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Salute Honorees

1993

*Pam Jezukawicz
Connie Sullivan
George Wheeler*

1996

*Francis Galvani
Joseph Perini III
William Summers*

1999

*Steve Ryder
Ann Stacie
Dr. Eugene Thayer*

2002

*Ann Lamb
Chris Petrini
Elaine Robert*

2005

*Patrick Dunne
Bob Jachowicz
Joan Rastani*

2008

*Roni Cronin
Lowell Mazie
Pat Walker*

2011

*Michael Grilli
Joey Sementelli*

1994

*Dr. Jean Avery
Kennedy Clark
Jack O'Rourke*

1997

*Si Babineau
Barry Bograd
Sherwin Greenblatt*

2000

*Rob Healey
John Poles
Phil Read*

2003

*Joan Kelley
Betty Mattarazzo
Sally Smith*

2006

*Jim Carney
Margo Deane
Pam Hulme*

2009

*Rev. Dr. J Anthony Lloyd
Lou Merloni
Joseph Shields*

2012

*Mark and Karen Curtis
Dave Gudejko*

2014

*Dennis Giombetti
Christine Tibor*

1995

*Ron Burton
Tom Click
Tony Colonna*

1998

*Robert Champion
Barbara Gray
Charles Long*

2001

*Mark Goldman
John Hart
Kathy Herrman*

2004

*Robert Brown
Jim Carey
Pat Zucchi*

2007

*Joe Casperowitz
Mike Phipps
Jim O'Connor*

2010

*Richard Chesmore
Arthur DelPrete
George Hulme*

2013

*Sharon Gilbert
Tony Tolson*

The Salute to Framingham

23rd Annual

Welcome to the Salute to Framingham, one of Framingham's most anticipated annual events! Every year, we celebrate up to three individuals for their outstanding commitment and service to the youth of Framingham. This year's honorees join a select group of people who have made a real difference in the lives of our children.

Over the past 23 years, the Salute program has been expanded to also show appreciation to teachers, school support personnel and volunteers who make each day "special" in the Framingham Public Schools. We also recognize graduating FHS students who have shown leadership in a variety of ways.

Tonight, we will continue the multi-media presentations including pre-recorded remarks from our honorees, a slide show of programs and activities that have benefited from the Salute's fund-raising and highlights of each recognized student's accomplishments. The much-anticipated "You Are Special" awards will continue in their popular form, and we will have a few live surprises!

The Salute to Framingham is the largest single fund-raiser for Framingham High School. All proceeds from tonight will be used to support activities, the arts and athletics which benefit FHS students through the Framingham High School Foundation.

Many thanks to all of you for being here tonight and to our community hosts and sponsors for making this evening a tremendous success.



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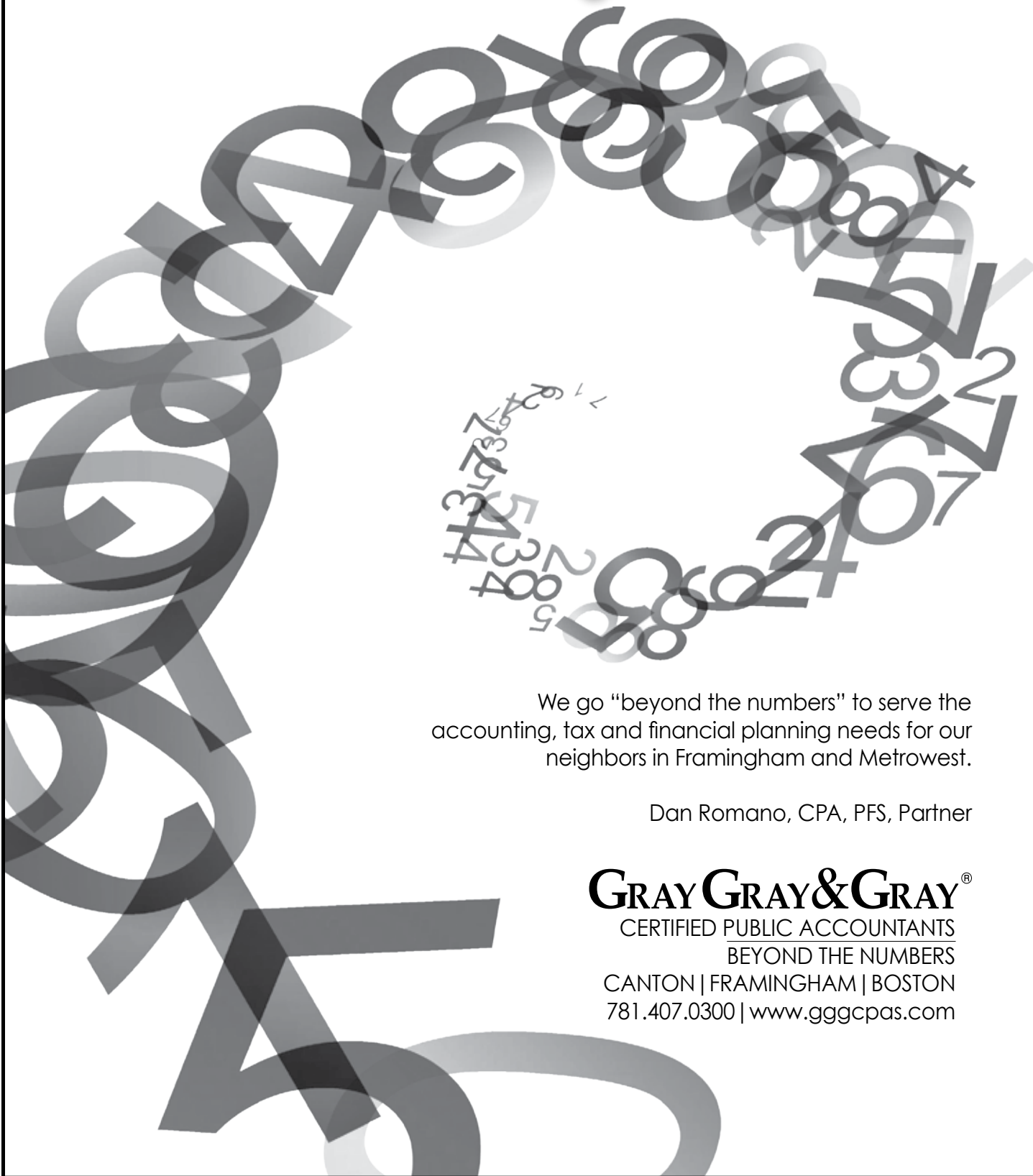
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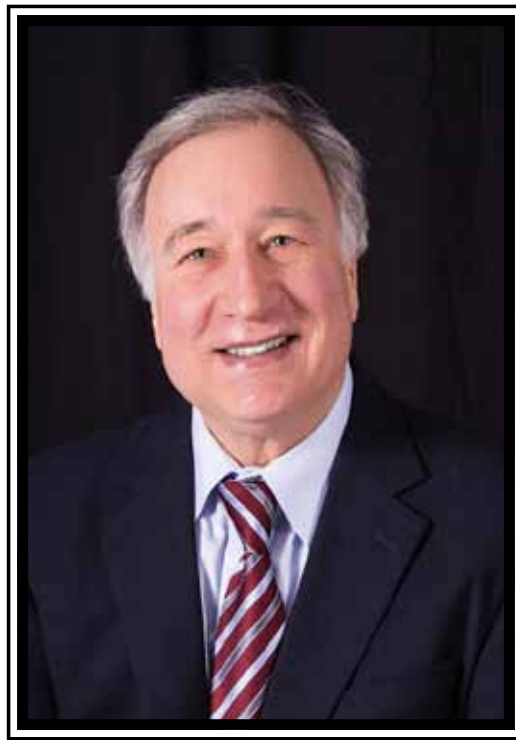
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Lee Mencoboni

