

KEY Academy KNIGHTS

# Meet the Teachers cont.

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**Ms. Sawsan-Arabic**

My name is Sawsan Altimimi. I teach the Arabic language for all levels .The first five years of my life I grew up in London because my dad was studying for his PH.D in Biology. Afterwards, we went back to Iraq. My mom was also a teacher. Her love for teaching inspired me to be a teacher. I have taught for nine years in many private and public schools in the Bay area. Chocolate with hazelnut is my favorite sweet. I enjoy traveling, shopping, gardening, sewing and cooking. My favorite colors are purple and turquoise.

**Mrs. Amanda-TK & Kindergarten**

I grew up in Hayward, but moved to Santa Cruz for college. I enjoy hiking, reading, and photography. I look forward to a fantastic year learning new things!

# Meet the Teachers

The staff and I welcome you to KEY Academy Charter School, home of the Knights. We are so excited to see so many faces ready and eager to learn! We appreciate everyone who has been coming to school on time and is prepared to start the day. Thank you parents for your support in helping your child be prepared and ready to learn! Success starts with parents being our number one partner.

At KEY Academy, we educate the whole child in a manner that emphasizes the love of learning. We view each as an individual with a unique potential for success. We look forward to a fun and successful school year.

Please feel free to drop by the office if you have any questions or just to say “hi”!

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**Ms. Leura-1st Grade**

This is my sixth year teaching elementary school.   Last year I started a business teaching sewing at birthday parties, though I am happy to be back in the classroom again.  My favorite part of teaching is getting to know my students and their families.  I always say yes to dinner invitations!  When I am not at school, you can find me traveling the world, laughing with my friends and family, outside in the sun, or making chocolate chip cookies.

**Ms. Tiffani-2nd Grade**

Hi! My name is Ms. Tiffani. I grew up in New Jersey, but moved to California in high school. I graduated from the University of Colorado, Boulder with a degree in psychology and communications. I continued my education and received a Masters in Educational Leadership. I have been teaching for nine years. I’ve had the pleasure of teaching kindergarten, second, third, and fourth grade. When you don’t find me in the classroom, I am with my family, friends, and animals. I like to go to the movies and going out to eat. I am looking forward to an exciting year and can’t wait to get to know everyone better!

**Mrs. Aishan-3rd Grade**

My name is Mrs. Aishan Lu Yokoo. I am the third grade teacher. I have taught first grade and third grade for a total of eight years. I am happy to have this great opportunity to teach your children at such a great and flourishing environment like KEY Academy! I will expect lots of hard work and dedication from both my students and parents, because without everyone's participation we will not have a successful year!

**Mr. David-4th Grade**

I’ve taught 4th grade for over seven years. I graduated from CAL Berkeley and I’m currently getting my Master’s in Educational Leadership. I enjoy sports and movies.

**Ms. Claudia-5th Grade**

I was raised in Long Beach, California. I moved to Oakland, California to attend Mills College. This will be my third year teaching and I am looking forward towards staying in education.

**Mr. Kasa-6th Grade**

My name is Kasa Allen. I will be teaching 6th grade at KEY Academy. I graduated from U.C Davis with a degree in Asian American studies and a minor in Music and Film. When I am not teaching, I enjoy bowling, martial arts, and Anime.

**Mr. Will-7th/8th Grade**

I am Will Eaton, a recent transplant to the San Francisco Area, who originally was born and raised in Maryland. I graduated from St. Mary’s College of Maryland in 2011 with a BA in Environmental Communications, and again in 2013 with a Masters in teaching. I find teaching an energizing and refreshing profession. I have taught in Maryland and in Gambia West Africa. Outside of school, I love surfing, windsurfing, and spending time outside.

**Ms. Jennifer-Spanish**

I grew up in Modesto, CA and graduated from CSU Stanislaus with a BA in Education and a minor in Bilingual studies Spanish. I really like hiking, swimming, and cooking.

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If you are interested in helping the school fundraise and organize school events, please join us on Thursday, September 19th to start our parent committee. We will be meeting in the cafeteria at 5:30 PM during the Back to School Night to start planning for the upcoming year.

**Parent Committee**

**Back to School Night**

Thursday, September 19, 5-6 P.M.(K-3rd)

Thursday, September 19, 6-7 P.M. (4th-8th)

**Parent Committee**

Thursday, September 19, 5:30 P.M.

**Picture Day**

Wednesday, October 2nd

**Assembly**

Wednesday, October 16



## Upcoming Events

Character Counts is a character-education program in our school that promotes being a caring, respectful, and responsible citizen and family member.  Character Counts reflects on six pillars of good character.  With the support of our teachers, parents and administration, we will present a variety of activities and lessons throughout the month of September that build upon our character trait, "Respect".  We encourage you to discuss this with your child at home and share experiences of what it means to be a respectful person.

# Character Counts

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