













Calusa Elementary School

Meet Some Members of our Staff

<p>Mrs. Dianne Rivelli-Schreiber, Principal</p> <p>Dianne.Rivelli-Schreiber@palmbeachschools.org</p>		<p>Welcome Flamingos! We are so excited to meet our newest Flamingos for the new School Year. This is my 6th year as Principal of Calusa Elementary and I have been an educator in Palm Beach County for the past 26 years. As your Principal, it is my duty to ensure that your child is safe, happy, and learning. We work as a team to ensure consistent communication between home and school is happening. It's important to stay informed! I am looking forward to a fabulous year with your child starting school!</p>
<p>Mr. Christopher Wotton, Assistant Principal</p> <p>Christopher.Wotton@palmbeachschools.org</p>		<p>Welcome to Calusa! I have had the honor of working at Calusa for 17 years. I help students and parents with bus and transportation concerns, classroom transitions, textbooks, behavior modification and unique individual student needs. We are looking forward to enjoying a special year together!</p>
<p>Mrs. Kara Schwarz, Assistant Principal</p> <p>Kara.Schwarz@palmbeachschools.org</p>		<p>Welcome to our Flamingo Family! I am one of the Assistant Principals here at Calusa. I look to build relationships with students and their families and create strong relationships between school and home. I am a good resource for academics and all things school. I am looking forward to meeting you!</p>
<p>Ms. Chari Gordon, Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Contact</p> <p>Chari.Gordon@palmbeachschools.org</p>		<p>Welcome to our Flamingo Family! I am the ESE Coordinator at Calusa. This is my 30th year at Calusa and I couldn't be happier. We are fortunate to be able to offer a continuum of services to support your child's education and success while they are with us. We have services for students with speech delays, language impairments and learning disabilities as well as support students on the Autism Spectrum. We offer social skills, occupational and physical therapy and behavior support across our campus in addition to our full time Gifted program. We can't wait to welcome you in person and look forward to watching your child grow into a Fabulous Flamingo!</p>

<p>Susan Watkins, ESOL Contact</p> <p>Susan.Watkins@palmbeachschools.org</p>		<p>Welcome Flamingos! I am the ESOL Contact at Calusa. This will be my 2nd year at Calusa. I am excited to begin a new school year! Our goal is to develop each child's English language proficiency through academic support in speaking, listening, reading and writing. We assist students in reaching their highest potential by providing social, emotional and linguistic development support. I look forward to watching all of our Flamingos grow and succeed! Welcome to the Calusa family!</p>
<p>Geri Fishman, Engagement Coordinator/ ESOL Teacher</p> <p>Geri.Fishman@palmbeachschools.org</p>		<p>Welcome to Calusa! I am looking forward to this upcoming school year! This will be my 5th year at Calusa, but I have taught various elementary grade levels over the past 18 years, in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania. I loved my role as a third grade inclusion teacher at Calusa and I am even more thrilled to be taking on a new position. I am delighted to work with the staff to share my passion for student engagement and teaming! I am also looking forward to helping ESOL students feel welcomed at our school and continue to blossom academically and socially. I know this will be a great year!</p>
<p>Carrie Thornberry, School Counselor/504 Contact</p> <p>Carrie.Thornberry@palmbeachschools.org</p>		<p>Hi Flamingo Families! I am so excited for the new school year. I'm the school counselor & 504 contact for Calusa. This will be my 12th year at Calusa. My lessons will cover subjects such as responsibility, respect, kindness, friendship skills, and mindfulness. I also help families in need of financial assistance for field trips, uniforms and school supplies through our wonderful Flamingo Society. All requests are kept confidential. I look forward to helping our youngest flamingos transition to their new school.</p>
<p>Maria VanAlan, School Psychologist</p> <p>Maria.Vanalan@palmbeachschools.org</p>		<p>Hello Flamingos and welcome to Calusa! I am a licensed and nationally certified school psychologist with many years of experience in the district. I am part of the team, helping students with academic and behavioral needs. I cannot wait to see the students and help them to have a fantastic school year!</p>
<p>Alexia Anagnostakis, Behavioral Health Professional</p> <p>Alexia.Anagnostakis@palmbeachschools.org</p>		<p>Hello Flamingos! I am Mrs. A as the students call me and I am the School Behavioral Health Professional here at Calusa Elementary. This is my third year at Calusa and I offer behavioral and mental health support to the students and guidance to families if further support is needed. As your students transition to Calusa, I will be there to support your student every step of the way. I am looking forward to an incredible year!</p>