Lee Mencoboni, a lifelong Framingham resident and owner of La Cantina Italiana Restaurant, has helped the youth of Framingham by addressing the problem of childhood hunger. In Framingham, there are many families who fall outside the free and reduced lunch program limits, yet still face financial difficulties. Working with school administrators, Lee established the La Cantina Italiana Restaurant Scholarship which provides financial aid in the form of reimbursements to the Framingham School Food Services Department to cover the cost of elementary school lunches for deserving families. Now in its fourth year, Lee has helped countless families be able to provide school meals for their elementary youth through the La Cantina Italiana Restaurant Scholarship.

Because FPS Food Services will never deny a child a meal, there is often a significant budget deficit created by unpaid student meals. Recognizing that the needs of many families were not being met, in 2012, Lee met with school administrators to brainstorm ideas on how to provide meals for these families while helping reduce the deficit. Out of this brainstorming came the 50/50 Program, which was designed for families who could contribute something toward their breakfast or lunch, but could not afford the entire full meal. The 50/50 Program, funded by Lee, matches dollar for dollar whatever the student can pay for breakfast or lunch, thus giving the students of Framingham access to school meals, and reducing the deficit for the Food Services department.



Bob Merusi

Bob Merusi is the former Director of the Framingham Parks and Recreation Department. Bob's vision, passion, and perseverance have vastly improved the quality of life for the youth of Framingham. Bob always felt that his job was to provide the people of Framingham with the highest quality of parks and recreational activities that the department was capable of providing. Born and raised in Framingham, Bob spent his entire career working to deliver that to every resident of Framingham. Major accomplishments include transforming a former State Hospital to the Town's "central park" known to all as Cushing Memorial Park and renovating the old Bowditch Football Stadium to a state of the art Athletic and Cultural Complex.

Bob not only focused on park management but also the acquisition and construction of a new Senior Center, acquisition of the land from the state for the development of Victory Field, as well as many renovations to Loring Skating Arena. Bob has been a member of numerous town committees, both as an appointee and as an elected official, including Town Meeting Member, school committee member for the public school district and the local vocational school, and a member of the Framingham Housing Authority Board. Bob's accomplishments have been achieved by developing public confidence and building relationships within the community.

Framingham High School Foundation April Calendar Raffle

~ April 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 \$20 Sichuan Gourmet Gift Certificate	2 \$30 Panera Gift Certificate	3 \$25 Boston Market Gift Card	4 \$25 Bertucci's Gift Card
5 SKM Jewelers Poncho \$45 value & \$25 Boston Market Gift Card	6 3 month membership to Evolve Fitness Approximate value \$150	7 \$25 Chateau Gift Card & 2 Sky Zone One Hour Jump Passes \$28 value	8 SKM Jewelers Interlocking Earrings \$35 value	9 Trader Joe's Gift Bag \$40 value	10 \$100 Gift Certificate to Little Flippers Swim School Class or Birthday Party	11 \$25 Scrub a Dub Gift Card & \$20 Outback voucher
12 \$100 Gift Certificate at The Yoga Leaf	13 SKM Jewelers Necklace \$35 value & \$25 California Pizza Kitchen Gift Card	14 \$25 Scrub a Dub Gift Card & \$25 Cheesecake Factory Gift Card	15 \$20 Framingham Bakery Gift Certificate & \$25 Chipotle Gift Card	16 3 month membership to Evolve Fitness Approximate value \$150	17 \$25 Scrub a Dub gift card	18 \$100 Gift Certificate to Planet Gymnastics Class, Camp or Birthday Party
19 \$50 Roche Bros. Gift Card	20 \$20 Burger King Gift Card & 2 Sky Zone One Hour Jump passes \$28 value	21 4 tickets to FHS Drama Production of Pippin 5/8/15 \$72 value	22 \$25 Zaftigs Gift Card & SKM Jewelers Necklace \$35 value	23 \$50 Roche Bros. Gift Card	24 \$25 Cheesecake Factory Gift Card & SKM Jewelers Scarf \$20 value	25 \$20 Sichuan Gourmet Gift Certificate & 2 AMC Gold movie passes
26 \$20 Ninety Nine Gift Card & 2 AMC Gold movie passes	27 \$50 BJ's Gift Card	28 \$50 Cheesecake Factory Gift Card	29 \$50 Roche Bros. Gift Card	30 \$50 PF Chang's Gift Card	<p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; color: #000080;">1 ticket for \$5 3 tickets for \$10</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Make checks payable to: Framingham High School Foundation Winners will be notified via email or phone</p>	

