

## **STAFF SPOTLIGHT:**

### **Tracy Sandler, *Assistant Principal, EIS***



Ms. Sandler was born and grew up in West Los Angeles and is a very proud product of LAUSD!

She has been working for LAUSD since 1986 where she started as a General Education Bilingual Teacher's Assistant in West Los Angeles. After serving for a year as a Teacher's Assistant, her teacher gave her some well received guidance to take things to the next level and Ms. Sandler decided to pursue her General Education teaching Credential at U.C.L.A. Upon receiving her Bilingual teaching credential at UCLA, she worked for 19 years at Bassett Street School teaching primarily grade 3. She was also a Title 1 Coordinator at Bassett Street School for 3 years. After receiving her Administrative Credential, she began as an Assistant Principal, EIS on the Westside for 3 years and then transferred back to the valley where she worked as an Assistant Principal, EIS at several schools, serving special education. We are lucky to have enjoyed her for the past 5 years here at ECES and because she loves working at Encino CEL, we hope she stays for many years more!

Her educational philosophy for students and parents is to teach to, and build student strengths while fostering academic growth. She believes it is important to teach students to be independent for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century global workplace. She advises us never underestimate the potential of a child and give them the opportunities in a creative fashion to "show what they know". No one child can fit into a box.

Ms. Sandler is most proud of her professional growth in the area of special education. On the personal front, she's proud of the fact she can still compete in her favorite sport of all – TENNIS! Her love of coffee keeps her going and her favorite quote is a great one - "Keep it simple, Less is more."