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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

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# Serenity News

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

*Monday, Sept. 6, 2021 NO SCHOOL- Labor Day*

*Fridays, Sept. 10, 17, 24 Community Service @*

*Hugs Café*

Tuesdays- 12 Step Meetings

Wednesdays- Recovery Meeting

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*Upcoming: Picture Day  
Monday, October 4, 2021*

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# Teacher Introduction

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**Mrs. Vance**

**Mr. Brown**

Mrs. Vance has taught for the past eleven years in Texas, and this is her first year teaching in McKinney ISD. Reading, writing and word studies truly capture her heart; she truly loves teaching English. In addition, Mrs. Vance has taught Video Production, Broadcast Journalism and other Technology Art courses. Art holds a special place in her heart, too. Although Mrs. Vance has spent most of her life in Texas, she did live in Utah for a few years. She loves Texas but often misses the mountains and heavy snowfalls.

Mrs. Vance graduated from Brigham Young University with a Bachelor's degree in Marriage, Family and Human Development. She also enjoyed obtaining a Graduate degree in English from National University; her favorite course was Japanese Poetry. While not teaching, Mrs. Vance spends time with her husband and/or other family - including many of her 29 nieces and nephews as she can.

Richard Brown has been with McKinney ISD for the past 12 years. This is his first year teaching at Serenity High. Mr. Brown's specialty is math, but he has a love for all subjects. Mr. Brown was an Army brat growing up. He was born in Germany and lived in several different states as his father travelled from assignment to assignment. This is one reason he loves to travel and visit new places. He has been to four continents and many, many countries.

Mr. Brown graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor's degree in Business and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Master's of Business Administration. After a career in business, Mr. Brown switched careers and became a certified teacher to continue a life-long love of learning and fulfill his passion to teach. Mr. Brown has a loving wife and daughter along with two dogs, Baby and Matilda.

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## Dean of Students Corner : Introduction Ms. Long

Allie Long brings 19 years in education as Dean of Students to Serenity High School. She began her teaching career in 2002 in Elk Grove, California where she served 12 years as an elementary school teacher, a middle school Activities Director/Student Leadership Teacher, and a high school English Teacher. Allie spent the next 7 years as a teacher and administrator for adult schools in correctional education in California before becoming the Dean of Students at Serenity High School.

Allie is passionate about serving students, parents, and the recovery community. She not only believes that every student can thrive, but that they can become successful contributing leaders in the community. Allie believes in equipping students with the skills and tools they need to face the many challenges life brings. She has an incredible team of educators and support staff, an active advisory board, and a strong school district that drives and supports Serenity's vision and goals.

"I am beyond excited to be a part of the excellence that Serenity High School and MISD provide to help make students our next great leaders! I enjoy working collaboratively with community and school members to continue the path to high achievement while maintaining a safe learning environment focused on recovery. I'm honored to have this opportunity and love contributing my talents to such a special school."

