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2016 Corning Teachers' Association Retirees

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This end-of-the-year edition of our CTA newsletter is devoted entirely to honoring our colleagues who are retiring. I would like to express sincere gratitude for their years of service and wishes for years of happiness in retirement. Respected educators are difficult to replace. We will miss you.

--Leslie Varga, President



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Debbie Beck

Debbie started her teaching career at Steuben-Allegany BOCES in 1985, after returning to her hometown of Corning. She and her husband, Bob had been living in San Francisco, but moved back to be closer to family and friends. Debbie taught special education for 15 years, worked 3 years as a CSE Chairperson, and spent the last 13 years teaching health at the middle school. She and her husband have two sons, Devin a college student, and Sean who is about to graduate high school. Debbie reports that she has loved being a teacher and especially values the connections she has made with so many students over the years. Although she will miss the students and her teacher friends, Debbie is looking forward to having the time to travel, work on house projects, learn new songs on the piano, and spend more time with family.

Debbie is a passionate health educator that will be greatly missed here at CPPMS! She goes way above and beyond for her students in the ever-evolving health field, staying on top of the latest research and trends to insure her students are prepared to lead the healthiest lives possible. It has been both an honor and privilege to work side by side with her for the past decade!

By Laurie Murphy

*It is near, the end of your daily teaching career,
I might release more than a tear.
Your life lessons were given with so much spirit and dedication,
You clearly deserve a retirement that feels like a long vacation.
Working with you has always been a pleasure,
Your friendship is valued more than a treasure.
Countless memories, over time we have shared,
Your footprint shows that you truly cared.
Just want to wish you only the best,
Lots of experiences, and plenty of rest.
This simple poem is no fancy award,
I just hope, it hit the right chord.*

By Lisa Grapevine

Debbie's gift, as a middle school health educator, is that she "gets" middle school students. During what can be a difficult developmental time for kids, Debbie is a strong advocate for those trying to find their way. She is generous and goes the extra mile to guide students while they learn to ask for help and find solutions. These are the life skills Debbie teaches that will be remembered by her hundreds of students for their entire lives!!!

By Judy Smith-Coleman



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Nancy Bergenstock

Nancy Bergenstock is retiring after 23 years in education. During that time Nancy has worked in many settings, schools and districts. Nancy was working as a BOCES itinerate art and gifted and talented teacher when we met. Nancy would come to (Day Treatment) classes not knowing what the atmosphere of the room might be. We had some wild and crazy times, mostly fun, engaging the students in two plays, making flags for social studies and other creative projects led by Nancy.

Nancy graduated from SUNY Cortland with her Elementary and Art certificates. Nancy has a love for learning and academia. Nancy continued her education and became certified in reading while a 5th grade congruence teacher at Dundee Central School. Next she was hired in Canisteo to create and implement an Elementary AIS program. Once again Nancy continued her education and became certified in Gifted and Talented and taught the Elementary Enrichment Program at Corning –Painted Post. A parent honored her with the WENY teacher award. Nancy has finished her teaching career as a First Grade Teacher at Carder Elementary for the last five years.

In retirement Nancy is moving to North Carolina where she is looking forward to hiking, dancing and traveling ALOT!

By Sharon Rohdenburg



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Audrey Carr

After sixteen years of being a devoted teacher for our district, Audrey Carr has decided to retire. She spent eleven years in the elementary schools (Erwin, Carder, and Gregg) as a resource room teacher/ instructional support teacher. The last five years of her career were at the high school also as a resource room teacher. Audrey was dedicated to helping her students, as well as her co-workers. Beyond providing resource room services, she collaborated with the college staff on skills to help her students find success on the placement exam. She also organized and ran a professional development group for many years for her co-workers.

Prior to coming to our district, Audrey worked for ARC, BOCES, and did a lot of substituting in different schools in New York and California. She left the education field for a while and worked for CETA (a workforce development agency) in Putnam County and ended up marrying her boss. Who would have thought dating the boss would turn into a 34 year marriage with three very successful children? She and her husband, Tom, moved to the Corning area in 1988 when he landed a job at Corning Community College. He has also decided to retire this year so they can travel and spend quality time together.

When asked about her experience with our district, she replied, "I have enjoyed every minute of working for the Corning-Painted Post School District." Audrey's love of teaching hasn't come to a complete end. She already has plans of returning to the district as a substitute teacher when she is not traveling with her husband to Cape Cod, visiting two of her children (and soon to be first grandchild) in Detroit and her daughter in Wales as she works on her post-doctorate studies. Audrey will be greatly missed but we are fortunate enough to know she will still offer her guidance and knowledge for many years to come!