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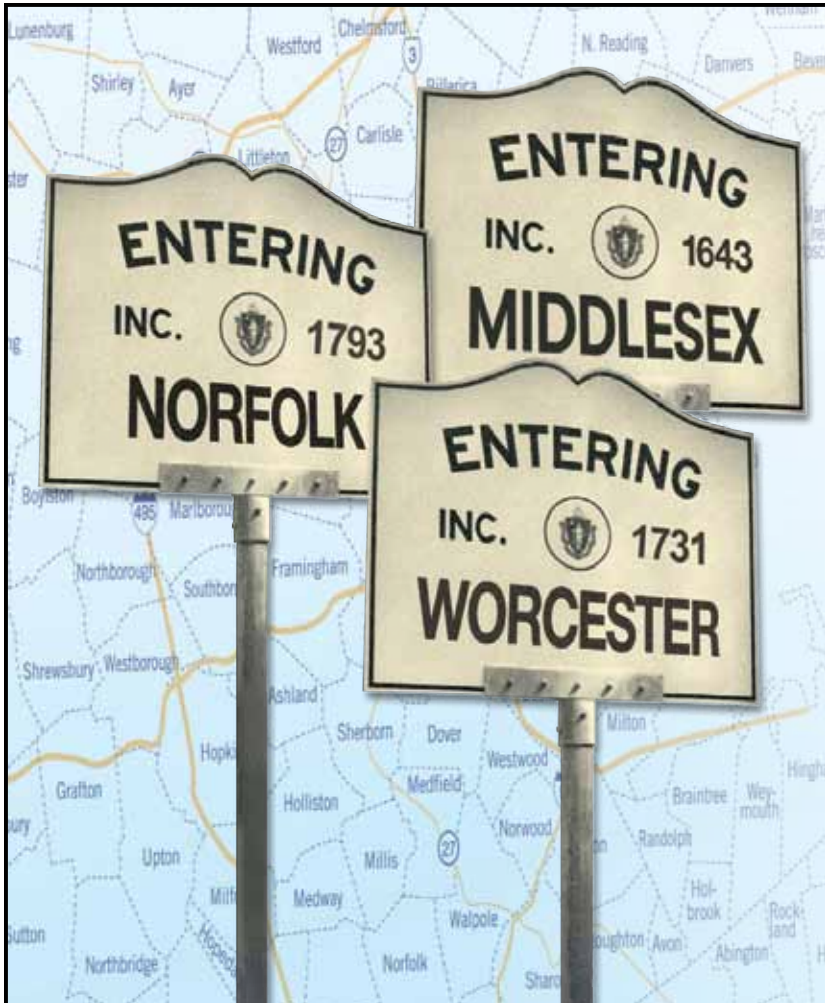
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Jason Smith, Lisa Smith, Trevor Smith, Jenna Smith



Please vote for Jason Smith, Framingham Board of Selectman
on April 7th, 2015

Congratulations to this year's
Salute to Framingham Honorees
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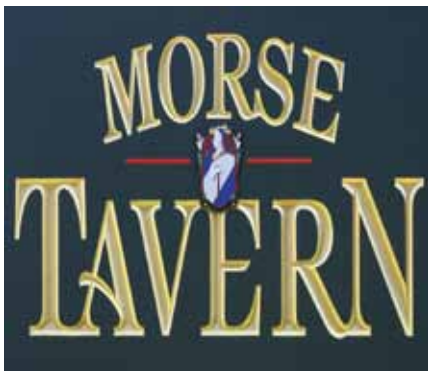
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Local elections April 7, 2015

Class of 2015 Student Recognitions



Jack Agrasuta



Angela Castrillo Vilches



Gabriella Barbuto



Jordan Cline



Alyssa Berkson



Andrew DaCosta

Class of 2015 Student Recognitions



Christina DiConza



Jaclyn Lerner



Andre Gonzaga



Ryder Lessing



Sophia Greb



Isabelle Levy

Class of 2015 Student Recognitions



Callie Llewellyn



Reaiah Moses



Ahmed Mansour



Krysta Motter



Drew McKinnon



Amir Parikh

Class of 2015 Student Recognitions



Melissa Parrish



Christopher Stournaras



Hayley Santaflorientina



Tim Tierney



Jack Schneiderman



Brandon Williams

Program

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Cocktail Reception & Strolling Supper

The dinner buffet will be open at 5:30 with desserts and coffee being served at each table during the event. Feel free to go to the buffet at any time.

7:00 PM

Presentations Begin

National Anthem

*Emcees for the Evening: David O'Leary & Barry Bograd
Welcome by Superintendent of Framingham Public Schools
Dr. Stacy Scott*

7:15 PM

Class of 2015 Student Recognition

Elyse Torbert, FHS Interim Principal

and

Sarah M. Redbord, FHS Sr. Class Vice Principal

<i>Jack Agrasuta</i>	<i>Sophia Greb</i>	<i>Krysta Motter</i>
<i>Gabriella Barbuto</i>	<i>Jaclyn Lerner</i>	<i>Amir Parikh</i>
<i>Alyssa Berkson</i>	<i>Ryder Lessing</i>	<i>Melissa Parrish</i>
<i>Angela Castrillo Vilches</i>	<i>Isabelle Levy</i>	<i>Hayley Santaflorientina</i>
<i>Jordan Cline</i>	<i>Callie Llewellyn</i>	<i>Jack Schneiderman</i>
<i>Andrew DaCosta</i>	<i>Ahmed Mansour</i>	<i>Christopher Stournaras</i>
<i>Christina DiConza</i>	<i>Drew McKinnon</i>	<i>Tim Tierney</i>
<i>Andre Gonzaga</i>	<i>Reaiah Moses</i>	<i>Brandon Williams</i>

