



## **Cynthia Johns 2019 Classified Employee of the Year Instruction**

Coworkers throughout the District will tell you that Cindy Johns is a true joy to work with and her reputation with our families is incredible. Families return year after year so their children can attend preschool in Cindy's class. For the past 27 years Cindy has been teaching and nurturing our District's youngest students. She has helped to grow the CDC into the high quality program it is.

She provides exceptional care and early childhood education to the children in her class with just the right balance of developmentally appropriate practice and academics so children graduating from preschool are ready for kindergarten and beyond. Cindy and her team have implemented programs that are impacting students in a positive way and have trickled up into our primary grades to support our students. Programs such as Conscious Discipline and The Zones of Regulation teach students self-monitoring and regulation and support teachers in working with difficult behaviors. Additionally, Cindy is a lifelong learner herself and is always in pursuit of professional development opportunities to keep up with the early childhood best practices. She is a mentor and a model for all of the CDC staff and makes a point to support anyone that has a need. Los Al is lucky to have Cindy Johns representing our CDC program and we are proud to recognize her as our Classified Employee of the Year.

Please join us in congratulating Cindy on this recognition. We are honored to work with her and to have her represent the excellence we have in Los Alamitos Unified School District.