By Candelyn Tong



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Maryrose DiGiulio

Congratulations to Maryrose DiGiulio on her retirement after 38 years of teaching – 8 years in Catholic schools and private schools and 30 years in Corning Painted Post's Carder Elementary.

Maryrose is a talented musician and vocalist which led her to produce years of musicals with her students. Some of her favorites are:

- Cinderella for the dancing
- Little Red Riding Hood for the comedy
- Frog Prince as the most challenging
- Stone Soup as the one she did the most often and touched the most lives

She is a great colleague, bringing her energy and enthusiasm to the hallway. She has a sincere love and understanding of children, accepts them as they come and has helped them to new heights. She brings her sense of humor and wisdom to whatever challenges have faced us.

In her retirement, she is looking forward to gardening, baking, cooking and not getting up at 4:00AM every day. She may even explore a yoga or Zumba class. Her first plan however is to enjoy her summer gazing over a tranquil Keuka Lake with her family and beloved pets, Jackie and Buddy!

by Mary Kay Gronski, Lauri DiGiulio and Carol Allan



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Lori Friend

Lori dedicated her career to teaching Physical Education and coaching swimming. She received her BS from the University of Delaware and her Masters of ED from Elmira College. She began her teaching career in Horseheads (1985), taught in Watkins Glen (1986-1989), and began teaching in the CPPASD at Kent Phillips in 1989. She also taught at Smith School and East HS. Lori is concluding her career at Carder Elementary School.

Lori's exceptional organizational and technological skills were felt in the elementary swim program, the Physical Education program, the 5th grade fitness meet, her equipment room orderliness, as a building CTA rep, and throughout her various coaching positions. When asked, "What did you enjoy the most about teaching as a career?" Lori responded, "The KIDS.....Watching them grow from Kindergarten through life and then remain as friends. They are amazing! Co-workers make the job of teaching all worthwhile."

Lori took a prominent role in advocating and promoting the elementary-high school aquatics program in this district and state-wide. Lori was a key figure in the CPP elementary swimming program. She also ran the middle school intramural swimming program for many years. Lori was involved with the New York State Association for Physical Education, Health, Recreation, and Dance. She was the NYS Aquatics Section President, and she received the *Aquatics Amazing Person Award*. Lori also has held a seat on the Board of the Corning River Hawks, formerly the Corning River Rats, for many years.

Lori demonstrated her love of swimming through her teaching and coaching. One of her career highlights is her multitude of swimmers and divers who competed in New York State level competitions. Lori not only developed top notch swimmers, she also developed top notch individuals who give their all in all aspects of their lives. She received a 25-year service award from the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association. A testament to her coaching career happened earlier this year at her last home swim meet, when the current and past swimmers honored her accomplishments. Swimmers from as far back as the 1991- 1992 season came to send her off with many more wishing they could be there as well. Her voice will always echo in the walls of the pool, driving inspiration into those of us who know her.

Lori plans to spend her time in retirement working on multiple home renovation projects, sewing, gardening, needle working, kayaking, golfing, photography, connecting with friends, and spending time with family, including her son Sean, and her precious granddaughter, Brylee.

Lori's parting words of wisdom:

- Enjoy your time with students and co-workers. Time flies by way too fast.
- Remember to be patient, flexible, and smile.
- Choose your battles carefully.
- Be ready to adapt your plans. Life throws many curve balls when you least expect it.
- Find the positives and focus on them.

We wish Lori well in her retirement, and we will end this snippet like Lori ended her emails:

Success Through Positive Mental Attitude/Yes I Can. Yes you can, Lori and a job well done.

By Sharon Rohdenburg, Cyndy Adler, Ellen Fiorillo and Chris Asiello



Elisabeth Hanley

When we have taught for twenty some years, as I had, we tend to assume that our educational “tool belt” is full of all the possible skills, strategies and tricks needed to be able to perform at a highly effective level. Then we meet someone like Elisabeth Hanley and we realize that, although already substantial, our tool belt is about to expand in amazing ways!

Elisabeth and I met at Winfield School in 2001, when my fifth grade students required the assistance of a resource room teacher. She and I teamed together in an effort to bring the minds of those 5th graders to new levels of performance. Elisabeth was a force! Some educators change an environment simply by entering a room. Elisabeth did that. The level of everything rose under Elisabeth’s watchful eye. When she entered my classroom, it was a signal- to my students and me- that the road to thought provoking experiences was about to be travelled!

