

# MEET THE PRINCIPAL



## Dr. A. Betsy Santana

### Welcome to the JYE 2023-2024 School Year

I am humbled and excited to introduce myself as the principal of John Young Elementary school. I have been working with the JYE team to prepare for the start of this academic school year. We have a great year planned for all our students with many activities for students and families. As a JYE community we will **SOAR** with a collective focus on **S**tudent Success, **O**pportunities, **A**ccess, and **R**eflection. ♥

#### As your Principal you could expect me to be...

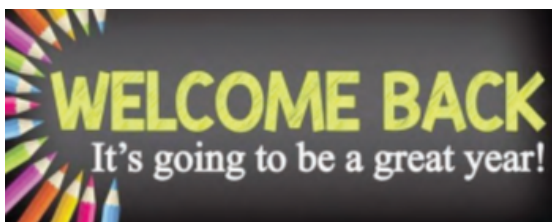
- committed to the academic and resilience development of each child
- building a community focused on continuous improvement
- focused on collective decision-making practices
- intentional about strengthening professional development practices
- a strong partner with our parents and community
- dedicated to creating and maintaining strong communication structures
- proactive, transparent, and provide consistent communication

### Professional Experience

- 17 years of experience in Education
  - 9 years in leadership
  - 8 years teaching
- 7 years as a Human Resource Recruiter

### Education

- **Roosevelt University**  
Bachelors in Business Administration  
Chicago, IL
- **Dominican University**  
Masters in Teaching  
River Forest, IL
- **University of Illinois Chicago**  
Doctoral of Educational Leadership  
Chicago, IL



My goal is to be a transformative leader who helps all JYE stakeholders achieve beyond their own expectations. My passion for making an impact in my community lead me to a career in Human Resources with the purpose of getting individual jobs to help them excel. I soon realized education is the pathway that opens doors for success. I transitioned to teaching and was motivated by the impact a teacher has on the lives of students. The desire to create strong learning environments for both students and teachers lead me into leadership roles. I am confident that together we will continue to enhance the strong loving, nurturing learning culture at JYE. I am here to support you.

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