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1996

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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

2014

Dennis Giombetti
Christine Tibor

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

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Lou Merloni
Joseph Shields

2012

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Dave Gudejko

1995

Ron Burton
Tom Click
Tony Colonna

1998

Robert Campion
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

2015

Bob Merusi
Lee Mencoboni

The Salute to Framingham

24th Annual

Welcome to the 24th Annual Salute to Framingham, one of Framingham's most anticipated annual events! This year, we will be celebrating David & Alicia Blais and Kathy Davies O'Leary for their outstanding commitment and service to the youth of Framingham. They join a select group of people who have made a real difference in the lives of our children.

Over the past 24 years, the Salute program has been expanded to also show appreciation to teachers and school support personnel who make each day "special" in the Framingham Public Schools. This year, we will be honoring representatives from all of the Framingham Public Schools, including the BLOCKS program.

And in keeping with tradition, we will be recognizing 22 graduating FHS students who have shown leadership in a variety of ways.

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 for FHS students through the Framingham High School Foundation.

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

Enjoy the celebration.

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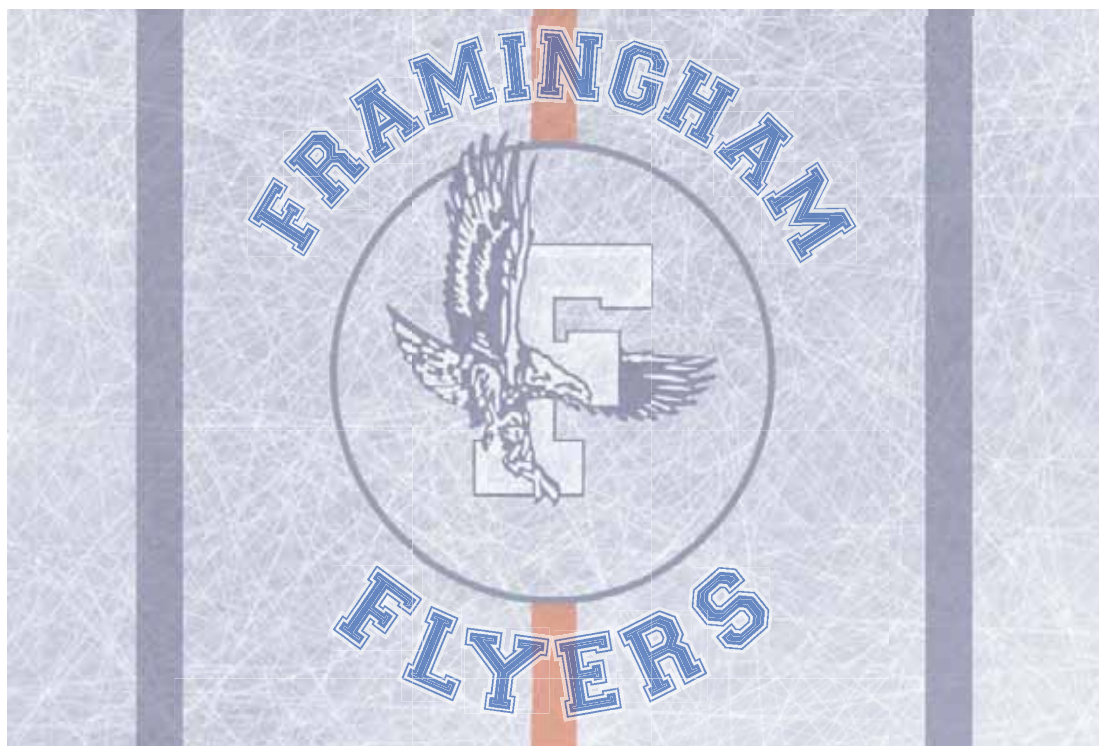
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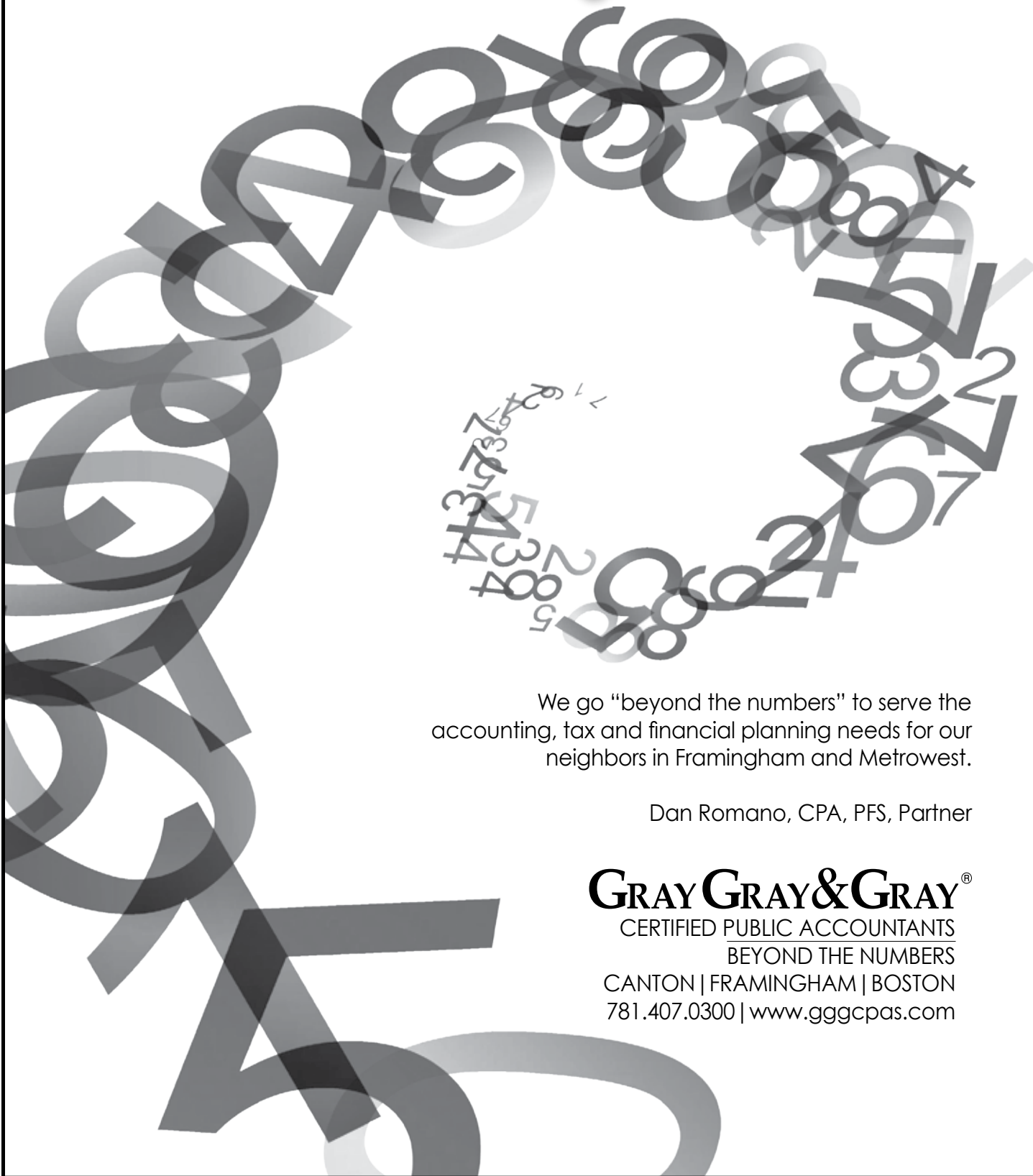
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Alicia & David Blais

When Alicia & David Blais opened the Foodie Café in Framingham, their initial goal was to help bring a sense of community with affordable “home-cooked” food. Through the people they met, however, they quickly became interested in the daunting task of ending hunger in the largest town in American. They wanted to determine how to feed Framingham’s needy and under-served, especially the children. Thus, the focus of the Foodie Café changed and Daniel’s Table was born.

Initially, they put their profits towards hosting a monthly free dinner for anyone who wanted to come. When they realized those who needed the meals most could not get to the café, they purchased a small food trailer to bring to low-income neighborhoods in Framingham, where they began with serving 200 free hot meals per month. Through their tireless efforts and continued community support, they have been able to provide over 2000 free hot meals per month – making them one of the largest free hot meal providers in Framingham. Their goal is eradicate hunger in Framingham, providing a free hot meal to anyone in need. David tells us, “Hunger is just the first giant we can slay. As individuals and as a community, we have the power to overcome any challenges that stand in the way of making Framingham a great and blessed town.” Alicia echoes David’s belief, saying, “Ending hunger is not rocket science. It’s difficult but hardly impossible.”