Somehow the usual special education tools, which I had seen used for many years, took on new life. Elisabeth taught the students to wield those highlighters as if they were instruments of enlightenment. Markers in hand, even the weakest readers were empowered to enjoy success in delving into the content of a story. And, oh, the multi colored Post-It notes! Her use of these made our textbooks look like an enormous battle had taken place on those pages. Like flags of the victorious, those bright squares marked character traits, significant events, inferences and all the other elements of higher level reading . Our students learned to respond, in written form, to almost any question we asked. Even the most muddled mind could see clearly! Elisabeth’s knowledge base was solid. She could decode words in such a way that it seemed we were unraveling a great mystery. She could integrate subject areas so masterfully that, in one lesson, four content areas could be woven together, thereby enhancing even the most basic lesson.

The age of the child posed no issue for Elisabeth, for she was equally at home instructing elementary , middle school and high school students throughout her career. We teachers benefited from her inspiring commitment to the idea that educating a child was a serious business that should be carried out at the highest possible level of effort and enthusiasm. Elisabeth’s sense of humor and matter- of- fact outlook made children open to joining her in this educational adventure. I think, because Elisabeth subscribed to the theory that even a broken clock is correct twice a day, she always expected her students to experience success, if given the accurate instruction. I know that she made my days in the classroom very rich indeed, and she expanded my notions of education throughout our time together!

By Fran Seymour



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Kay Keeney

Kay's first calling began as a stay-at-home mom, taking care of her two wonderful daughters, Tonya and Cori. Once they were both in school, Kay decided to become a teaching assistant at the private Montessori preschool in Corning, known as Children's House II. Once there, she decided to pursue a teaching degree at Elmira College and eventually became the Head Teacher at the Children's House. Having spent 11 years working there, Kay moved "up the hill" and became a Kindergarten teacher at Carder School. After just one year in kindergarten, she was moved to second grade and has stayed there ever since. During her time in the district, she has served on the Science, Social Studies and CTA committees, while also volunteering to do summer curriculum work. While at Carder, Kay wanted to bring purposeful writing to older students, so she created Carder's first student-run newspaper called *Carder Chronicles*. For several years, she worked diligently after school helping groups of students brainstorm, write, and edit several articles for every edition that went to print.

Kay plans on spending her retirement doing many enjoyable activities. She will be traveling all around the United States in her motor home (her home away from home) accompanied by her devoted husband, Ivan. Kay will also be able to spend more time with her two adorable granddaughters and volunteering as a parent listener for one of them that is soon off to kindergarten. She says that she will really miss the camaraderie she has with so many of the teachers at Carder, including the "Daily Lunch Crew," which has met in Kay's classroom for many years.

As far as us second grade teachers, we will surely miss Kay's guidance, advice, expertise, encouragement and professionalism. She has always been willing to give us a helping hand and treated the entire staff with great kindness and respect. Kay has been a mentor to many teachers and we are so fortunate to have had the honor to work along with her by our side. She always gave so much to her students and expected the best from them in return and we wish her the absolute best in all of her upcoming adventures. Cheers to you Kay! It's time for you to fly out of the eagle's nest - and the webcam will be watching you soar away to new heights!

Submitted by: Kate Borkowski, April Coleman and Sue Hall



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Debbi Mitchell

Debbi Mitchell graduated from SUNY Cortland 1984 with a Bachelor of Science in Health Education. She was immediately hired as a substitute teacher in the Corning-Painted Post School District until June 1984. In September 1985, she was hired by Steuben Allegany BOCES as an Affective Educator where she continued to work for two years. Health Education was Debbi's passion leading her to take a long-term Health Education job at West High in the 1986-1987 school year. In 1987-1988, Debbi returned to work for BOCES as an Affective Educator. Then in 1988, Debbi attended Alfred University to work on her Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling. While attending Alfred, Debbi worked in the Career & Counseling office. Debbi began her school counseling career in 1989 at East High working there for seven years. In 1996, Debbi helped develop the Elementary School Guidance program by splitting her time between Erwin Valley, Carder, Lindley Presho and Severn schools. When a guidance counselor position opened at West High, Debbi's alma mater, she welcomed the opportunity to apply there. She continued to work at West High and Corning-Painted Post High School for the rest of her career. Debbi is retiring from our district with 32 dedicated years of service.

