



Ismael Garza

Assistant Principal

Having been in education for over 20 years, I have had the experience of teaching in a bilingual setting, self-contained from grades 1st - 5th, and leading as a teacher leader in different Title 1 schools. Recently, I was in administration as an Assistant Principal for 2 years at Longfellow Elementary.

When I first came into education, I was always inspired by setting an example for students. Over time, I have learned and grown as an education leader and continue to be inspired by students' learning and teachers' best practices in instruction. At Herod, I will strive to continue in my efforts to inspire our students to succeed and help teachers foster that growth in your child. Together, we can see our students grow to the best that we know our students are capable of!

Deirdre R. Guidry

Special Education Chair

Deirdre R. Guidry is a native Houstonian and a proud graduate of Bellaire High School. She has served the Houston Independent School District for 31 years. Ms. Guidry received her bachelor's degree in Business Technology at the University of Houston. She also earned her master's degree in Educational Administration at Grand Canyon University and recently received her counselor's certificate. Ms. Guidry entered the educational arena to make a difference in the lives of children and the community. She began her teaching career at Cullen Middle School where she served as a resource teacher, special education chair, and cheerleader sponsor. She credits her mom for encouraging her to explore teaching as a profession.

Ms. Guidry loves sports, hanging out with her awesome mom and her two beautiful daughters. In her spare time, Ms. Guidry provides community services with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Ms. Guidry's motto is "Building and Sustaining Relationships with our Stakeholders Creates a Successful Scholar."





Irma Gonzalez

STEAM and Technology Support

- I graduated from the University of Houston .
- Started teaching in 2005
- Certified in ec-4th generalist, esl ec-12, and technology applicationsec-12
- I love to cook.
- I like photography.
- I am the youngest and have two brothers and two sisters
- I am about 3 classes away from my master's degree in technology education.

Gloria Martinez Music

My name is Gloria Martinez. I am thrilled to be the music teacher at Herod Elementary! I graduated from the University of Houston with a BA in Music. I enjoy the fine arts, traveling and the outdoors.



Patricia Gonzalez

Bilingual PreK

Patricia Gonzalez has been a bilingual teacher for HISD since 2003. Ms. P. Gonzalez is certified in Bilingual Early Childhood through Fourth Grade and has experience teaching Bilingual Pre-Kinder, Kinder, First, Second, and Third Grade ESL students. She is passionate about teaching through dance, music, and rhyme, as students are enthusiastic about learning in her classroom.

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Dr. Kelci Gabriel

1st Grade

I am one of a set of Triplets.
I have Twins.

I graduated from all HISD schools.

I graduated from three universities in Texas.

I am an official “Yellow Rose of Texas.” This is a community service award given by the Governor of Texas.

I am an AKA.



Tamseela Ulhaque

1st Grade

Ms. Ulhaque is excited to join Herod Elementary! She grew up in California and moved to Katy in 2001. Ms. Ulhaque began teaching in 2007. She believes in setting high expectations and loves telling her students, "I believe you can fly!" This works wonders at bringing out their best and builds positive relationships with her students. She enjoys traveling and has visited four countries. Ms. Ulhaque loves to spend time with her amazing four children and husband.

Hailey Lewis

2nd Grade

- Hello! My name is Hailey Lewis, and I am so excited to be joining the Herod family this year! I graduated from the University of Houston in May with my Bachelor's in Teaching and Learning. I am thrilled to be spending my first-year teaching with the 2nd grade Herod team! In my free time, I love ice skating, making music, crafting, binging Disney movies, and cuddling with my kitty cat, Ginny. I'm looking forward to all the wonderful memories to be made this school year!

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Nicole Kohn

3rd Grade ELA/Social Studies

My name is Ms. Kohn (pronounced like Ice Cream Cone!) I am SO excited to join the Herod team this year, teaching 3rd Grade ELA/Social Studies. This will be my 5th year teaching. Teaching is my passion and students are my joy. When I'm not in the classroom, I love traveling (I've visited 15 countries so far), rescuing animals and spending time with my friends and family. I also enjoy seeing Broadway musicals! I have 4 dogs and a cat. I graduated in 2017 with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in EC-6 Education from The University of Houston-Downtown— GO GATORS! Let's make this year amazing!





Sheyla Castelan

3rd Grade Math/Science

Hello! My name is Sheyla Castelan. I am a first-generation college graduate from the University of Houston (Go Coogs). I love traveling and learning different languages. I am a product of Houston ISD and I look forward to getting to know Herod's wonderful community!

Rosa EdwardsHarris

4th Grade Math/Science

I am returning to my birthplace, Houston, from Tampa Bay, Florida...aka, "Champa Bay!"

My husband and I have been married for 20 years, have adult children and are struggling with figuring out how to "Empty Nest <COVID!" 😊 Outside of work, I am a caretaker for my active senior dad (a Vietnam War Veteran, Tank Mechanic, and Longshoreman). My personal interests include Web Design, Data Science, World Travel, Entrepreneurship, Inclusion, Zone 9 Gardening, MiLB, Cryptocurrency, Digital Nomading, 4X4 Trucking, Nonprofit Volunteering, Music, and anything that represents adventures from the "Fellowship of the Ring!"

In my new beginning at HISD as a 4th grade math/science teacher, my goal is to learn the school culture, be a helpful team player, and support students in connecting STEM in the classroom to their real world situations! This Florida Gal is READY...LET'S GET @ IT!





Jonathan LeGrand

4th Grade Math/Science

I grew up in the Chicagoland area through high school, then in the 1990s I moved to Arizona where I got my undergraduate degree in geosciences and worked in geophysics

- During the early 2000s I switched to the oilfield working for many years and my wife and daughter being able to live in Louisiana, Ecuador, and settling in Houston in 2014

- The past five years, I went back school getting my MBA degree from the University of Houston-Downtown while getting exposure to industrial, manufacturing, and fabrication fields

- During the summer 2020 I discovered the love of teaching doing some outdoor classes with kids

I love all things technical and understanding how they work, conveying information to others, welding and making things, and listening to music.



Tiffany Harris

5th Grade Math/Science

Hello everyone! My name is Tiffany Harris. I have been in education for 9 years. I have previously taught 5th and 6th grade Math. This year, I will be teaching 5th grade Math and Science. I am extremely excited to be a part of the Herod family!