

Congratulations!

Teacher of the Year

Evy Baca, Kinder,
Rancho de la NaciónGreater San Diego Reading
Association Literacy StarRosie Espinosa, Language Arts
Specialist, Olivewood**Biliteracy Award Winners**Martha Garcia-Gallaga, TK,
Las PalmasPatricia Carrillo, 3rd Grade,
El Toyon**NCETA Events****California Day of the Teacher**

Wednesday, May 10th

Padres**Teacher Appreciation Night**

Friday, May 19th

Education Support**Professionals Day**

May 23rd

End of Year Celebration

Friday, June 2nd

CTA Summer Institute

July 30th- August 3rd

(contact your site rep if interested)

NCETA**EDUCATE. ADVOCATE. EMPOWER*****President's Message:***

Dear Extraordinary Teacher,

Thank you. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the students of National City. For showing up every day, and creating a learning experience that opens their eyes to a world not so close to many of them. You allow them to travel to different places in their mind, and you indirectly touch their hearts. Thank you for creatively opening up opportunities and guiding them towards their future.

Thank you for bravely entering into a profession that sometimes isn't grateful for the things you do, but rewards you in so many ways. Thank you for improving on your craft. For always willing to be critical of your work, and adjusting to the needs of your students.

Thank you for spending countless hours caring for your students. Coming in early and staying up late at night worrying about them. For sometimes providing them with food to eat, and an ear to listen to. But most of all, thank you for opening up your heart and showing your students warmth, love, and affection.

As a special thank you, NCETA leadership and the site representatives would like to invite you to our end of year celebration on Friday, June 2nd at Stein Farm in National City. We will be honoring all NCETA members, committee members, NSD award recipients, and our 2016-17 retirees.

Hope to see you there!

And as a former student of Kimball School, I say you are extraordinary and amazing. Continue the great work for our children in National City. You never know, you may inspire a future NSD educator...

Yours in Unity,
Christina Benson

President



TEACHER APPRECIATION NIGHT
AT PETCO PARK

FRIDAY, MAY 19 vs. DIAMONDBACKS AT 7:10 P.M.

Lower Right Field Reserved- \$18.75

Please contact Christina Benson for tickets and tailgating with NCETA! ncetapresident@gmail.com and fill out the Google Form to reserve your ticket:

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CALIFORNIA DAY OF THE TEACHER: MAY 10TH



This year's theme is based on [CTA's Advocacy Agenda](#). As educators, teachers are deeply committed to the success of every student. Students are the center of everything they do, which is why they advocate for the opportunities and resources students need to succeed.

In addition, a teacher's role in school improvement is changing. Educator-driven school improvement works because what teachers do is an art as much as it is a science, and it is a lot more than a test score. The best teachers understand their students' strengths and weaknesses, and adapt their practices to both.



California's Day of the Teacher has its roots in the community and is patterned after the celebration of the traditional "El Dia del Maestro," which is observed in Mexico and Latin America countries. Our California's Day of the Teacher arose out of legislation co-sponsored by CTA and the Association of Mexican American Educators in 1982. Since then, this event honors the instructional excellences in our public schools, community colleges and universities.

California communities share our goals for quality public schools and recognize public education is the cornerstone for strong communities. Students are at the center of everything we do and as committed, caring education professionals, we look forward to building relationships with parents, community organizations, local businesses, other unions, the faith community and senior citizens. We are all part of a community and we will best succeed when we work together.

CTA May 1st Day of Action

The California Teachers Association designated May 1 as the day of local resistance to the dismantling of public education and for standing up for students and the idea that free public education is a basic civil right.

CTA Statewide Day of Action History

Why May 1st? May 1st has been historically linked to international workers' rights. It started, May 1 1886 when the U.S. Federation of Organized Trade and Labor Unions – which included immigrant workers from all over – ruled that an 8-hour work day, would be a full and legal work day. More recently, May Day has served as a national day of action to raise awareness about immigration rights and the need to keep families together as they fight for a better life.

Where NCETA Stands

On May 1, 2017, teachers and educators across the state of California stood strong, creating spirited events that focused on the challenges that we are facing in public education today, especially the challenges that are unique to your community. On this day of local resistance NCETA stood in front of schools holding posters of support for our immigrant families.

Members organized leafleting at their school sites before school to bring information to parents in the community. We showed a united front against hatred, ICE raids, privatization, and any other actions or policies that have been harming our students.

We demanded safe and nurturing schools where all children can learn without being frightened or harassed. We will continue to work for policies and practices that strengthen our public schools, not dismantle them. We will not cooperate with hateful rhetoric and bullying of DREAMers, immigrant children, LGBT students, Muslims and others.

We continue to stand for fully funding public schools that provide a quality education to every child. We were not silent while the Trump administration seeks to divert billions of public dollars to private vouchers and corporate charter schools.

Thank you to all those who participated! Your union, students, parents, and community appreciated it!