Alicia has been involved in nonprofit work most of her adult life. As one of the founders of Daniel’s Table, she brings a unique level of awareness and “motherly love” to their clients. Her commitment to ending hunger in Framingham is unwavering, as is her desire to insure they provide their services with dignity and compassion. For the past 22 years, David has been involved in community awareness programs and social issues. As the “visionary” of Daniel’s Table, he brings his creativity and resolve to solving hunger in Framingham while keeping a watchful eye on future challenges and opportunities.



Kathy Davies O'Leary

Kathy Davies O'Leary has been an active volunteer in Framingham for over 15 years. She is described by those who work with her as being knowledgeable, insightful and energetic; someone who brings charm and humor to each discussion while remaining focused on the goal at hand. Kathy has volunteered for well over a decade in schools even after returning to work. Her volunteer efforts have included being an elementary school math tutor, a kindergarten assistant, a member of the Creative Arts Council and a PTO officer, including Vice-President at Walsh and President at Dunning. At Framingham High School, Kathy has volunteered in the Booster Room, for the Drama Company and was an inaugural member of the Flyer Marching Band Parent Pit Crew.

For the last decade, Kathy's focus has been philanthropic work that benefits the whole community. Kathy has been the president of the Framingham Education Foundation (FEF) for nine years. FEF provides grant funding to Framingham Public School teachers and staff, pre-school through high school, who are developing dynamic and relevant approaches to delivering curriculum. In her role as president, Kathy takes an active part in the grants program, the annual Town-Wide Spelling Bee, the Smith Poetry Contest and the Robotics Expo. This position is directly tied to the needs of the student and teachers in the Framingham Public Schools and she has devoted countless hours towards this endeavor. Many teachers and hundreds of students have benefitted from her efforts to provide resources for enriching educational opportunities across the district.

Kathy is a 2010 graduate of the MetroWest Leadership Academy and is also on the board of directors of three other community organizations: Impact Framingham, Framingham Community Theater and the Framingham Public Access Corporation, operator of Access Framingham TV and the Framingham Education Channel. All three organizations provide resources and opportunities to strengthen the Framingham community and none would exist without the significant contributions of volunteers.

What makes Kathy unique in any volunteer work she undertakes is her inclusive manner -- always making sure that anyone new is made to feel a part of the group and ensuring everyone is involved in some way. Kathy is always the "go to" person for any organization in Framingham looking to support youth in the community. She is always willing to help and is a wonderful role model for giving back to organizations that support the youth of Framingham. Kathy believes in strong and vibrant schools and a strong and vibrant town, and that you cannot have one without the other.

Framingham High School Foundation April Calendar Raffle

April 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 \$25 BJ's Gift Card	2 \$25 Anton's Gift Certificate
3 \$50 Whole Foods Gift Card & \$20 Pinz Giftcard	4 SKM Jewelers Silver Bracelet \$35 Value & 2 Rollerkingdom passes	5 \$50 Whole Foods Gift Card	6 2 Jordan's Furniture IMAX Theater tickets & \$25 Bertucci's Gift Card	7 \$50 Whole Foods Gift Card & Mini Golf for 4 @ Trombetta's Farm	8 5 Express Wash gift card \$34 Value & BJ's \$30 Gift Card	9 \$50 Wegmans Gift Card & 4 Rollerkingdom passes
10 Mini Golf for 4 @ Trombetta's Farm & \$25 Bertucci's Gift Card	11 \$35 Movietickets.com Gift Card & 4 Passes to Garden in the Woods	12 2 60 minute Jump passes @ Skyzone Westborough & Chipotle Meal for 2 \$25 Value	13 SKM Jewelers Silver Dangle Earrings & Necklace & \$20 Villa gift certificate	14 Friend Membership to the Danforth Museum \$150 Value	15 2 Tickets to FHS Musical – Legally Blonde 5/13 @ 7:30pm & \$25 Aoi Gift Certificate	16 \$35 Movietickets.com Gift Card & \$25 Boston Market Gift Card
17 2 New England Aquarium Passes \$54 Value	18 \$50 Whole Foods Gift Card & \$20 Christmas Tree Shop Gift Card	19 Mini Golf for 4 @ Trombetta's Farm & \$25 UNO's Gift Card	20 SKM Jewelers Hat, Scarf & Gloves ensemble & \$20 Ninety Nine Gift Card	21 2 60 minute Jump passes @ Skyzone Westborough & \$25 Bertucci's Gift Card	22 \$50 Wegmans Gift Card & 4 Rollerkingdom passes	23 2 AMC Gold Tickets & Chipotle Meal for 2 \$25 Value
24 2 Jordan's Furniture IMAX Theater tickets & \$25 Bertucci's Gift Card	25 \$50 Roche Bros Gift Card & 2 passes to Boston Duck Tour \$75 value	26 2 Tickets to FHS Musical – Legally Blonde 5/14 @ 7:30pm & \$25 Framingham Bakery Gift Certificate	27 \$100 Bob's Furniture Gift Card	28 Fun & Games Package – 4 Lazer Tag Games & \$10 Fun bucks & \$25 Legal Seafood Gift Card	29 4 games Mini Golf games @ Golf on the Village Green & \$25 Zafigs Gift Card	30 BOSE Soundlink Bluetooth Speaker \$200 Value

