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## Los Perales Elementary Gets New Principal

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Incoming Los Perales Elementary School Principal Amy Banks was welcomed to the school by Superintendent Bruce K. Burns. Photo Chris Lavin

State University, her master's in educational leadership from California State East Bay, and her multiple subject teaching credential at Saint Mary's College. She has taught second and fifth grades, as well as high school English. She has also served as a reading specialist and a teacher on special assignment.

The students at Los Perales Elementary School welcomed the newest kid on the block Aug. 28: their new principal, Amy Black.

"It feels fantastic to be in Moraga," Black said. "I feel like I've struck gold in coming here. Everyone has been so welcoming. I was impressed by the teachers and the staff, and then I met the kids, who are just great."

Black replaces Charles Miller.

She comes to Moraga from the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, where she served as principal of Sycamore Valley and Alamo elementary schools, and assistant principal at Tassajara Hills Elementary School. Ultimately, Black said, it was her sons who tipped the scale to be closer to home. She lives in Walnut Creek, and she has two sons attending Lafayette Elementary School.

"I was already involved in this district as a parent. So I finally decided it was time to give back to the community where I live," she said.

In a statement, Moraga School District Superintendent (and former longtime Los Perales principal) Bruce Burns described Black as "an excellent communicator with a passion for working with teachers and students."

Black earned her undergraduate degree at San Jose

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