

Lifting Up Arab American and SSWANA Staff Voices

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John Muir Elementary
School Campus Aides



Najla, Khadeja, and Dhekra all came to the United States from Yemen. They got to know each other through their connections in the Yemeni American community and eventually all became campus aides at John Muir Elementary School. In their positions, they have become role models for Arab American families and students and are strong members of the John Muir staff who are cherished by the children and community.

They really enjoy working with elementary age children and all have school age children themselves. They were drawn to BUSD and John Muir by their love of working with children and helping others. In their community, they are well respected as educators.

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