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For those of you who don't me, I am Alessandra Ogren and I will be your art teacher for this school year.

This will be my 5th year teaching at the Penasco Schools and my 25th th year teaching as a performing and visual arts teacher. I attended college at The Evergreen State College in Olympia Washington, and have worked as a professional performing and visual artist for the last 30 years. I am co-artistic director of the Penasco Theater, and have a lifelong passion for the arts.

The goal of art class is to teach artistic practices/behaviors, inspire young people to be creative, learn new art skills, and express themselves. I think art is an essential skill for life; to relax, to communicate and to explore new ideas. I will be exposing students to many art forms as ways for them to learn more about themselves, their community and the world around them .

The first project we will be working on will be creating an art piece for the High Road Youth Arts Show the last 2 weekends of September.

I am excited to collaborate with the classroom teachers to help bring their lessons to life in the art room.

I know we will have lots of FUN getting creative and playing in art class!! Can't wait to see everyone

Ms Alessandra