Debbi has been a devoted employee to the CPP district. Her high energy and passion for working with students, parents and teachers is admirable. She is always willing to go the extra mile for her students and is one the most kid-oriented staff members in the district. She has been an integral part of our guidance office and we are going to miss her.

Debbi has three beautiful children, James, Benjamin and Meghan, who are her pride and joy. She has always put the needs of her children before her own and made sure they strive to be the best they can be.

Debbi is looking forward to her new adventure of retirement. She will be leaving the area relocating to Florida. Along with Debbi, we are excited for her to start the next chapter of her life. She has worked extremely hard during her educational career and it is now time for her to kick back and enjoy the Sunshine State. When asking Debbi to reflect back on her career as a School Counselor, she said "I love my kids. I am here for kids and we as educators need to see each kid as an individual and find their strengths to help them feel good about themselves".

Good Luck on your retirement and we are truly going to miss you!

by Julie Pusateri



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Laurie Robinson

Laurie Robinson is retiring this year after 36 years of teaching. She started her education at Buffalo State and graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in 1979. She then went to St Bonaventure's University to get her Master's Degree. She graduated from there in 1985. She certified in Special Education and Reading.

Laurie and her husband, Harry live in Corning with their two grown children, Kishon, 24 and Dache', 23. Her daughter graduated from Mansfield and her son graduated from BOCES Culinary School. They both are currently still in the area.

Laurie's first teaching job was at a rehabilitation center in Alleghany, NY. From there she went to work at Cattaraugus County BOCES, then to Steuben Alleghany BOCES. She is finishing her career at the Corning Painted Post School District. She has taught children with learning disabilities, emotional problems, resource room, CSE chairperson and has mentored many new teachers within our district. Laurie has also taught children from Pre -K through the 12th grade. She has also been on many committees within our district. District Leadership Team, Building Leadership Team, SEMT, ELA, just to name a few.

Laurie has a great sense of humor and has had a great rapport with all the staff and principals she has worked with over the years. Her students all have looked up to her and she has been a consistent role model for every child she has worked with over her career. After retirement, Laurie plans on enjoying life and doing some traveling. She also will be doing some volunteer work within the community.

Laurie has always loved teaching and will be missed next year. Let's all wish her a happy retirement and to enjoy life to the fullest.

By Chris Austin

Wayne Scudder Adieu

By Jeannie Scudder

A Beaver Dams boy with an inquisitive soul,
Had the very best teacher if truth be told.
Mrs. Elder shared with him a true desire to read,
Then not much later planted a seed.

She pushed him hard to reach his dreams,
Not very tough with his will to succeed.
Decades have passed, but he'd say it again,
I am a teacher in soul, it is who I am.

The young inspired boy grew into a fine man,
Held many jobs as he followed his plan.
Dump truck driver, security guard,
Grave digger, crane operator too,
Repairing sewer systems, oh my, pew!

Then substitute teacher,
And head of ISS.
Wanted a classroom job,
Because that was a pain in the A __!

He landed a job at the Painted Post School,
And worked with others who made a wonderful crew.
Sue Gruber was there and a fine team they did make,
'Til the building closed and the pink slip wasn't fake.

Back on his feet,
At Northside Blodgett he did land.
In room 201,
Where his teaching was grand.

New district initiatives always abound,
Another idea was sure to be found.
The pendulum swung back and forth, you see,
Always a new best plan for how to be.

There was Outcomes Based Learning and MYP,
Columbia Writing, and then Common Core.
The first few were better,
The last one a bore!

We've even had plans,
For Effective Schools and Choice Theory.
Ask the kids what they want,
So they can tell YOU quite clearly.

Let's not forget,
The three R's and RCD too,
My, oh my, I have teaching to do.

The job of his dreams,
Nonetheless,
Loves teaching literature,
Not teaching to the test.

When with the kids,
He's on top of the world.
Teaches Anne Frank,
And To Kill a Mockingbird.

During The Landlady and Monkey's Paw,
The students are eager and look forward to it all.
But according to Danielson,
It's not quite enough,
They better be in groups or your lesson still sucks.

In the post observation,
Was it a four or a one?
Oh who cares anymore,
Let's have some fun!

Over his almost thirty-eight year career,
The highlights are many and there was nothing to fear.
From a Mark Twain Fellowship to the first computer
grant,
He doesn't always use technology,
But it's not that he can't.

A dedicated teacher,
In the classroom in and out.
Eighteen years on BLT,
Deserves a shout-out.

