

# Paul Ecke Central Elementary

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Welcome back to all of our students, families, and community members to the 2018-2019 school year! I am filled with pride to join the Paul Ecke Central family as principal and look forward to working alongside the amazing staff, families, and students. I know our year together will be filled with greatness in academic success, character building, community connectedness and a renewed love for our school.

I am so excited to meet the children and get school started. I have already been working behind the scenes and have learned so much about the school's rich history. What is certain is that Paul Ecke Central is an amazing school that has even more amazing students and families. I plan to honor, value, and champion systems that are already in place and build positive relationships with the students and community.

My wife Ale and I have lived in Leucadia for 11 years and truly believe this community is unique and special. Ale is from Chile and we met while I was working as a teacher of English as a Second Language. I lived there for 3 years and was fortunate to learn Spanish, as all of us speak both Spanish and English at home. We have a 3.5 year old son, Joaquin, and new daughter, Estela, who was born just recently, on August 8, 2018.

I come to you from San Marcos Unified School District where I served in a number of different roles. I was the Assistant Principal at Joli Ann Leichtag Elementary for 3 years, the San Marcos district-wide Summer School Principal for 4 years, a district Teacher on Special Assignment for Math, a trainer for Essential Elements of Instruction, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teacher for 10 years. I have also taught Adult Ed where I gave classes in English to newcomer parents, and Spanish for district teachers to better communicate with families. All of these amazing roles have prepared me for taking on the challenge of leading a school and I can't wait to put all the experience into action.

My personal goal this year is all about building personal and professional connections. I believe that with positive, amicable relationships, Paul Ecke Central will continue to flourish and the students will be overjoyed to come to school every day. I want you to know that I will put the needs of our students first and make sure they have everything they need to excel as learners and positive members of the community.

Our success at Paul Ecke Central would not be possible without the support of families and the community. It is our hope that the students and families feel socially and emotionally connected to this wonderful hub of the community and utilize all its resources and programs. Please know that you are welcome, your voice counts, and we will love to see you on campus. Our teachers and PTA welcome any and all help where students will benefit and are the focus.

I am looking forward to watching our students grow and working with families. I wish everyone a wonderful year ahead!

Wes Sechrest, Principal