



San José
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Dear Hammer Montessori Families:

It is an honor and a privilege for me to be joining the Hammer Montessori community as the new principal. Lynn Belmonte has graciously welcomed me into our school, thus allowing me the opportunity to visit classrooms and see firsthand the amazing work that takes place each day under the skillful guidance of our teachers.

Please join me for the first *Principal's Coffee* of the 2018-19 school year on Friday, August 17, at 9:15am. At that time, I will share information about myself and my background. Additionally, you are invited to join me at 3:15-4:30pm that same day for an *Ice Cream Social*. The social will give us a chance to have a real meet-and-greet, with students included.

In the meantime, here is a bit of information that I would like to share with you.

This school year marks my 18th year in education. After ten years of teaching, I decided to pursue a Master's degree in Educational Administration and moved into an instructional coaching position, working with teachers to hone their skills in support of students. After three years of coaching, I was hired as principal of Hacienda Science Magnet, also in the San Jose Unified School District, where I served for four years. When the opportunity arose to apply at Hammer Montessori, I was eager to pursue this new challenge and the promise of professional development in a very special educational approach, the Montessori Method.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you, and sharing more information about my journey. I am eager to begin and build lasting relationships with the Hammer Montessori community.

Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation!

Kind regards,

Carmen Loy

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Principal