

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Ms. Cathy Barkle, 5th Grade Teacher

In Ms. Barkle's own words we learn so many amazing things of what makes her such a special, student & parent loved ECES Teacher!:

I have been teaching since the year 2000. I thought it would be a good idea to get married, change careers and have a baby all in about 15 month time. It was a time of firsts. I have a degree in Psychology from CSUN. I also attended Pierce College and College of the Canyons for my under grad. I completed my teaching credential through the District Intern Program.



Since 2000, I have taught grades 1-5, with the majority of the time in fifth grade. I truly enjoy teaching the "older kids." I am happy to help them problem solve situations on their way to adulthood. The growth in not only knowledge, but character is what I love to see.

Encino is the fifth school I have worked at and by far the most awesome. At Encino I volunteer for the following committees: Social, Student Council, Search and Rescue, and UTLA.

My mottos are:

When in doubt between being right and being kind, choose kind (Wonder by R.J. Palacios)

Do what you have to do before you do what you want to do.

How can you problem solve in a kind way?

During the summer, I spend time with family and friends. I love to travel and visit. I like to camp, but prefer the luxury of a hotel. I believe even a bad day at the beach is still better than pretty much anything. I have a goal to visit all of the National Parks. My favorites so far have been the Sequoia National Forest, CA; Zion National Park, UT; and Denali National Park, AK. The beauty in these places is astounding!