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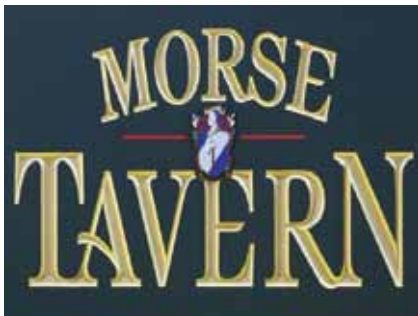


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Class of 2016 Student Recognitions



Gillian Griffiths



Darya Herscovici



Paul Halberstadt



Dina Joho



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Mika Kawakami

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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

Emcee for the Evening: David O'Leary

Welcome by Superintendent of Framingham Public Schools

Dr. Stacy Scott

7:15 PM

Class of 2016 Student Recognition

Mark R. Albright, Vice Principal

and

Greg Lagan, FHS Sr. Class Vice Principal

Christopher Barone

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James Miller

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Program

7:30 PM

2016 Salute to Framingham Award Presentations

Salute to Framingham Chair - Mark R. Albright

Alicia & David Blais

Kathy Davies O'Leary

8:00 PM

You Are Special

Faculty and Staff Recognitions

Dr. Stacy Scott

Janet Anderson - Walsh

Alisha Guerrant - Hemenway

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Kindergarten Team: Alex Gray,
Ana Perez, Karen Sarmiento, Idalgisa
Sierra & Lolo Vallejo - Barbieri

Linda Hendry - FHS

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Ron Johnson - McCarthy

Emily Parks - Walsh

Christopher Bowen - FHS

Cheryl Kaplis - Hemenway

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8:40 PM

Final Thoughts

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 extracurricular 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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The Team Framingham/Boston Marathon Connection

The Framingham High School Foundation would like to acknowledge Team Framingham for their fundraising efforts on behalf of the students of Framingham High School. This year, the Framingham High School Foundation was chosen as one of the charities to benefit from the Team Framingham/Boston Marathon fundraising program.

The Town of Framingham received 22 Marathon bibs which it distributed to town residents and/or town employees based on a lottery. The 22 lottery winners were able to select from 6 charities. Eight of the 22 runners, chose FHSF as their charity, and have been raising funds since late 2015. To date, they have collectively raised more than \$11,000 in support for the students at FHS. Over the past two years, Team Framingham runners have raised more than \$113,000 for local charities.

The Framingham High School Foundation would like to acknowledge Michael Bower for choosing FHSF, and we would like to thank our runners: Deb Dauley, Mary Fitterer, Drew Halberstadt, Brian Jones, Roberto Martins, Krysta Peplowski, Jerry Rubin and Leslie White Harvey for their efforts.

You can help them by supporting their efforts and making a donation by going to: <http://www.salute-to-framingham.com> and clicking on the Team Framingham/Boston Marathon link.

Team Framingham fundraising will continue through the April 18th Boston Marathon and conclude on Tuesday, May 31.

You Are Special

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

Janet Anderson-Walsh Middle School



Janet Anderson’s dedication to improving the Walsh community began in 2001 when she started working as a Technology Education Teacher at Walsh. Janet has worked tirelessly to improve the Technology Curriculum and her own instruction in the classroom. She continuously takes on new projects and independently promotes her own professional development by learning new programs and systems. Janet then shares this newly found knowledge with her peers by providing professional development opportunities throughout the year. Janet has taught the students and faculty members how to create websites, navigate programs such as imovie, and her latest endeavor is helping the staff conquer Google drive.

