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UPPER PROVIDENCE ELEMENTARY WELCOMES ARGENTINE PRINCIPAL FOR THREE-WEEK ADMINISTRATOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The 2012-13 Argentina Administrator Exchange Program will bring a principal to the school beginning Oct. 13 to study new tactics and best practices.

UPPER PROVIDENCE — Upper Providence Elementary students, staff and district administrators will welcome an Argentine visitor, as she and the school embark on a three-week exchange program starting Oct. 13 that will teach all involved new and exciting education concepts.

The school will host Argentine Principal Susana Carrizo, who is head of General Francisco Ortiz de Ocampo — a school in Jesus Maria. Carrizo will work closely with Upper Providence Elementary Principal Dr. Melissa Patschke during that time as part of the 2012-13 Argentina Administrator Exchange Program. The program allows educators from both countries to share best practices and experience different school systems, cultures and communities.

“Upper Providence Elementary School has been awarded the gift of an international principal, through the generosity of several great organizations,” Patschke said.

While Carrizo is at Upper Providence Elementary, she will shadow Patschke’s daily administrative responsibilities, where she will learn about different educational programs and gather instructional ideas. At the Oct. 15 board workshop meeting, the two administrators will give members a presentation about Argentine education and culture, as well as the progress they have made in connecting the two schools.

“International connections allow our students to grow more accepting of others and become comfortable with diversity,” Patschke added.

Patschke has also been awarded a fellowship from the U.S. Department of State to travel to Argentina for three weeks in summer 2013 for the reciprocal component of the exchange, where she will shadow Carrizo at her school.

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