



Meridian Park

Elementary School



Dear Meridian Park community,

My name is Aram Osterlye and I am excited to introduce myself as the new principal at Meridian Park Elementary. It is an honor and privilege to lead alongside such an amazing staff in a school filled with happiness, collegiality and rich traditions that strives for excellence in education. I am excited to join such an amazing community where we can celebrate our diverse population of learners, instill virtues, and empower our students to seek their full potential in a safe and inclusive learning environment. I recently moved to the great state of Washington by way of California (Napa Valley) with my fiancée Savannah and we couldn't be happier with our decision to move to this beautiful area.

The experiences that have brought me to this role include 7 years as a classroom teacher (Kindergarten - 6th Grade) and three years as an elementary school principal with this past year serving in a dual role as both elementary school principal and the district director of Student Services. I hold a B.A. in Criminal Justice, an M.A. in Education from CSU - Chico and I am currently working to complete my Ed.D from Vanderbilt University. My hobbies include fly fishing, camping, hiking, playing sports, and keeping up with all my favorite sports teams (49ers, Giants, Warriors, Sharks).

You may be wondering what I will be like as a principal and what values I bring to the role. As a teacher and administrator, I strongly believe in educating the whole child. A caring and engaging community sets the stage for students and adults to grow. So, my first focus will always be on the well-being of each person in this school and I will do my best to maintain a caring, safe and healthy community. Another priority is the academic growth of each child in our care. We know that for students to grow, they need appropriate challenges, differentiated support and engaging strategies to access curriculum and achieve mastery.

Please feel free to contact me at school or via email at aram.osterlye@ssd412.org. I look forward to getting to know you and our future partnerships! Go Cheetahs!!

In solidarity,

Aram Osterlye