

Introduction of New Hires



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Presented by Mr. Paul Goetzke, Executive Director of Human Resources

🎉🐾 La Vernia Primary School
Welcomes New Assistant Principal! 🐾🎉

La Vernia ISD is thrilled to welcome Mrs. Courtney Stewart as the new Assistant Principal of La Vernia Primary School! ❤️ With nearly 20 years in education, Mrs. Stewart brings unmatched experience, a heart full of passion for student success, and a strong commitment to building lasting relationships with families and staff. Her energy, dedication, and love for learning make her the perfect addition to our Primary campus. 🐻📚 Help us give a warm La Vernia welcome to Mrs. Stewart!



Primary Assistant Principal

Courtney Stewart



2025-2026 School Year

The graphic features a blue background. In the top right corner is the La Vernia ISD logo, which is a circular emblem with 'LA VERNIA ISD' at the top, 'EST. 1922' at the bottom, and a stylized 'LV' in the center. The main text 'Primary Assistant Principal' is written in a large, blue, outlined font. Below this, the name 'Courtney Stewart' is written in a white, bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the name is a portrait of Courtney Stewart, a woman with blonde wavy hair, wearing a teal blazer over a white top, smiling. At the bottom left of the graphic, the text '2025-2026 School Year' is written in white.

📣 Join us in welcoming the new Principal of La Vernia Intermediate School!

🎉 We're excited to announce that Amber Freeman will be leading the Intermediate campus for the 2025–2026 school year.

With over 21 years of experience at the elementary level—including 10 years as a principal, 5 years as an assistant principal, and 6 years as an elementary teacher—she brings a wealth of experience and a heart for student success. ❤️ 🐻 Help us give her a warm La Vernia welcome! 🤝



Intermediate Principal



Amber
Freeman

2025-2026 School Year

📣 Exciting News! 🐻 Please join us in welcoming Alyssa Meekins as the new Assistant Principal at La Vernia Intermediate School! 🎉 With 12 years of teaching experience and a heart for student success, Meekins has been a dedicated educator at La Vernia Primary School since 2018 and also served as a Summer School Principal. She brings a wealth of knowledge, leadership, and passion to this new role. We are thrilled to have her join the Intermediate campus leadership team and can't wait to see the great things ahead! 💙



Intermediate Assistant Principal



Alyssa Meekins

2025-2026 School Year

📣 La Vernia ISD is thrilled to welcome Mrs. Brandi Hanselka as the new Principal of La Vernia High School for the 2025–2026 school year! 🐻💙 📣 Mrs. Hanselka brings a wealth of experience, a heart for students, and a strong commitment to academic excellence. Her passion for building positive relationships and cultivating a strong school culture makes her a perfect fit to lead our community. We are confident that under her leadership, LVHS will continue to thrive and grow—upholding the proud traditions of La Vernia while inspiring every student to reach their full potential. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Mrs. Hanselka! We're excited about the future of LVHS under her guidance. 🐻💙



📣 La Vernia ISD is excited to announce that Sara Elley will be serving as the High School Assistant Principal for the 2025-2026 school year! 🎓 ✨ ❤️ Mrs. Elley has been a dedicated leader in our district, currently serving as a Assistant Principal at both the Primary and Intermediate campuses. Her passion for education, strong relationships with students and staff, and commitment to excellence have made a lasting impact across every grade level she's served. ❤️ Her leadership, energy, and heart for students make her the perfect addition to our high school team! 🐻 📖



High School Assistant Principal



Sara Elley

2025-2026 School Year

🎉 Join us in welcoming the new Assistant Principal of La Vernia High School! Tim Vandegriff brings 5 years of experience as an assistant principal and a strong passion for supporting students, teachers, and families. We're excited to have his leadership and dedication on campus as we continue building a positive and empowering learning environment at LVHS. ❤️ 🐻 Welcome to LVISD, Mr. Vandegriff!

High School Assistant Principal



Tim
Vandegriff



2025-2026 School Year