Program

7:30 PM

2015 Salute to Framingham Award Presentations

Salute to Framingham, Co-Chairs Mark R. Albright and Gary Doherty

Lee Mencoboni

Bob Merusi

8:00 PM

You Are Special

Faculty and Staff Recognitions

Dr. Stacy Scott

Cindy Barhoff-Brophy

Colleen Gazard-Dunning

Roberto Ortiz-King

Rachel Carlson-McCarthy

Deb Germain-Fuller

Cindie Pagano-FHS

Rebecca Center-Barbieri

Marylou Greenwood-Stapleton

Nancy Piasecki-Central

Amy Cheever-Brophy

Anne Ludes-FHS

Joanne Rogan-Fuller

Andy Dallamora-King

Megan Maguire-Cameron

Marguerite Simpson Lackard-Walsh

Bernadette Downing-Potter

Ellen Margiotta-Stapleton

Jeffrey Weinstein-Potter

Christine Dupuis-Cameron

Meryl Nannis-Woodrow

Joan Wetmore-Woodrow

Margaret Fawley-Barbieri

John Woodrum-Hemenway

8:40 PM

Closing Comments

Framingham High School Foundation

The Mission of the FHS Foundation is to financially supplement Framingham High School extra-curricular programs (activities, arts, and athletics) which may otherwise be restricted due to budgetary limitations. We firmly believe that high school students engaged in extra-curricular activities in their areas of passion help them thrive in both academics and in all areas of their social and emotional well being.

The FHS Foundation was founded in 2002 by a group of parents to address the district's financial challenges due to the economy. Since then, the FHS Foundation continues to be able to accomplish its mission by building alliances with the Metrowest community, applying for grants, and through the Salute to Framingham, FHSF's primary fundraiser. Thanks in part to your support, the FHS Foundation has been able to support a wide array of extracurricular activities at the High School for well over a decade.

As always, 100% of the proceeds from this event are used to benefit activities, the arts, and athletics for the enrichment of FHS students.



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Nomination Information

What once started as a vision over twenty years ago has grown into one of Framingham's most cherished annual events. Each year the Salute to Framingham Dinner Committee will honor up to three individuals who have done much for Framingham's youth.

We encourage everyone from Framingham to consider nominating an individual, from any sector of the community, who has made a difference in the lives of the youth of our town.

The basic criteria for this nomination are that the individual has given selflessly to the youth of Framingham. All nominations received will be kept on file and reviewed in January of each year.

To be considered as a recipient for the 2016 Salute to Framingham, written and online nominations must be submitted by December 4, 2015. The committee will be meeting the following week to select the recipients.

Letters of nomination may be mailed to...

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You Are Special

"You Are Special" Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

Cindy Barhoff-Brophy Elementary School



Cindy Barhoff always knew she wanted to be a teacher! After starting her teaching career in Florida, Cindy headed east and continued working with children from preschool through middle school. In 2005 she left the Shrewsbury Schools to join Brophy School in Framingham.

Cindy is one of those amazing teachers who fly under the radar. You won't find Cindy up on the stage or in front of the microphone. You will, however, frequently find Cindy in her classroom having lunch with her students or meeting with parents into the evenings. Cindy quietly goes above and beyond to support the academic and emotional welfare of her students. As a result, she makes connections with her students that continue into high school and beyond. Many former students have called on Cindy to be a sponsor into the National Honor Society. Her current fourth graders were so excited by her selection as a YAS recipient that they wanted to write about Cindy. As a group they "secretly" coordinated their efforts to gather each student's thoughts about Mrs. Barhoff. One of her students captured the feelings of the class when she wrote, "Mrs. Barhoff is the nicest teacher. She always listens to us and makes learning fun. I know I can talk to Mrs. Barhoff if I have a problem. I like to come to school everyday because I like being with Mrs. Barhoff."

Cindy's impact on children does not end in the classroom. Her experience and wisdom has influenced a wide range of younger teachers at Brophy. Cindy makes herself available to support and mentor colleagues. The staff at Brophy will tell you that Cindy's door is always open and that she is an invaluable member of the fourth grade team. Finally, Cindy's devotion to her students lives on through her wonderful daughters Jen, Kellie and Alex. Two of them have chosen to follow in her footsteps and have become teachers. Even though Cindy Barhoff would be the last one to acknowledge that her work is extraordinary, we are here to tell you that, Cindy Barhoff – You Are Special!

You Are Special

"You Are Special" Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

Rachel Carlson-McCarthy Elementary School



Once again, the McCarthy School is proud to recognize a true professional who has been committed to improving the educational experience at our school. Since the day Rachel Carlson arrived at McCarthy, it has been her mission to transform the library into a modern, child friendly media center that is both inviting and useful. She has been tireless in her efforts to obtain new books and work with the classroom teachers to stock the shelves with literature and reference material that support our curriculum. Whether writing a new grant or searching for cost savings, Rachel continues to exhaust all possibilities of improving our selections.

Working as a member of our Literacy Committee, Rachel has also been instrumental in improving the overall literary experience of McCarthy students. Each spring, the Read Across America Week is a fabulous opportunity for students and staff to share their love of reading. Rachel has been organizing and coordinating the various activities during this week for the past few years. Most importantly, she has been extremely successful in booking visits from authors and illustrators who share their craft with our students.

We are very proud of our beautiful library at the McCarthy School – and we owe a debt of gratitude to Rachel Carlson, a fabulous library assistant. We are so pleased to be able to honor her tonight. Rachel Carlson - You Are Special!

You Are Special

"You Are Special" Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

Rebecca Center-Barbieri Elementary School



The name Rebecca Center is synonymous with literacy at Barbieri School. She has worked at Barbieri for almost 20 years. Rebecca began as a kindergarten teacher in the Two-Way program. She was one of the first people to learn of the Lesley College initiative then known as ELLI, later named the Literacy Collaborative. She persuaded then Barbieri Principal, Peter Dittami, to fund her training as the first literacy coach in the district. Since then, Rebecca has become the personification of early literacy expertise in both English and Spanish. She has provided training and graduate course instruction for countless teachers both at Barbieri and in the district. While serving as a part-time coach, she has always maintained classroom teaching responsibilities in kindergarten, grade 1, grade 3 and now as a K/1 English language development teacher.

Never one to be content with the status quo, Rebecca brings passion, intelligence, curiosity and love to her teaching and coaching. She is fully committed to the ideals of dual language education and to the benefits of teaching children in a diverse learning environment. Rebecca has established a private non-profit organization, Under the Same Moon, which provides materials and teacher training to an elementary school in Guatemala. She travels there each summer to train and coach and collects shoes, clothes and sports equipment to send to the students there. She does a significant part of the fund-raising herself by selling jewelry and other items made by indigenous people from the towns near the school. Funds also go to buy stoves to replace the open wood cooking fires used in many local homes.

