

Welcome Berry, Roderick and Melody!



BERRY MURRY, Program Administrator, Related Services

How long have you been in education? 30 years (that's all I'm willing to admit to)

What did you do before SFUSD? I was in Chicago working as a hospital based Speech and Language Pathologist. Before coming to SFSFD I was in Mt. Diablo Unified working as a Special Education Administrator.

When your not working? I like to swim, hike, shop, read, eat, sleep and have a glass of Chardonnay (or two) with friends.

What radio station do you listen to? 740 am, so I can hear when a truck jack-knifes on the bridge or a car bursts into flames in the Caldecott tunnel.

Favorite Quote? I really don't have a favorite quote, I'm more the "hurry up and get busy" type.

Your interesting thing? I met my husband when we worked together as Certified Paramedics on the Chicago Fire Department. It was a "time away" from being an SLP. He likes to joke that he was my boss - ha ha ha!



DR. RODERICK CASTRO, SPED SUPERVISOR, COHORT 1

Dr. Roderick Castro recently **joined SFUSD after 20 years with LAUSD**, working as a teacher and administrator at the elementary, middle and high school level, supervising Curriculum & Instruction, Program Compliance, Special Education and Operations.

When he **is not working**, he is most likely **doing other work** for UCLA Extension, the National Hispanic University or teaching online courses for the MAT program at USC. When he is driving to work, he is **listening to the news on MSNBC, CNN** and is an avid progressive music/electronica fan since childhood.

He enjoys soccer and snowboarding and has attended 4 of the last 5 World Cups. **Oh, and he has run with the bulls in Pamplona twice!**



MELODY ROYAL, SUPERVISOR, COHORT 2

How long have you been in education? "Officially" for 13 years, however, since I have a child who had an IEP I have been involved for 25 years. My Daughter has been my greatest teacher.

Before SFUSD? I was Program Specialist for a K-12 district, the collaborative Autism Specific classrooms, and case managed 100+ students in NPSS. Over three years I was able to return all but 42 students to comprehensive campuses successfully.

What do you do for fun? I hang out with my daughter. We decide what we want to do on weekends. Sometimes it is her choice and sometimes it is my choice. When it is my choice, a re-enforcer is ALWAYS involved (gotta love the iPad)!

When driving/riding to work, what do you listen to? I ride my bike to BART, so I listen to traffic, on BART I wear earplugs. If I was listening to music it would be off of my iPod, ranging from classical, Lady Gaga, Metallica, depends on my mood

Something interesting?

I always have a vacation planned to look forward to. I am a chocolate snob. I only like bittersweet dark chocolate.

Favorite quote?

I don't have a favorite quote, but I do have a favorite way to live my life:

Don Miguel Ruiz- Four Agreements

- Be impeccable with your word
- Don't take anything personally
- Don't make assumptions
- Always do your best