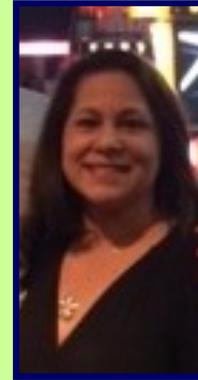


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Beacon Day School and Beacon BASIC welcome new team members!

The Beacon Blast asked Yvonne Marrow, "What is your new role with Beacon?"

My position is working with both Beacon and BASIC as an executive administrative assistant. I will be splitting my day supporting both. I am very excited!

Can you please tell us about your background that brought you here?

My background has included working as an instructional aide in special education for seven years with Cypress School District. I also have a background in administration with Children's Hospital of Orange County and with Pfizer (Wyeth).

What are the nicest things you've noticed about Beacon?

What I immediately noticed at Beacon is the helpful attitude and teamwork approach within the staff.

How do you especially hope to help the students, in particular, and Beacon Day School and BASIC, in general?

I hope to support the success of students at Beacon by being a regular customer of their dog biscuits and to always share a smile! I am excited to be a part of creating awareness in the community about the great programs that Beacon and BASIC have to offer. I am very grateful to have this opportunity and look forward to meeting you!

The Beacon Blast asked Cheryl Wood, "What is your new role with Beacon?"

I have happily accepted the role of the new Elementary 2 teacher. For the past five months, I've been working at Beacon as a behavior interventionist/substitute teacher.

Can you please tell us about your background that brought you here?

I graduated from Biola University in 2011 with my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Once I graduated, I began taking classes to prepare myself for the Multiple Subjects Credential Program at the California State University, Fullerton. In May 2013, I graduated from CSUF with my Multiple Subjects Credential. I began substitute teaching in the Garden Grove and Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School Districts. It was then that I realized I wanted to pursue a career in special education, and in February, I began working at Beacon Day School. Aside from my experience in an educational setting, I have worked as a gymnastics coach, swimming instructor, and was lucky enough to work at Disneyland for many years, where I was able to interact with children and families from all walks of life.

What are the nicest things you've noticed about Beacon?

One thing that I have always loved about Beacon from the beginning is the small class sizes and staff-to-student ratio. It really makes it feel like a tight-knit family, and I get to know students on a deeper level than when I was in a public school setting. I also like the strong collaboration opportunities that exist within Beacon Day School. On a daily basis, I am able to interact with the behavior team, occupational therapists, and speech therapists.

How do you especially hope to help the students?

I hope to help students learn in a fun and interactive environment. I hope to get to know all of my new students individually so that I can bring out the true potential in each one of them.

IMPORTANT DATES: Fri., 8/22, min. day; Mon., 8/25 through Mon., 9/8, school closed; Tues., 9/9, min. day.

