strong Social Sciences program, and will be the Social Sciences teacher and Upper School Academic Coordinator. Mr. Mlungisi Zikode joins us from South Africa, he has strong experience in teaching General Sciences to High School students, he a young and energetic teacher and is the Upper School Science Teacher. Ms. Jelimar Romney, who has 10 years of experience working and has joined us as the fourth grade teacher. Ms. Mayerlin Briceno, another very experienced teacher, she has recently joined us to be the third grade teacher. Ms. Desired Fuentes, who has joined us as the second grade homeroom teacher. Ms. Stephanie Flores, a very enthusiastic and knowledgeable young teacher who joined us as the new ECE III Teacher. Ms. Alexandra Pereda, another very professional and energetic teacher joined us as the new PE Teacher, and Mr. Fernando Bermudez another of our young recruits has joined us as the Music Teacher. In this edition you will also learn a bit more about each of the new teachers!!!**

**As you can see this year the school is integrating a large number of new teachers, I have to say that to date everyone of them has brought with them, not only a strong knowledge in their respective areas, but also a very professional and positive attitude to the school and are showing a strong commitment to contribute to strengthening the schools academic performance.**

**On this edition of Panther Tracks you will know what students have done during the months of August, September and October. Although this quarter was exciting because they got to see their friends again, and met their new teachers, they also worked harder because October was the month of student of the quarter. I am sure now they will all be working even harder... who will be the new students of the quarter? We'll find out in our next December edition!!!**

**Dr. Alirio Romero (BDSchHons, MSc, PhD).**





# Students of the Quarter

This school year, we have the opportunity to honor students who meet all traits for RESPECT each quarter.

These students have proven to be responsible, show effort, have self-control, have a positive attitude, be effective communicators, cooperative and tolerant.

Congratulations to all of you!



**Upper School:**  
**Valentina Parra**  
**Carla Mosquera**



**Lower School:**  
**Alyssa Tortolani, Miranda Leon**  
**Sophia Conil, Manuela Melendez,**  
**Angelina Chango**



**ECE:**  
**Frank Madrid**  
**Stavros Carataidis**

# ECE 1 and 2

FRANCES CABLE

Welcome Back ECE students and parents! I am so happy to be back at ELM and I am confident that we will have a successful year. So far the ECE students had a wonderful time getting to know each other and getting use to a new routine.

They have been busy with many cut and paste activities, painting, learning the zoo-phonic alphabet, counting one to five, observing the daily calendar and engaging in many fun educational games.

I am very pleased with all the students. Amanda has been so exciting about all the new things she has discovered. She comes to school every day with a smile on her face, which brightens up our classroom.

Everyday Stavros comes to school, ready to learn new things. He has a mature attitude and is always helpful to his teachers and classmates. He excels in all subjects but his favorite activity is cutting and pasting.





# ECE 1 and 2

FRANCES CABLE



Barbara has grown up so much this summer and she is making a good effort to speak in English. She is great a coloring and is very neat with her classwork.

Balian has done so well adjusting to his first few weeks of school. He loves to share with his friends and is patient when waiting his turn during Learning through Games activities.

Overall, the school year is off to a great start. The students had adjusted quickly and easily to the class schedule. They all work well together and have a real love for school. As a teacher, I am very blessed to have such amazing students.





BOO!

ECE 3

STEPHANIE FLORES



Welcome back Panther Track.

This first month back in the school the students of ECE 3 have been working in improving their reading and writing skills. Slowly they are becoming independent readers, also in the math area; they're are counting the numbers from 0 to 20 and learning how to compare set by matching. Looking forward this new year!





# 1st Grade

LILY MUÑOZ



## **Back to school First Graders!**

**Ms. Lily is welcoming all the First Grade students to Escuela Las Morochas who were busy the first week of school getting to know the routines, rules and rubrics to have a successful school year.**

**Ms. Lily's class is moving forward to great improvements exhibit by the students during these recent days. Students are learning how to keep a journal to record important information, also everyday knowledge is taking place at all times. In Social Studies, they are excited to find on the map the continents and oceans.**





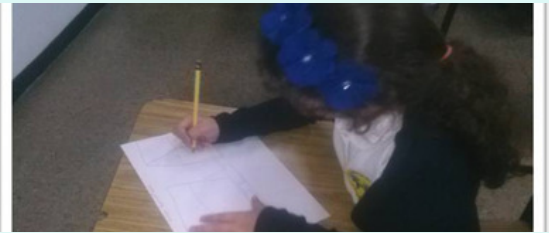
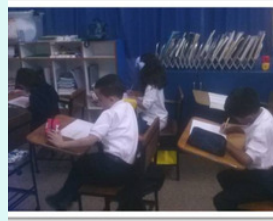
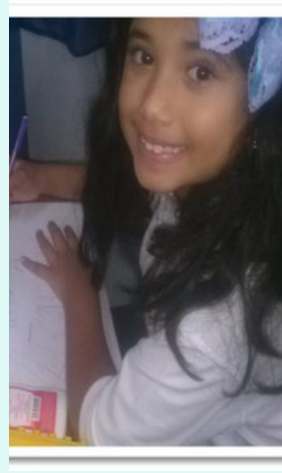
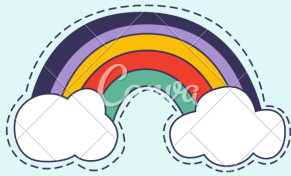


# 2nd Grade

DESIRED FUENTES



Here is a sample of one of our Social Studies Projects; the 2nd Grade students working on a Crafting Activity entitled "My Community". Each one of them created a map of the neighborhood they live in.



