

Principal's Article  
PTA Newsletter  
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Dear Lakeview Families,

I am proud to announce that our wonderful Plant Coordinator, **Raul Lopez**, was recently recognized as the 2018-2019 Support Services Employee of the Year for his outstanding service and dedication to our students, staff, and community at Lakeview Elementary.

Raul, or Mr. Raul, as the students call him, is the perfect recipient of the Support Services Employee of the Year Award. Mr. Raul doesn't just perform his job every day, he engages with our students and staff and has fun while doing it. He greets everyone on campus with a huge smile every single day. In the two years I have worked with him, I've never seen him in a bad mood. And as busy as he is getting the school ready for a day of learning, he is never too busy to set up our speakers on Fridays to play music for the students as they are walking onto campus. He is our resident DJ, and the students love to see him dancing to the music and greeting them onto campus. He is the absolute coolest! In addition, he plays music at Friday morning recess and can be found standing among the students dancing and singing during the entire recess. Raul also runs all the sound/technology equipment in our MPR and because we have so many functions in the Lakeview MPR, he comes running at a minute's notice to help set up the computers, the sound, and the screen and projector for whichever group is using it. To say Raul Lopez is a rare gem, is a massive understatement!

Raul demonstrates all of the District's Core Values, but it is his COLLABORATIVE spirit that makes him stand out. If he is radioed to clean up a mess in a classroom or to complete an emergency set up in the MPR, he happily complies. If someone throws up in the hallway or a kid's shoe is thrown on the roof, he is there. If it is raining, he is wading in the puddles, or sometimes lakes, to check the drains or keep the classrooms safe from water. He takes the initiative to do what needs to be done on our campus and what is best for students. He asks about each of our families on a regular basis and sincerely cares. He is there for all of us each and every day and brings us all joy and happiness by simply being who he is. Raul has been at Lakeview since the first day it opened its doors and is the fabric of our school. I know you join me in congratulating our very own Mr. Raul for earning this prestigious award. What an honor it is to work with the Support Services Employee of the Year! CONGRATULATIONS, Mr. Raul!!

Mrs. Beeuwsaert