

# THE FW INSIDER

## ADRIANA GARCIA NEW DOUGLAS ASSISTANT TO THE PRINCIPAL



Congratulations to Adriana Garcia, who was approved by the Governing Board to be the next Assistant to the Principal at Douglas Elementary School! Adriana began teaching in Flowing Wells in 2013, when she was hired as a third-grade teacher at Laguna Elementary School. Over the last several years, Adriana has taken on additional responsibilities including serving as a School Improvement Representative and as Laguna's Head Teacher. When Principal Alan Schmidt was assigned to military training for 14 weeks, from May through August 2023, Adriana took on many administrative duties in Alan's absence, including student discipline, weekly meetings with construction contractors, and coordination of classroom relocations. As an educator and a Laguna parent of a kindergartener and second-grader, Adriana recognizes the importance of building positive relationships, connecting with our families, and finding ways for them to engage with their children's education. She is deeply committed to the Flowing Wells community. Congratulations, Adriana!

### 2024-2025 SPARS COMING SOON

Principals are distributing certified contracts this week and will be distributing spars for support staff members in the coming weeks. If you have plans to leave Flowing Wells at the end of this school year, please communicate with your principal or director as soon as possible.



## DR. FINCHUM IS IN THE HOUSE



Congratulations to Dr. Tabetha Finchum for successfully defending her dissertation last week! Her study, entitled *Teachers' Perception of Leadership Attributes during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Case Study*, thoughtfully explored teachers' and principals' perceptions of shifting leadership behaviors and attitudes during the pandemic and provides relevant findings for leading in the midst of a crisis. Anyone who has worked with Tabetha recognizes her commitment to excellence and will not be surprised to learn that her dissertation and defense were outstanding! Congratulations, Dr. Finchum—we are grateful to have you in Flowing Wells!

### DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BLUE 365 DEALS?



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