



Andrea Cortinas

Support Staff Spotlight

NAME: Andrea Cortinas

POSITION: Para-Educator

SCHOOL: Edison Elementary

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 3 years

Q. What is your role as Para-Educator at Edison?

A. I am a basic education para-educator, so I do small group pull-outs and support for both reading and math. I am really lucky to work with fantastic teachers. I try to stay one step ahead of them and anticipate what they need.

Q. Why do Para-Educators play such an important role in our district?

A. Teachers are very busy and they need our support. Teachers show and tell us how much they appreciate us. If para-educators weren't in the buildings, it would put a lot more pressure on teachers to get the work done to meet the learning needs of all the students.

Q. What services do you offer in your small group instruction?

A. I will take five to 10 children out to the pod to provide additional support. We often focus on what they've been learning in class and build on these areas. We also do other interventions as appropriate to support their reading and math skill development.

Q. How do you help build connections with the students?

A. I do a lot of recess and crosswalk duty as well. It is a goal of mine to know the names of all students. I always like to remember something they told me about the day before, so I can ask them about it and check in.

Q. What is your role on the school zone patrol team?

A. During recess, I help teach students how to follow the rules and treat others with respect. I think our safety plan is working. I am noticing more parents talking to each other about safety and not texting or talking on their phones. I think it's important for students to see their parents model these safe behaviors.

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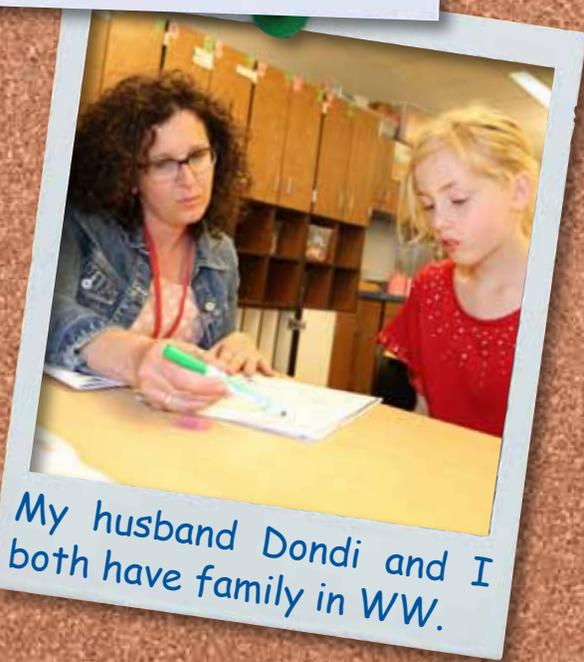
NOTES:

I am huge advocate of public schools. I'm so excited to have had all four of my kids attend Edison. It's why I decided to apply for a job here. I spent so much time volunteering and saw the need.

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I enjoy being in this environment and hope people realize how much work is going on in our public schools.



Our kids are all very involved in sports. We love traveling to watch them play. A lot of our activities have been centered around school activities and sports.

My husband Dondi and I both have family in WW.