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## **WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS**

As the days of the summer holiday come to a close and LBUSD families enjoy the last lingering moments of their summer recess, the Laguna Beach Unified School District welcomes newly hired staff that have joined our LBUSD family for the 2006-07 school year.

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, Nancy Hubbell, shares her delight for these exceptional additions to our school family, "We are fortunate that LBUSD's excellent reputation attracts top-notch candidates. These highly qualified, enthusiastic new hires will infuse fresh ideas into our already impressive program where current staff demonstrates a superb dedication to student learning."

The Central Office is pleased to add Marcos Rojas, Systems Administrator, Technical Services, Long Le, Help Desk Technician, and Irene White, Director of Special Education/Student Services.

Joining LBUSD as new hires at Laguna Beach High School are English teachers Amy Baxter and Emily Markussen; Counselor/IB Coordinator Nance Morrissey, Resource Specialist and Support teacher Scott Wittkop, and Athletic Accounts Clerk Jill Edwards.

At Thurston Middle School Randi Beckley, Foreign Language; Amy Cochren, English; Debra Ann Nichol, Special Education; Joanna Nilsen-Badami, Mathematics; and Carl Nelson, Social Studies join the TMS teaching team.

El Morro Elementary welcomes Speech/Language Specialist Kimberly Doran and new to the teaching staff are Heather Evans and Kimberly Yarberry.

Joining the teaching staff at Top of the World Elementary are Brett Bond, Megan Bartlett, Dustin Gowan, Launa Nacion-Kirkey, Carrie Riordan, Julie Toro, Michelle Douglass, plus Corinne Karidis, Speech and Language Specialist.

Under the leadership of our staff, another year of outstanding opportunities awaits our LBUSD students!