<p>Laurie Helfman, Aftercare Director</p> <p>Laurie.Helfman@palmbeachschools.org</p>		<p>Welcome to Calusa! I'm the Director of our amazing Aftercare Program. I've been at Calusa for 16 years, running one of the largest programs in the District! We offer two different options in our program: 2:00-4:00 (approx. \$117 per child/per month) and 2:00-6:00 (approx. \$235 per child/per month). We have a variety of activities to keep our students engaged throughout the afternoon (i.e. zumba, yoga, soccer, computers, art, variety of sports activities, and homework assistance). Our awesome staff strives to make our newest Calusa flamingos feel welcome, cared for, and engaged so that each child feels comfortable in their new surroundings. We look forward to welcoming not only our new students, but our new parents, who will quickly feel "the love" behind our Flock!</p>
<p>Grace Parkins, Cafeteria Manager</p> <p>Grace.Parkins@palmbeachschools.org</p>		<p>A Big Hello from the Calusa Cafe. I am the food service manager here at Calusa. My staff and I are eager to feed our hungry Flamingos at breakfast and lunch time. Breakfast is served starting at 7:15 a.m.. It is free for all students in Palm Beach County Schools. Lunch is \$2.05 or .40 for reduced students. I encourage families to complete the Meal Application online. It is available on the District website at the end of July. We also try to accommodate students with food allergies. Please send medical documentation with the details. Each month our menu is available on the app Nutrislice. On Fridays we will be continuing our Farm to School veggie offerings. We are very excited to get our new school year underway.</p>
<p>Fernanda Rodrigues, Data Processor/ Registrar</p> <p>Fernanda.Rodrigues@palmbeachschools.org</p>	<p>Flamingo Staff Photo Soon</p>	<p>Hello Calusa! My name is Fernanda and I joined the Calusa Team in Spring 2021 and so happy to be here with all of you! Prior to Calusa, I was the Community Language Facilitator (CLF) at DelPrado Elementary School. Please know that I am available for any and all of your registration questions. My office is in the Main Office and I am available from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.</p>
<p>Laura Morris, ITSA Technology Support</p> <p>Laura.Morris@palmbeachschools.org</p>		<p>Hello Our New Flamingos! I am here to assist you in anything you may need. I have many different duties, but my main job is to be there for your family. My hours are 7am to 3:30 and during these hours I am available through email, phone or in person right in the front office (right now remotely). If you have a question, care or concern, please reach out to me first. If I am not prepared to answer you I will get you right over to the correct person that can. I am a mother of three, so I know how exciting and nerve wracking it is to have our babies start school, but I also know that you have them in the best school in Boca Raton for this huge milestone. The rumors are all true, we are an amazing school who truly loves and cares for our children and their families. We are, all together, excited to start this fantastic year with you! Looking forward to the next 6 years with your family.</p>

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Hello, My name is Jennifer Minton, the Calusa Elementary School PTA President. I have been involved in Calusa for the last eight years in leadership positions. My daughter, a Calusa graduate, is currently in 8th grade at Omni Middle School, and my son is in 4th grade. My mission as your PTA President is to make our children's elementary school experience a memorable one. I welcome you all to our 2021-2022 school year and would love to have you participate in our PTA to enhance our children's educational experiences.