When he looks back on his career,
One of his best choices in life.
It was always about the kids,
And never the strife.

So, when you bid him adieu,
And wonder how he taught again and again.
He will smile brightly and tell you,
I am a teacher in soul, it is who I am.

Scott Shaddock

Scott Shaddock is a colleague, friend and mentor, and to many of us he is affectionately known as “The Mayor.” After serving as an educator for 30 years, 14 in Addison and 16 in Corning, it is not surprising the number of people whose lives Scott has touched in such positive ways. Within our district he has worked as a teacher, mentor, union rep and treasurer, and has spent countless hours playing different instruments in many of our musicals. He is a true professional. Scott is the person in our department that makes everyone feel welcome. His warm smile and upbeat demeanor are a staple in our office and we’re not quite sure what it will be like next year without him. Over the years, Scott has helped so many of us with our careers, whether he was taking on a student teacher or giving up a course so some of us could have new opportunities that otherwise would not have presented themselves. He is one of the most selfless people you will ever meet, and we can’t thank you enough for what you’ve done for our department and the Corning-Painted Post School District.

After his teaching days, we will probably find Scott near water somewhere, either at Keuka Lake where he enjoys time with his family, or down in the Myrtle Beach area with his friends. Wherever you are and whatever you are doing, always know that you have left a lasting impression on so many of us here – you will forever be missed, and never forgotten!

Shout Outs:

“I have had the privilege of working with Scott for over ten years. He is always upbeat, quick-witted and has an ever present smile. I have witnessed his genuine passion for teaching students. He will be greatly missed as a coworker. Congratulations, my friend!!”

"Nurse Nancy"

“Scott has been a great asset to our musicals. He has been involved with many of our musicals by playing clarinet, oboe and English Horn in the pit orchestra. What a great musician!”

Judy Carlson

“Scott was the first person in the department to welcome me to the district. Scott has an easy-going personality, is fun to be around and has a great sense of humor; the trifecta! Congrats on the big summer Scott, you'll be missed!”

Julie Slechta

“Scott has always been a caring, dedicated teacher. I have enjoyed his mentoring and friendship over the last several years. I will miss him. Enjoy Scott.”

Russ Conway

“Thank you for everything – you have made me a better teacher and more importantly became my friend – this is not good-bye, just a see you later!”

Jami Perry

“I’ve known Scott since 1991 as a teacher in Addison (where I was a student) to being a co-worker of his since 2002. I’ve never worked with someone with the joy of teaching, compassion for students and an all-around contagious positive attitude that Scott has. Please find me one person that has ever been around Scott in a bad mood. Enjoy retirement, you deserve it!”

Tim Ball

“No matter where life takes you Scott, it’s five o’clock somewhere, so enjoy your dirty martinis, some wine, or whatever adult beverage you choose to have—you’ve earned it!! ”

Glen Stevenson

“Scott and I were hired during the same August weekend in 2000. I have never known a day of teaching where he wasn't a part of it. I wish Scott sincere happiness in retirement and I hope he thinks of us often, working away, while he enjoys himself on a beach somewhere with water nearby and a mimosa in hand.”

Paul Spear



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Aileen Stratford

Aileen Stratford is retiring! Most of you know Aileen, but for those who don't, Aileen is currently a third grade teacher at Carder Elementary School. However, she has served many different roles in our district. She has been a special education teacher, a Language Arts facilitator, a third grade teacher, a mentor, a book study leader, a regional scoring trainer for BOCES, a cooperating teacher, and a volunteer gardener, among other things.

Aileen plays a very active role at Carder. Of course, her main responsibility has been to her 22 third graders each day. She is a teacher who goes above and beyond daily, truly caring about her students. She runs a homework club for several of her struggling students after school twice a week. She holds all of her students to a high standard and gives them every tool necessary to reach those standards. Aileen is a leader outside of her classroom too. Aileen led a book study on writing at Carder in the fall. This leadership role did not end with the book study. Aileen is still supporting many of the participants by sending uplifting e-mails, meeting with us to go over some of the writing prompts we are creating, helping us to score our students' writing, and even coming into our classrooms to do a lesson with our students! This is the kind of colleague Aileen is. She is always willing to help, knowing that this support she selflessly gives not only helps the teachers, but all of our students collectively! After Smith School expressed interest, Aileen went there to lead a mini book study on writing. In this way she has been positively impacting the learning of students across our district.