Despite her knowledge, experience, expertise and accomplishments, Rebecca remains humble, pushing her own practice and respecting the practice of those with whom she works. She is the epitome of a life-long learner. Rebecca Center - You Are Special!

You Are Special

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Amy Cheever-Brophy Elementary School



Amy began her career working with and teaching English Language Learners in the Lynn and Lawrence Public Schools. She joined the Brophy first grade team six years ago. The dedication that she has brought, and continues to bring, has been a motivating force for her students, their families and her colleagues. Amy is well-known for her expertise in literacy, but she brings a deeper understanding of all subjects to her students. In addition, she is a recipient of many Framingham Education Foundation grants which allows her to spark students' reading and writing experiences with genre studies, reader's theater, and varied opportunities for academic conversation.

She works enthusiastically with staff members to improve student literacy and engagement at Brophy. As a cohort 1 LAB teacher she models reader's workshop lessons and collaborates with staff members to strengthen reading instruction for all students. With the help of members on the Literacy Committee, she has initiated reading challenges, lead assemblies and organized a variety of reading activities that promote and encouraging students to read more. She also has been in the forefront of organizing Brophy Summer Reading Nights which allows all Brophy students to continue reading over the summer with staff members and their peers at the Framingham Public Library. She is a remarkable educator and a caring and generous individual. Your first graders and your colleagues all agree, Amy Cheever - You Are Special!

You Are Special

"You Are Special" Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

Andy Dallamora-King Elementary School



Andy Dallamora is a dedicated, hard working man with a quick wit. The energetic team of Andy and Roberto has been invaluable to the successful opening and daily operation of the King Elementary School. Andy grew up in Framingham attending Saxonville Elementary [Stapleton], Winch Park and Framingham North High School. Andy met his wife, Debbie, while working for Harrison Conference Services in Marlborough, MA. Debbie and Andy will be celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary in September. Andy and Debbie have three children, Audrey, Andrew and Matthew; as well as two grandsons, Christopher and Zachary.

In June of 1989, Andy joined the Buildings and Grounds Department of the Framingham Public Schools. Initially Andy worked a split shift between King and Walsh under Everett Beaman, "Who taught me everything I know...all the good stuff anyway." Andy and Roberto have been a team for 18 years and they have a wonderful working relationship as well as great respect for one another. Andy often greets us with, "Hi Champ...what can I do for you?" Andy's warmth and positive attitude is instrumental to the success of the King School. Andy Dallamora - You Are Special!

You Are Special

"You Are Special" Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

Bernadette Downing-Potter Road Elementary School



Bernadette Downing has shown that it's the crucial to hire a competent, well organized, personable Office Manager. Since joining Potter Road Elementary School as an office aide, nine years ago, Bernadette has made her mark on the school. If there's a problem in the school, there's only one person to ask: Bernadette! In fact, when scheduling events, Principal Paula DelPrete often jokes, "Don't ask me. Go see Bernadette. She knows everything that's going on. She runs the school."

Bernadette graduated from Pope John XXIII High School in 1991 and ventured to UMASS Lowell to study accounting. She quickly discovered that police work, not "number crunching" were her future as she traded in her Ticonderoga pencil for a police badge. She took the police exam and was sworn in as an officer in Revere in 1995. While in the police academy, the recruit standing next to her pledged that once his hair grew back (he had it shaved off in the academy), she'd discover that he was something special. His dream came true as Bernadette married Bob Downing in October of 1997. Bob currently serves as a Lieutenant for the Safety Division in the Framingham Police Department.

Bernadette and Bob have two children, 15-year old Kaycie, a sophomore at Framingham High School and 13-year old Robbie, an 8th grader at Cameron Middle School.

She joined Potter in 2006 as an office aide and eventually moved her way up to office manager. From answering questions, working the cafeteria, finding substitutes, problem solving, and generally, running the building, she truly does it all. She is the definition of an office manager who does much more than just run the office! She does it with a smile on her face and a sense of humor that keeps the school laughing.

When she's not in charge at Potter, she enjoys spending time friends and family and can often be found in skating rinks throughout the Northeast United States watching both of her children play hockey. With her law enforcement background, there's truly no one else we'd rather have "minding the store" at Potter Road Elementary School. For all of the above reasons, Bernadette Downing - You Are Special!

You Are Special

"You Are Special" Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

Christine Dupuis-Cameron Middle School



Christine Dupuis is the instrumental teacher every parent hopes her child will have as a teacher. Christine's passion for music and for her students is unmatched. Hundreds of students have been turned on to music under her guidance. Christine has worked tirelessly over the past several years with the elementary schools to increase student interest in the band program. Christine doesn't just teach the students to play the flute or trumpet, she teaches them to find the joy in playing and she teaches them how to be an important part of an ensemble. Students love working together for her because she so clearly loves her students and her music.

Christine has formed wonderful community connections- her jazz band plays at many events in the community during the school year. Christine is also involved in the theater production High School Musical this school year, spending many evening and weekend hours to prepare the students for the performances. All you need to do is to attend one concert and watch Chris clapping, dancing and singing with the audience to be convinced that Christine Dupuis is indeed Special and Framingham is lucky to have her. Christine Dupuis - You Are Special!



You Are Special

"You Are Special" Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

Margaret Fawley-Barbieri Elementary School



The name Margaret Fawley is equally synonymous with literacy at Barbieri School. She has worked at Barbieri for almost 20 years. Having previously worked and studied at Harvard, Margaret has brought a high level of expertise and academic inquiry to her coaching at Barbieri. She has led numerous workshops and taught graduate courses at both the school and the district level. She has authored many curricula and instructional units.

Margaret has an unassuming, non-judgmental style, making new and experienced teachers alike feel at ease with her support. She is always available for individual teachers, grade levels or teams. She can as easily jump into co-teaching a lesson as she can assess an individual student, present at a parent meeting, co-plan a lesson or unit or prepare a presentation and make it look easy.