One of our Science activities in which our Second Graders had to Classify Leaves in order of size. They used their Sense of Sight and Touch in this very enriching activity.





# 3rd Grade

MAYERLIN BRICEÑO



Hi, I am Mayerlin Briceño and I am the new 3rd Grade Teacher. 3rd Grade students are working on their Journeys Reader's Notebook. They are writing different kind of sentences to practice what they've learnt in class.



# 4th Grade

JELIMAR ROMNEY

4th grade students  
welcome back, we are  
prepared for this new  
school year.

We hope to have a very  
fun year with many  
activities...

Ms. Romney is going to  
teach us in the most  
creative way all the  
knowledge we want to  
reach.

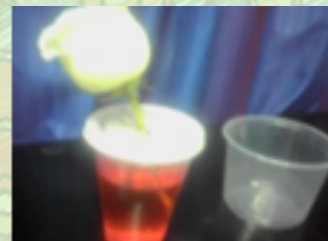
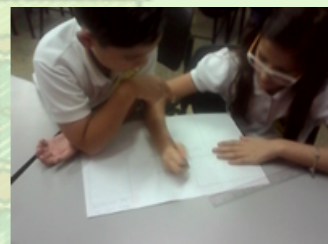
In the same way, we are  
very excited to learn  
new things from all the  
teachers and we hope to  
have a great time.



September has been a  
month full of science,  
discovery and  
research.

Students have  
conducted experiments  
and research related to  
science, technology,  
and social studies...

Let's motivate them to  
keep loving science!







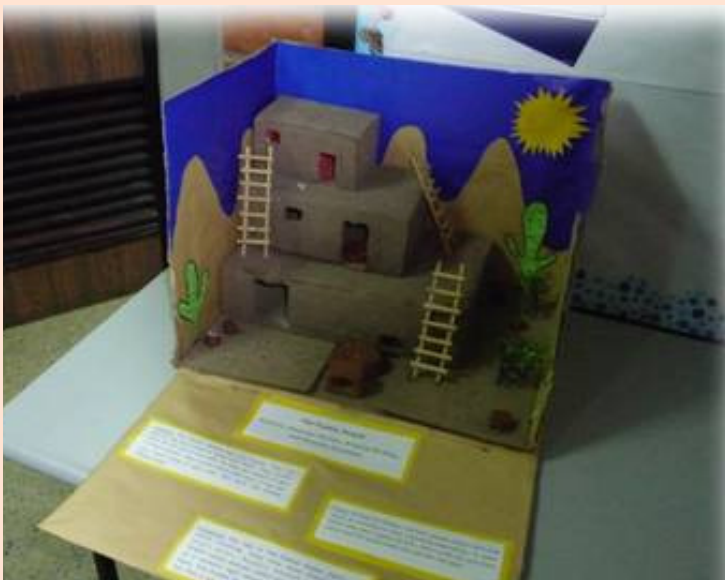
# 5th Grade

KAREN GADDIS



The Grade 5 students will be studying the different countries in the world this year.

Students will be researching countries. Students completed two investigations of the Native Americans.



The Pueblo Native Americans were researched and displayed by Orlando Gonzales, Arianna Rivallas, and Amanda Vilchez. A Power Point was also presented.



The Aztec Native Americans were researched and displayed by Angelina Chango and Jenna Corkern. A Power Point was also presented.



# Art

MIGUEL RIVERO

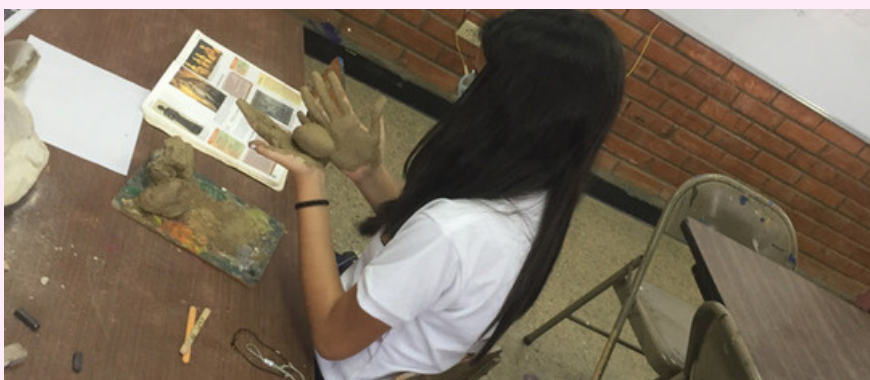


Iniciamos el nuevo año escolar, estudiando y aplicando los elementos de expresión plástica fundamentales en cualquier trabajo creativo, entre estos: El punto, la línea, la forma, el color y la textura.



