



## Tony Flores

Wiley Post Elementary School  
Putnam City Schools

### 2016 TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALIST

"It is an honor to be a part of the career that saved my life. I owe my life to the field of education and teachers. I plan to spend the rest of my life paying back that debt by changing the lives of students for decades to come."

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### Current Teaching Position

Kindergarten-5th grade; General Music

### Years of Experience

4 years in present position

4 years total

### Educational Preparation

Bachelor of Vocal Music Education, Southern Nazarene University

Master of Music Education degree in progress, University of Oklahoma

### Philosophy of Teaching

"An outstanding teacher understands that there is more to life than math and reading. We can produce the most knowledgeable students, but what good is that if we have not given them the tools to survive emotionally, physically, and mentally in an ever-changing society?"

### Oklahoma Teacher of the Year Message

"We bring hope for the future. We are the ones shaping and creating the next generation, and because of that, we must remain focused on the children. Our community desperately needs our care for we are all connected like a delicate web. We are at the center of this web and our surrounding orbs can only be as strong as we are."