If you come to Carder School in the spring, summer, or fall, you will notice our beautiful gardens. A huge part of this is due to Aileen. Through PTA, Aileen is our garden chairperson. She created an "Adopt a Garden" program where a teacher can adopt a garden and care for it throughout the year. Many teachers buddy up to adopt a garden, giving older and younger students a chance to work together and develop relationships. Aileen spends countless hours of her own time tending to gardens, planting flowers, pulling weeds, and she has even been known to do some weed whacking from time to time!!!

Aileen currently works through BOCES to train teachers on scoring the NYS third grade ELA assessments. This is grueling work that Aileen is very committed to. She wants to ensure that our students are scored fairly, and Aileen works closely with her group of retired teachers to do just that. She leaves her own classroom for a week in order to make this happen, which also means doing a full week of sub plans! (Yuck!) Aileen then takes the knowledge she attains from this process and shares it with the third grade council to help us all have the knowledge to help our students perform their best.

As you can see, Aileen is a true professional who has given so much of herself to the Corning-Painted Post School District. I feel absolutely blessed to have Aileen as a colleague, and more importantly, as a friend. I am incredibly lucky to have worked beside her for 10 years. In fact, I am a better teacher because of Aileen Stratford. Aileen has touched the lives of so many staff members, parents, and students. We at Carder are thrilled for her as she retires, but she is truly impossible to replace! Best wishes to Aileen for a retirement filled with sunshine, gardening, reading, and a perfect mix of busyness and downtime! You so deserve it!

By Jennifer Powers



Marion Vaughn

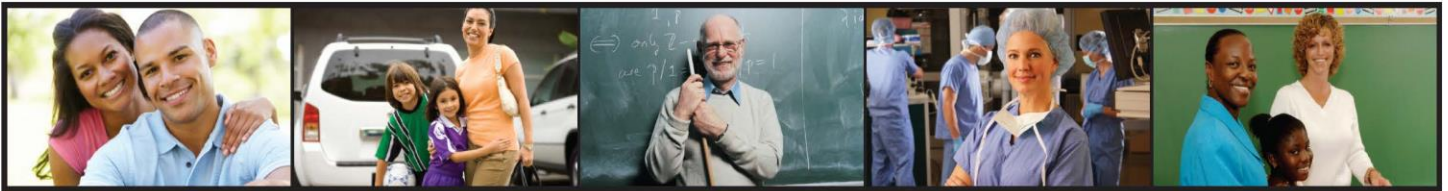
According to the Ukrainian calendar, 25 years marks the end of a connoisseur's dedication to the field of education. Starting her teaching career in the Corning-Painted Post School District at Northside Blodgett, Marion Vaughn has blessed several buildings in the district with her wealth of knowledge and love for children. Before finding her last "nest" at Winfield Elementary, she also worked at Severn, West High, and Kent Phillips. (Go Beavers!)

Marion has educated numerous students every year, providing them with remedial support in reading and math. We all knew her time in the field was drawing near when the words of "I had his/her parents in school" became what seemed like a favorite quote of hers in the most recent years. Marion was best known as the facilitator of the famous Reading Rally at Kent Phillips for many years, with the support of her husband Chris. The countless hours that she dedicated attributed to the success of this program and the memories that these students made will last a lifetime.

Equally as strong as her love for children, Marion has always had a huge heart for animals. She has been seen briskly walking down the hallways with open arms to be the first to snuggle someone's new puppy, kitten, or even piglet. Even after a recent incident with a feral kitten and a series of rabies shots, Marion invited the kitten, Elvis, into her home to join the already existing crew of three. Elvis certainly will keep Marion on her toes as Mischievous must be his middle name.

In the carefree days of retirement, Marion plans on spending time traveling. Minnesota will be one of the top places on the list visiting their grand-niece Lea along with attending concerts - Paul McCartney is already in the books for July with Kenny Rogers to follow in September. The kidney table with six wooden chairs will certainly not be the same on the first day of school without Marion's humble glow sitting across the way. We will all be smiling on that first day, but Marion's grin will be much larger than ours - knowing that she no longer has to set an alarm and can finally enjoy the life that she has been waiting for - enjoying her family as her ONLY full time job.

*By Angela Horton - AIS, Winfield and
Lauren Panzarino (LP) - Grade 5, Winfield*



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The NYSUT membership is made up of a variety of diverse professionals within the education and health care industries -- joining together in support of those who depend on them. We salute these men and women for their dedication and the sacrifices they make on a daily basis to help improve the lives of others.

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