

EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR

2010-2011

Argelia Alaniz Toppenish High School



Argelia Alaniz has worked for the Toppenish School District for 30 years. For the past two years Argelia has worked in the reading department at the Toppenish High School. She has worked closely with students to help them in any way that she is able. Argelia is able to help our students when there is a misunderstanding of the content, she is always there to help them understand and yet encourage our ELL students to use the English they have available and to continue learning. Argelia always makes sure that the students that she is working with make progress and gain the needed knowledge in order to be successful in high school. Not only is Argelia great with students, she is also fabulous with teachers, staff, and parents. She is always willing to go the extra mile to help out, she is loving, understanding, and will do what she can to always make you smile. Argelia has a huge heart for her fellow staff members and all of our students. Toppenish School District is proud to recognize Argelia Alaniz as our Classified Employee of the Year.

Kai Christianson Toppenish Middle School



Kai Christianson goes above and beyond for our students at TMS. He makes learning come alive by using technology and creating relevant, integrated learning projects that are scaffolded for student success. Kai is a team player and works well with others. Kai utilizes data to know where his students are and what needs to be taught next. Kai develops positive relationships with our staff and students. He is a role model and always has a smile and kind word for everyone. Because of Kai's genuine caring attitude, students trust him and seek his advice and assistance. Kai is very active in our school. He is our TMS Technology Coach. He assists with afterschool clubs, coordinates TMS 21st Century Program and is a member of the ongoing committees. Kai is always willing to lend a hand in order to help our school and students. He is a talented educator that goes above and beyond for our students. Toppenish School District is proud to recognize Kai Christianson as our Certified Employee of the Year.

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