Margaret has also coordinated our after school support program for struggling students. A program begun by former principal, Minerva Gonzalez, Margaret has identified the students and teachers, planned the pre and post assessments, searched out curriculum materials and monitored the budget.

Finally, through the efforts and coordination of Margaret and Rebecca, Barbieri has a bilingual literacy library to rival any in the state. Students and teachers can choose from an incredible variety of materials to support their literacy instruction and development. The staff and students of Barbieri School are incredibly enriched and supported by the Margaret's work! Margaret Fawley - You Are Special!

You Are Special

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Colleen Gazard-Dunning Elementary School



It would be challenging to name a harder working, more dedicated teacher than Dunning 2nd grade teacher, Colleen Gazard. From early in the morning until well into after school hours, it is not surprising to find her diligently at work in her classroom. Colleen begins many days working with a small group of students before school. Her drive to see each succeed has seen remarkable results for twenty-seven years. A strong, concerted effort to work with those struggling at learning to read has helped her create confident, proud grade-level readers by the end of each year. She also has opened her classroom for extensive inclusion opportunities for our students with autism and truly is a partner in their learning.

Colleen consistently opens her classroom to those desiring to pursue a career in education. Student teachers have learned to become powerful professionals under her guidance. Many find themselves placed within the Framingham school system as she sends them on their way, helping them find success in their careers. There isn't a more dedicated union representative in town. Since the beginning of her years at Charlotte A. Dunning school, Colleen has served as one of the school's union reps. She has also chaired the professional development committee.

Additionally, Colleen has made a tremendous impact on the students and families who have passed through the doors of her classrooms. According to one parent: "Shortly after our daughter Emma started 2nd grade, she was diagnosed with ALL Leukemia. The weeks leading up to her diagnoses Colleen and I were in close contact because Emma was not feeling well and Colleen was very concerned. She could tell something was not right and followed her gut by keeping me updated on how my girl was during the school day. I feel so fortunate that she & I formed this connection because it made me feel much better sending Emma to school. Once diagnosed, Emma had to spend the next 30 days in the hospital and another 30 days at home. It was Mrs. Gazard that assured me that she would be there for Emma and make sure that she kept on top of her school work. She came into Boston once a week to tutor Emma and kept her connected to her class through Skype. She knew how important school and friends were to Emma and she made it her mission to make sure Emma stayed connected to both. One of Mrs. Gazard's best attributes is how she could be there for my daughter emotionally but at the same time keep on top of her and push her academically. It's her compassion and belief in her students that makes her stand out from the rest." Colleen Gazard - You Are Special!

You Are Special

"You Are Special" Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

Deb Germain-Fuller Middle School



One of this year's Fuller recipients of the Framingham "You Are Special" award goes to a person who has made a lasting impact on Fuller Middle School.

Because of this person, Fuller students know that books can still be the first step in research before logging onto computers. She has introduced the elements of research so that students are able to use the library to support their learning. In addition, through her own love of books, she inspires students to explore new possibilities for independent reading and generated interest through her creative displays and support of the Scholastic Book Fair. She continually seeks out new authors and titles to stay current with the latest trends in reading materials for middle school students. She is always willing to jump in and help whenever the need arises.

This recipient has also had a significant impact on the culture and morale at Fuller Middle School. She has coordinated and produced the Staff Variety Show for many years by encouraging all staff to participate and develop their own skits and musical numbers. In fact, one of her signature moves is that, upon meeting new staff, she probes for their interests and talents to make them feel welcome to the community and vital to the success of the show.

This person was here when Fuller Middle School opened, and she is retiring at the end of the school year. She could be described as a unique "Energizer Bunny," as she has championed many aspects of life and learning at Fuller Middle School. For these reasons, and many more, Deb Germain - You Are Special!

You Are Special

"You Are Special" Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

Marylou Greenwood-Stapleton Elementary School



Stapleton Elementary School's Office Manager, Marylou Greenwood, is the heart and spirit of the school. She has worked in the District for twenty-five years, but for the past eight, it has been her warm and welcoming face and voice that greet anyone who enters Stapleton's doors, always leaving visitors with a positive first impression. Marylou is organized, compassionate, and always willing to go the extra mile for students, teachers, and parents. She works to connect parents with the resources or individuals that can help in any given situation.

She enthusiastically takes on additional responsibilities that help to make Stapleton a more efficient and effective learning environment and handles each new role with professionalism and grace. The level of effort and commitment that she puts in her work is commendable and a true testament to how much she believes in and loves the Stapleton community. She is a friend to many and a true professional with all. Marylou Greenwood – You Are Special!



You Are Special

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Anne Ludes-Framingham High School



Anne Ludes started at Framingham High School as a Math teacher in 1996 and, after a hiatus to spend time with her young children, returned to the great delight of her colleagues. Since her return, Anne has become the Math Department Head at the High School. As a teacher, Anne was a master of curriculum and lesson planning. She was a strong advocate for all students and taught all levels with passion, energy, and commitment. She was a curriculum leader for the Algebra 1 and Advanced Placement Calculus courses, a thoughtful mentor to many new teachers, and a truly respected resource for her fellow colleagues.

Anne has been able to effortlessly transition into her role as Department Head, and she combines an insatiable work ethic with true educational vision. She sees big-picture issues in the school and has the skill-set to create solutions in a forward-thinking way that best serves students and staff in the building. She is also a charismatic relationship-builder and is a trusted voice of honesty and integrity for the staff under her direct supervision, as well as many administrative leaders in the building, that rely on her for clarity and results-oriented insight. Anne's dedication to relentlessly pursuing educational success for all students makes her an inspiring example for all those around her. Anne Ludes - You Are Special!

You Are Special

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Megan Maguire-Cameron Middle School



Megan Maguire is a passionate educator whose guiding question is: "What's in the best interest of kids?" She dedicates herself to the Cameron students- working tirelessly with the staff to ensure that all students are given the opportunity to be successful. Megan goes way above her role of Math Department Head, making connections with the high school to bring Cameron alumni back to speak to our students, planning trips to local colleges so Cameron students will begin thinking about their futures, inviting retired engineers to Cameron to provide tutoring during our intervention block, and finally, leading the school and district through her willingness to pilot new programs, try new initiatives, and advocate publicly for what the students most need.

