



**Rosemead
School District**
Established in 1859

Press Release

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Rosemead School District Proudly Shares its Very Own Ms. Melissa Fuentes to March in the 2023 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade® with The Band Directors Marching Band™

Rosemead, California: The Rosemead School District proudly shares that its very own teacher Ms. Melissa Fuentes will be marching in the **2023 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade®** with The Band Directors Marching Band™ in New York City on **November 23, 2023** under the theme, "*America's band directors: We teach music. We teach life.*" During the parade Ms. Fuentes will be a part of the drumline, marching bass drum (bass 2).



Melissa Fuentes, a music teacher at Muscatel Middle School in the Rosemead School District, has been selected to join a marching band of 400 band directors from across the country in the historic Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade®. As released by Sanford Meisel, Director of Marketing on behalf of Saluting America's Band Directors, the theme "*America's band directors: We teach music. We teach life*" recognizes the extraordinary dedication and accomplishments of band directors and music educators everywhere. Throughout their careers, the music educators in this band have collectively mentored and taught hundreds of thousands of students. These professionals not only teach and direct music, they teach about life itself. The band will be directed by nationally known music



educator and innovative band director Jon Waters."

Additionally, the organization provides music educators with the opportunity to do "Service Through Music" projects. One of their projects was to do a virtual performance of "Amazing Grace" honoring first responders. The band will also do a performance at the 9/11 memorial while they are in New York. Tune into the performance virtually by visiting the YouTube link below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=shared&v=9eerZLP33PI>. In the video you'll spot Ms. Fuentes in the bottom right hand corner.

"We are so proud of our music teacher Melissa Fuentes. Who has been selected to join a marching band of band directors in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade," expressed Board President Mr. Ronald Esquivel.

"We are incredibly fortunate that Ms. Fuentes is part of our Rosemead community. In only her first year with us, she has already established herself as an advocate and talented mentor for our students. We are happy she will proudly represent our school district and all music teachers at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade," shared Superintendent Dr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba.

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March in the 2023 Macy's Thanksgiving Parade on November 23, 2023**

On behalf of the Rosemead School District we are extremely proud of Ms. Fuentes on her accomplishments and such a prestigious experience as a member of "The Band Directors Marching Band™" on Thanksgiving Day.

Congratulations, Melissa, and thank you for proudly representing Muscatel Middle School and the Rosemead School District!

About Saluting America's Band Directors

To learn more about Saluting America's Band Directors, please visit www.banddirectorsalute.org. The sponsoring organization behind the Saluting America's Band Directors project is the Michael D. Sewell Memorial Foundation, based in Pickerington, Ohio. The foundation was created to recognize and carry on the work of the late Mike Sewell, who dedicated his life to the school and community music programs in Pickerington and the Central Ohio area for almost 40 years.

About the Rosemead School District

The Rosemead School District (RSD) was established in 1859 and is a Local Education Agency (LEA) led by Superintendent Dr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba. The District's education program includes students in preschool, transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1st through 8th. The Rosemead School District offers programs as follows and are not limited to: Full Day Kindergarten, English Language Development (ELD); Instrumental Music program (4th-8th grades); Student in Need program; State Preschool; Transitional Kindergarten; Before and Afterschool programs: K.S.A.R.T. (Kinder After School Recreational and Tutorial), A.S.A.R.T. (After School Recreational and Tutorial), A.S.E.S. (After School Education and Safety) program; Gifted and Talented Program (GATE); Science Olympiad; Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID); Franklin Covey's Leader in Me[®] Program and 7-Habits[®]; Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS); Migrant Education program; and Special Education programs. For more information about the Rosemead School District, please visit www.rosemead.k12.ca.us. For more information about school educational programs, please contact the Educational Services Department at (626) 312-2900 x213.

To learn more about the Mandarin Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program at Encinita Elementary School visit <https://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us/domain/321>.

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