

# Nancy Cory Elementary School

3540 West Avenue K-4  
Lancaster, CA 93536

## Upcoming Event

### Read Across America Community Book Festival

"Create & Celebrate a Nation of Diverse Readers"

### Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration!



Saturday, April 13, 2024

10 am - 1 pm

Side Lawn/Adjacent to Kindergarten Classrooms

### Featured Author - Sonia Nazario

An award-winning journalist whose stories have tackled some of this country's most intractable problems -- hunger, drug addiction, immigration -- and have won some of the most prestigious journalism and book awards. She is best known for "Enrique's Journey," her story of a Honduran boy's struggle to find his mother in the U.S. Published as a series in the Los Angeles Times, "Enrique's Journey" won the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing in 2003. It was turned into a book by Random House and became a national bestseller.





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## Monica Mancillas



Mónica Mancillas's work includes award-winning title *Mariana and Her Familia* (Balzer + Bray), *The Worry Balloon* (Roaring Brook Press), *How to Speak in Spanglish* (Penguin Workshop), *Sing it Like Celia* (Penguin Workshop, 2024), and *Leyendas/Legends* (Chronicle, 2025). Her books center on themes of identity, culture, and mental health, while challenging those outdated tropes that have historically left Latine voices in the margins.

## Nadine A. Luke



Nadine A. Luke is an Educator, Published Author, and Educational Consultant in Southern California. She intentionally writes books that reflect children of all backgrounds and specifically, children of color. Her books remind children that there are no limits to their dreams in life regardless of the color of their skin or socio-economic background. Through her books she encourages readers to embrace who they are, believe in their gifts and aspire to achieve greatness.





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## Kelly Ann Miller



Kelly A. Miller is an experienced educator, published author, and ballroom dance instructor. She writes books to help children work their way through the challenges that they face and to encourage them to be environmentally conscious. Her book *Family is Family* offers children strategies to deal with divorce, foster care, and everyday troubles. She wrote *Blue Whale's Journey: A Little Peek Inside* to teach children more about science (her favorite subject), and what they can do to help take care of the earth and its animals.

## Linda Forte



I grew up loving to read, write, and listen to my grandmother's stories about her spunky father and uncles. When my grandmother passed away, I became the storyteller in my family. As a teacher for 28 years, I specialized in building reading and writing skills in students from the first to ninth-grade levels. I don't just write African American books. I write books that are a part of American history, usually fiction based on true events.



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## Sarah Mlynowski



Sarah Mlynowski is the New York Times and USA Today bestselling author and coauthor of over fifty books for teens, tweens, kids and adults, including the *Whatever After* series, the *Magic in Manhattan* series, the *Best Wishes* series and the *Upside-Down Magic* series, which was adapted into a Disney Channel movie. Originally from Montreal, Sarah now lives in Los Angeles with her family.

## Felix The Storyteller



Author Felix Mayerhofer was born in 1930 in Port Chester, NY the youngest of 7 children. Upon turning 18 Felix left for the big city to attend Julliard School of Music and became a professional trombonist. His music career included playing in prestigious bands such as Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians among countless other famous big bands and serving in the 552nd United States Air Force band during the Korean War. Upon the end of the war he enrolled in Potsdam Teachers College and went back to his professional music career after graduating.





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## PSEUDONYMOU BOSCH

This elusive author has a passionate love of chocolate and cheese and an equally passionate hatred of mayonnaise. Rumors of Boschian sightings are just as frequent and about as reliable as reports of alien abductions. If you ever meet anyone claiming to be Pseudonymous he is almost certainly an impostor—especially if his name is Raphael Simon.



## Phillip A. Brown

Phil's first foraying into authorship, is a story centered in this Alabama history, and is an extension of his nonprofit's work - "Passing the Torch" of civic engagement to America's Youth.

Phil's goal as an author is to capture the attention of the reader by pulling them into "Olivia's" journey to find her father (who didn't come back home from the Vietnam war) - - While teaching the reader about history.



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# Illustrator & Author



## Peyton Jones



Growing up, Peyton was always brimming with creativity and imagination. At the tender age of ten, Peyton embarked on her journey as a storyteller when she attended a summer camp where her teacher ignited her passion for writing by challenging the students to craft their own tales. And thus, *The Adventures of Mini Peyton* were born.

## Shane Pangburn



Shane Pangburn grew up in rural Illinois and now lives in Los Angeles with his wife and child. He produces YALLWEST, the nation's largest youth literary festival. His cartoons and illustrations have appeared in *The Daily Dot*.





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# Book Illustrator



## John MacFarlane



An animator by trade, Macfarlane has never been without pen and imagination. John has collaborated with Felix on his published books, "Horace the Great", "Wobbly Bags a Theif", "Guitar Cowboy", and "The Three Little Godfathers" reading his stories and translating that into illustrations. He has also done all the cover illustrations to all the rest of Felix's children's stories.

John is a Simpson's animator and has also worked for Disney and Steven Spielberg.

**John MacFarlane's Movie Credits:**

The Princess and the Frog, Disney, effects animator  
Curious George: Technical Director, Warner Bros.-  
Animator

Looney Tunes: Back in Action-Effects Animator

Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas-2-D Effects Animator

The Road to El Dorado: Effects Assistant, Animation  
(Creation sequence effects)

The Iron Giant: Effects Animator

Quest For Camelot: Effects Animator (USA)

The Prince of Egypt: Assistant (Plagues sequence)

Space Jam: Effects In Between (Cinesite)