Her colleagues would describe her as a team player, problem-solver, and thoughtful supervisor, carefully reflecting on feedback that will be most beneficial to help them grow. Megan is an integral part of the Cameron Leadership team, collaborating to pro-mote a positive and supportive environment, while encouraging high expectations for all teachers and students. Cameron Middle School staff and students are very lucky to have her! Megan Maguire – You Are Special!

You Are Special

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Ellen Margiotta-Stapleton Elementary School



Ellen Margiotta has been a Physical Education teacher at Stapleton Elementary School for the past eight years. Prior to starting at Stapleton, she served as an itinerant Physical Education teacher at both Hemenway and Potter Road. Ms. Margiotta is an integral component of the Stapleton community. Her high energy and positive, growth mindset is fundamental to the number of amazing and diverse opportunities that she brings to the school including, but not limited to; the Stapleton 5K, Field Day, The Gauntlet, Harry Potter Week, Running Club, Team Sports as well as the installation of a Rock Wall purchased through her fundraising efforts.

Ms. Margiotta is the poster child for letting anyone who will listen know all that is wonderful about Stapleton. Her vivacity is contagious and a role model for others. She has served as the President of the Massachusetts Association of Physical Education, Health, Recreation and Dance and is a champion for teachers in specialist positions. Ms. Margiotta understands that teaching is a craft, one that cannot be mastered yet perpetually refined. She is a perfect example of someone who understands this mantra and works each and every day to become the best that she can be and pushes others to the same standard as well. Ellen Margiotta - You Are Special.

You Are Special

"You Are Special" Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

Meryl Nannis-Woodrow Wilson Elementary School



Mrs. Meryl Nannis has been in the Framingham Schools since 1988, working at Stapleton, Barbieri and with her Woodrow Wilson family. As a Title 1 teacher, she reports that, "I have had the exciting experience of watching so many students grow and succeed, working alongside the most dedicated colleagues. It's been a treat to call this a 'job'."

In her capacity as an Intervention Specialist, she is dedicated to providing intensive small group instruction to our students in the most academic need. She collaborates regularly with her colleagues to make both adjustments in practice and consulting about student progress. She always advocates for her students, ensuring they receive the support necessary for them to succeed. She is married with two adult sons and indicates that she has an amazing, brilliant granddaughter. She will be very missed by the Woodrow Wilson community. Meryl Nannis - You Are Special!



You Are Special

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Roberto Ortiz-King Elementary School



Roberto Ortiz is a hard worker with a warm smile who is always willing to help. Opening the new King Elementary School would not have been possible without the dynamic team of Roberto and Andy, who have been a team for the past 18 years. Roberto was born in Guayama, Puerto Rico and has been in Framingham since 1974. Roberto has been married to his wife, Zoraida, for 35 years. The couple has one son Roberto Ortiz Jr. who is currently a custodian at Framingham High School. Roberto has two grandsons, Marc, who is taking plumbing at Keefe Technical School, and Isaac who is a third grade student at Hemenway.

Roberto started his career with the Framingham Public Schools 19 years ago as a member of the Building and Grounds Department. We are so lucky to have Roberto at King. He is always available to assist in any way...with his winning smile and his positive attitude! Roberto Ortiz - You Are Special!



You Are Special

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Cindie Pagano-Framingham High School



Since 1998 Cindie Pagano has worked as an Administrative Assistant and Office Manager in the Framingham Public schools, splitting time between Walsh Middle School, Cameron Middle School, and Framingham High School. In the two years since Cindie started at Framingham High School, she has seamlessly incorporated herself into the fabric of the school and has acted as an invaluable resource for administrators, staff members, parents, and students.

Cindie is a tireless worker who comes in early, stays late, and proactively seeks out and takes on tasks that need to be completed, even if they are not necessarily found in her job description. She has been a trusted confidant for several administrators, and her steady hand always keeps the day-to-day operations at FHS running smoothly. She is the first smiling face to greet visitors to the school, and students often seek her out for help and advice. Beyond Cindie's intelligence, efficiency, and good humor, she also brings an artistic touch to the main office. She creates her own artwork and has decorated the office with colorful pieces. Fittingly, Cindie herself brings a unique, creative flair and sense of whimsy that provides a calming influence for all that interact with her. We are lucky to have her! Cindie Pagano - You Are Special!

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Nancy Piasecki-Central Office



Dedicated, trustworthy, collaborative, caring, organized, and supportive...these are just a few of the words that describe Nancy Piasecki, Executive Director for the Office of the Superintendent. Nancy is the glue that keeps us all together and operating. She is the calming voice on the other end of the phone when a principal or director calls with a million questions, cries for help, or is looking for clarification on one of many topics. Nancy knows a lot about everything, and anyone who knows her well, knows that she would do anything, for any of us, at the school and district level.

She is the right-hand woman for the Superintendent and keeps the district organized and focused on the many balls that are constantly being juggled by all of the various stakeholders. She consistently follows through on requests made by building level leaders, answers some of the unanswered questions, and also can be there just to serve as a listening ear for so many of us if the need arises at any time.

As many know, Nancy had a terrible setback last year when a house fire completely destroyed her home, but you would never know it because she never once complained about it and she never lost a step at work. Her ability to keep her work life stable and consistently excellent despite this terrible loss was just amazing.

During her 12+ years of working in the School Department, Nancy has worked with 5 different superintendents, and has handled these many changes and adjustments with nothing but a professional and positive outlook. Her unwavering support of anyone who calls on her for advice is a notable and admirable quality. She consistently reminds all of us about how our decisions will impact our students and their education in the Framingham Public Schools.

For these, and many more exemplary reasons, Nancy Piasecki deserves the highest recognition and praise. We, the central office and building administrators, would like to commend her for a job well done for all members of the Framingham Public Schools. Nancy Piasecki - You Are Special!

You Are Special

"You Are Special" Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

Joanne Rogan-Fuller Middle School



One of this year's Fuller recipients of the Framingham "You Are Special" award goes to a person whose efforts to engage the community has had a powerful and lasting impact on student learning.

