Who’s New at Cope?

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School is a great place to meet new people your own age. But, did you know that there are new teachers as well? Cope has six new wonderful teachers! They are Mr. Gray, Mr. Boursaw, Ms. Berry, Ms. Baze, Ms. Ambriz, and Ms. Camarena. Here is the inside scoop on each of the teachers.

One of the new teachers is Ms. Camarena, who teaches seventh grade science. She taught biology at Redlands High School for one year. Ms. Camarena likes younger students because they are smaller, more energetic, and enjoy learning the most. She enjoys teaching science because it shows life from minuscule cells to giant animals! A piece of advice she gave is, “Learn like you love it.”

Mr. Boursaw teaches 7th grade social studies. He also coaches boys’ soccer at RHS and used to teach at Citrus Valley High School. Mr. Boursaw is fond of social studies because he says it is fascinating how things in the past affect our current world situations.

A new 8th grade math teacher is Ms. Baze. She has taught at Clement, Beattie, and internationally in China. Ms. Baze is also proud to say she is a Cope alumna. She says her favorite thing at Cope so far are, “The students. I love them; they’re great.”

Ms. Berry is an English and math teacher for seventh and eighth graders. She has been teaching for about 10 years. Ms. Berry has taught in Yucaipa and at Moore, Crafton, Cram, and now Cope. She is fluent is Spanish as well. Her favorite thing at Cope are the students, “My students are fabulous.”

Mr. Gray is a new 6th grade teacher who just came from Smiley Elementary. He taught at Smiley for 17 years and is now at Cope with his favorite subject to teach, math. A planning period each day is his favorite thing at Cope for now.

The last teacher is Ms. Ambriz. She is a teacher who teaches all subjects for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. Like all your Harry Potter fans, she is one too. Her favorite things at Cope are the students and staff.

All of these new, unique and fun teachers are a great addition to Cope Middle School.