

**Brenda Montaine**  
Principal



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Dear Abraham Lincoln Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying your summer. I'm writing to announce that I have been given the honor to serve as Abraham Lincoln's principal for the 2009-2010 school year.

Many of you will remember that in 2006-2007 I had the distinct pleasure of serving at Lincoln under Debbie Riley as Lincoln's Title I literacy coach. I am thrilled to return to Lincoln. In total, I have had a thirteen year career with the Simi Valley Unified School District.

In 2005 I received a Master of Education from the UCLA Principal's Leadership Institute, in 1994 a Master of Arts in Human Development from Pacific Oaks College, and in 1990 a Bachelor of Arts in Music from CSUN. I'm dedicated to education and learning something new everyday.

My administrative experience includes serving three summers as a principal for Simi Valley's elementary special education extended year program and I have had the opportunity to be released from the classroom to fill-in for an injured assistant principal. The last three years were spent as one of only four people selected as a Title I elementary school literacy coach. My teaching experience includes ten years in the classroom teaching third, fourth, and fifth grade with an emphasis on English Language Development.

I'm looking forward to greeting and meeting all of you soon.

Sincerely,

Brenda Montaine  
Principal 2009-2010