El punto y la línea, dio inicio a trabajos donde la destreza manual se pone en práctica, en dibujos con recorrido visual y plasticidad.

La Expresividad del punto y la línea le imprimen significado y gusto estético a dibujos, pinturas, en ejercicios de texturas y otros, con temas y técnicas variadas.





# Art

MIGUEL RIVERO

En Artes, los estudiantes han realizado trabajos poniendo de manifiesto su Creatividad y Aplicando los maravillosos recursos que el Arte permite. Ahora nos enfocamos en el color como recurso fundamental en toda creación plástica. Los colores y sus variaciones y contrastes que asociamos a la temperatura.

También estamos trabajando con Volúmenes en Arcilla “Terracota” de figuras creadas por los Estudiantes. En High School la escultura en el Arte Mesopotámico en tallas en piedra porosa (Piedra de Cumarebo) es el inicio de trabajos para “dominar” la 3era Dimensión en figuras como los Toros alados de esta antigua cultura.

Hay que resaltar el hecho de que estamos combinando la historia del arte en el hacer-arte y así desarrollar el lenguaje plástico de los Estudiantes en el 1er Trimestre.





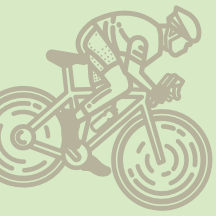
# Informational Technology

ALEJANDRO FLORIAN

Welcome back to another school year! I hope you all had an amazing time and enjoyed summer vacations with your family and friends. Now, it is time to come back to school and learn like there's no tomorrow! This year, I am the Informational Technology teacher, but I am also in charge of the MAP Tests and the design of the monthly delivered Panther Tracks. Let's all have a great time learning and sharing with our friends, and remember to always wear a smile on your face!

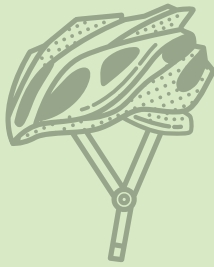






# Physical Education

ALEXANDRA PEREDA



Feliz Regreso a Clases  
Hola soy Alexandra Pereda, nueva  
Profesora de Educación Física de  
este año escolar, que ya dio inicio  
con actividades lúdicas que  
fomentan el trabajo en equipo,  
juegos cargados de energía y  
mucho diversión.



# Spanish

JESUHANÉ TOVAR



Bienvenidos a todos mis  
estudiantes al Nuevo Año Escolar  
2017 – 2018, iniciando con mucha  
alegría y entusiasmo las clases de  
Español. Éxitos para todos.





# Mathematics

NAIRA TROLLE



What a joy it is to see our students again and start a fresh new school year. In the Upper School we have used these two weeks to inform student about new grading policies and new procedures. This year, the upper school students will have their own classrooms which they have been busy decorating. All in all these past two weeks students have been enjoying seeing their friends, teachers and catching up on all their summer adventures.



# French

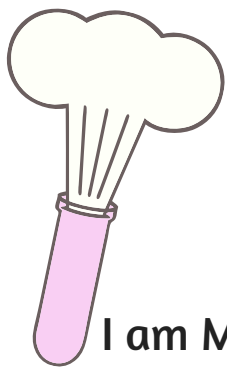
ALFREDO OQUENDO

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It is a new school year at Escuela Las Morochas and I am joyful to see the faces of many of our students coming back, with the addition of new faces too. In French, we have started our reviews to get back in track in order to start learning new things, and improve our skills in this language. New projects and activities are waiting for us around the corner.

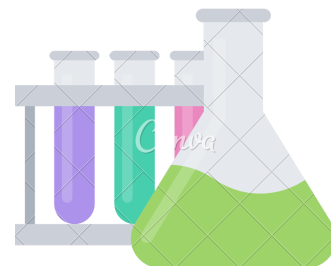






# Science

MLUNGISI ZIKODE



I am Mlungisi Zikode, a 24-year-old Science teacher from South Africa. I went to University of Zululand in South Africa, where I did my undergraduate studies, Bachelor of Education in Mathematics, Science and Technology education. And then did Honor's degree in Science education at the University of Johannesburg. I enjoy teaching Science, my hobbies are reading, playing soccer, training and I also enjoy trying new things and adventures.

# Social Studies

ROGER BRADY

My name is Roger Brady. I have experienced a lot in life. My father was in the US military so we moved often. I have lived in Germany, many places in the US, and in Hawaii. When I graduated high school, I attended a small college in the state of Colorado. After that, I worked in construction and business management. I knew that these occupations were not for me.

Eventually, I attended the University of Arizona earning a master's degree in education and began teaching. This, I knew, was what I was meant to do. I taught in Arizona and Colorado. While teaching high school, I also taught college courses. Over the years, I've taught a wide range of students at both college and high school levels. I have also taught several different subjects from psychology to Native American History. For about seven years, I taught in Nicaragua. One of the interesting things for me is that I learn as much from students as they learn from me.



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