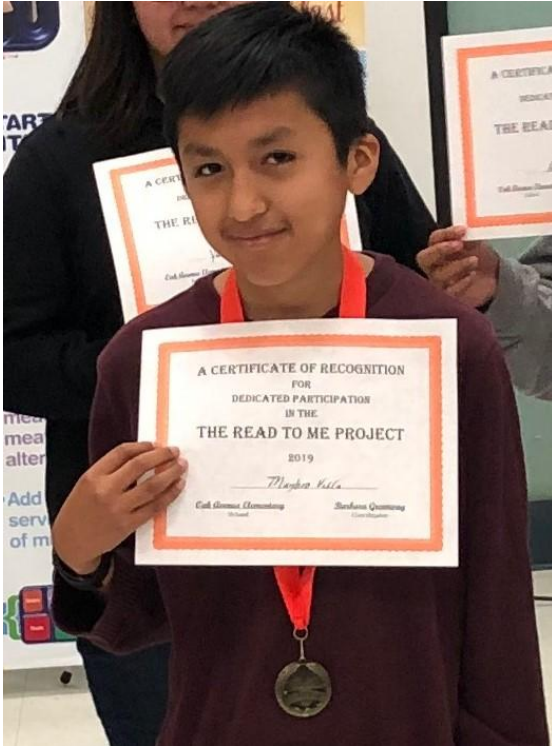




## CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVERS



The 2018/2019 school year concludes this month with 126 award presentations to 1,579 students. Nearly 400 students are receiving extra special recognition for reading at least 100 days to their pre- aged family members this school year. All participants receive books to encourage their continued reading over the summer.



## SERVICE SPOTLIGHT GIRL SCOUT TROOP 35605 CONDUCTS BOOK DRIVE FOR READ TO ME PROJECT



Girl Scout Juniors attending Carmel River School earned their Bronze Award by

researching the needs of the community, rolling up their sleeves on behalf of childhood literacy and choosing Read to Me Project to receive 676 books for the program. Scout Troop 35605 not only conducted the book drive, they brought the books to Fremont Elementary School and helped 4th, 5th and 6th grade students choose books for themselves and for the little ones at home. The Scouts also donated \$50 from the proceeds of their cookie sales!

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## BOARD MEMBER NEWS

Recently joining the Read to Me Project Board of Directors:

**Juan Pablo Lopez, Secretary**, is the Principal Administrative Analyst at the Monterey County's County Administrative Office, under the budget and analysis division. He holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California.

**Jen Ortega Uribe, Member**, is a Certified Professional Human Resource Business Partner with 10 years' experience building and retaining the most effective workforce possible with special expertise in recruitment, employee engagement, labor relations, safety building and creating policies and procedures and company culture. Jennifer was born and raised in South Monterey County.

**Debbie Howitt, Member**, has 18 years of experience in key aspects of nonprofit development including major gift fundraising, annual fund, capital campaigns, planned giving, and special projects. Debbie has a bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration.

Continuing: Janel Yamasaki (Board Chair), Cynthia Hertlein (Treasurer).

Departed: Sonia Aramburo (November 2018); Barbara Greenway (June 2019)

**Are you interested in being considered to serve on the Read Me Project's Board of Directors? We want to hear from people who are passionate about early childhood literacy and particularly, though not required, if you have a background in education. Please contact Executive Director [Libby McMahan](#).**



## WELCOME KIRSTIN VAN GEND

We warmly welcome Kirstin van Gend to the small and oh-so-mighty RtMP team as program manager. Kirstin is being trained to take the leading role in program implementation and supervision of program coordinators in the coming school year.

Kirstin is from South Africa and is sensitive to cultural and social differences. She has fifteen years experience working with young children and most recently worked as an Impact Associate Intern at the United Way. Kirstin holds a Master of Public Administration from Middlebury Institute of International Studies.

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