She has worked at Fuller Middle School for nearly 20 years, and has been a model and pioneer in the way of making connections with community organizations for the benefit of student learning. She has persevered to bring in science programs and scientists to supplement the curriculum, and to promote career development in the STEM field. She was way ahead of her time, and now that Fuller is a STEAM school, we are learning from her about connecting with the community in such impactful ways as she has done.

Within the school community, her abilities and efforts are notable: She is always looking for instructional strategies that will create access for English Language Learners and for students with disabilities. She has been a Team Leader in the past, and is currently on the STEAM Team. She is the co-advisor of a popular student club, "Future Scientists and Engineers." She is a strong collaborator and problem-solver and she models having a growth mindset every day for her colleagues and students.

Besides the strong partnerships she has created with the Genzyme Science Kids Program, the McAuliffe Center and Planetarium at Framingham State University, and the DIGITS Program (sponsored by the Retired School Volunteers Association), she has continued to maintain an unwavering focus and determination that all Fuller students receive the best science instruction possible. For these reasons and many more, Joanne Rogan - You Are Special!

You Are Special

"You Are Special" Write-Ups submitted by School Principals

Marguerite Simpson Lackard-Walsh Middle School



Marguerite Simpson-Lackard has been an invaluable educator at Walsh Middle School and has dedicated her heart and soul to the staff, students and families of Framingham for the past 15 years. Marguerite began her career in the Framingham Public schools in 2000 as an 8th grade math teacher. Marguerite currently teaches both Algebra and Integrated Algebra.

Marguerite has been instrumental in many programs throughout the Walsh community. She has served as a Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports coach for the past three years. She has been integral in providing enthusiasm and support for developing, teaching and reinforcing our core values throughout every aspect of the Walsh community. She consistently provides enthusiasm for weekly motivational videos that are shown each week in every homeroom at Walsh. She has also been the sole leader, creator, and promoter of the recognition system implemented across all grades at Walsh.

Marguerite is an essential part of the supportive community at Walsh Middle School. Marguerite is a founding member of the Walsh mentoring program. This program matches up over forty members of the Walsh faculty with students who would benefit from having an adult mentor in their lives. Marguerite helps to coordinate the pairs, along with mentoring activities throughout the year.

Marguerite's dedication to the betterment of the Framingham community reaches beyond the walls of Walsh. She is an active member of the Great Framingham Community Church. Marguerite coordinates many service projects with the youth of her church, as well as volunteering at events such as the Martin Luther King Service Day at Mass Bay Community College each year.

Marguerite's knowledge, compassion and sense of humor help us make it through the tough times and get us through some of the difficult days. We thank Marguerite for her dedication to our students, staff and families. Walsh would not be the same without her. Marguerite Simpson-Lackard - You Are Special!

You Are Special

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Jeffrey Weinstein-Potter Road Elementary School



For the past seven years, Jeffery Weinstein has helped excite fifth grade minds and engage students of all abilities at Potter Road Elementary School. He does this with unmistakable baritone voice, passion for education, and enthusiasm for all things teaching. As one of Framingham's original "high tech high touch" recipients several years ago, he's always on the cutting edge implementing technology and can often be found teaching colleagues across the district how to best use technology to reach all students.

This year, he collaborated with other teachers across the district to develop, write, and pilot Science Units based on the Next Generation Science Standards and STEAM. That love of science led him to develop, implement and teach a cross grade Engineering Club based on The Engineering Design Process.

Jeff developed and maintains the Potter Road Community Garden. The garden, featuring plants grown from the entire Potter Road School, allows students the opportunity to study science concepts in a real-world ecosystem. Much of the food grown in the garden is donated to The Framingham Food Pantry.

A graduate of Tulane University in New Orleans, Jeff began his career dabbling in the music industry, working for Sam Goody Music Stores---serving as district manager for New England. Fortunately for Potter Road Elementary School, Jeff went back to school at Framingham State University and changed careers.

When not teaching, Jeff can often be found with a guitar in hand, writing music. Scores of Potter Road students can thank Mr. Weinstein for writing The Potter Road School Song! Other hobbies of Jeff's include cooking and reading. With the support of his wonderful wife Alyssa and his two sons, Zachary, 15 and Benjamin, 11, Jeff ignites flames of passion for whatever he's teaching to anyone who walks into his room at Potter Road Elementary School. Jeff Weinstein - You Are Special!

You Are Special

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Joan Wetmore-Woodrow Wilson Elementary School



Mrs. Joan Wetmore began working in the Framingham Public Schools in 1987. She has worked in several schools in Framingham including Barbieri, Potter Road, Brophy and of course, Woodrow Wilson for the past 23 years. She says that, "She has loved coming to school every day-working with wonderful, inspirational children and alongside amazing colleagues." Mrs. Wetmore took an unofficial leadership role with our Interventionist Team at Wilson. She helps to organize monthly meetings with administration.

She is very dedicated to providing high quality, intensive small group instruction to students in the most academic need. She collaborates regularly with staff making adjustments to practice and consulting about student progress. She is married and has two adult children, a 2 year old grandson, and a granddaughter on the way. She will also be very missed by the Woodrow Wilson community. Joan Wetmore – You Are Special!



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John Woodrum-Hemenway Elementary School



John Woodrum is an essential component of the Hemenway School community. One of his hall mark traits is that he always finds a way to say "yes!" John demonstrates professionalism in every aspect of his job. Whether a teacher needs something moved, a student has had an accident, the parents need something done for the PTO, Lucia or Liz need the cafeteria set up on short notice, John smiles and says, "no problem... I'll be right there!" Every time the nurse calls over the walkie-talkie, "John," we all shudder as we contemplate what he is about to encounter and take care of with that ever present enduring smile.

John joined the Framingham Public Schools Buildings and Grounds department 29 years ago in 1986. He spent his first 17 years at the Juniper Hill School and in 2003 he became the head custodian at Hemenway School. John grew up in Framingham and attended the Woodrow Wilson School and graduated from Keefe Technical School in 1978. Currently John and Elizabeth, his wife of 24 years, live in Marlborough. John enjoys bowling and golf in his spare time.

John's flexibility, hard work and dedication to our Hemenway community is appreciated by all who know and work with him. We are so lucky to have John as our senior custodian! John Woodrum – You Are Special!



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