Janet and her students are currently exploring new ways that 3D printers can enhance learning in the classroom. Janet often displays their new 3D creations throughout the building and she is always trying to connect other content areas by creating objects that help students learn about subjects such as science, music, art, and social studies.

Her enthusiasm goes beyond the classroom. Janet is an integral part of the PBIS committee. She has taken ownership of the student reward system by purchasing and organizing prizes and she is always willing to print out more ROAR tickets in order to recognize students for doing the right thing. Janet is also the social media specialist at Walsh. She loves to share good news from the Walsh community through social media every day. She also encourages students write articles for the school EZINE club. As the EZINE club advisor, Janet has established a student-run online magazine that highlights student artwork, creative writing, original surveys and many other pieces of student writing.

Many staff members seek support and encouragement through the wisdom and guidance of Janet. Whether it is for help with technology, developing websites or asking for simple favors, Janet is always more than willing to help out her colleagues in any way possible. Janet’s quiet and caring efforts do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated. The Walsh community is a better place because of Janet. Janet Anderson - You Are Special!

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

The Kindergarten Team: Alex Gray, Ana Perez, Karen Sarmiento, Idalgisa Sierra and Lolo Vallejo-Barbieri Elementary School



The Kindergarten Two-Way Bilingual Program Team is comprised of 5 outstanding early childhood educators, Idalgisa Sierra, Alex Gray, Lolo Vallejo, Karen Sarmiento and Ana Perez. In many ways, kindergarten is the most challenging grade to teach. Kindergarten teachers are a child's gateway to regular, public school education. Many of these students have had no prior schooling experience and even if they have, many have not had most of their academic instruction in Spanish. This makes the job of the kindergarten team at Barbieri School even more challenging. The teachers welcome students in full classes of between 22-24 5 year olds, some of whom speak Spanish at home, some of whom have some familiarity with both Spanish and English and others who know little to no Spanish. Their job is to bring these students together to form a cohesive classroom community and to instruct them only in Spanish! They must not only support their students in this process, but they must support their families as well. In order to accomplish this goal, they must sing, dance, move, demonstrate, pair students, strategically use their classroom aides and volunteers and pull rabbits out of hats. They are the magicians who make learning come alive for the new members of our school community. They must teach them academic skills, social skills and language skills. They are the guardians of their students' physical and emotional safety - a heavy responsibility, but one made lighter when shared with colleagues who truly work as a team.

Although some members of this team have been at Barbieri for years, others, like Ana Perez, a visiting teacher from Spain, joined the team just three years ago. This group of professionals has welcomed and integrated this new member and has formed a cohesive, exemplary team. They recognize each other's strengths and actively learn from each other. They embody the characteristics of a high performing team. They are committed to the goals of the Two-Way program; high levels of bilingualism and biliteracy for all their students, so they spend many hours each week planning and coordinating their instruction. This year, as our school has taken on the challenge of implementing data cycles, they have seized the opportunity and come well-prepared to every collaboration meeting, ready to plan curriculum implementation, consult with coaches on ways to improve their instruction, analyze student data and create intervention plans for students who are struggling.

The staff and students at Barbieri are privileged to count among its faculty such a dedicated, hard-working and effective instructional team who serve as the gateway to an educational experience that creates bilingual and biliterate students who are comfortable functioning in a multicultural environment. The Kindergarten Team - You Are Special!

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Christopher Bowen-Framingham High School



Chris Bowen has been a master classroom teacher at Framingham High school since the fall of 2010. What makes Chris truly special, however, is that he seeks out opportunities outside of his own classroom to fully immerse himself in both removing obstacles to learning for individual students and in identifying and implementing school-wide systems that help under-served students.

Chris makes significant contributions to the professional culture at FHS. He coordinates our New Teacher Orientation program and continually makes himself available to new teachers for observations and advice. Chris also often accommodates aspiring educators pursuing pre practicum or student teaching experience and helps facilitate observations for them throughout all aspects of the school community. In addition, Chris has volunteered to work with special educators to ensure that the Applied Algebra 1 coursework is appropriately aligned to the standard curriculum. Overall, Chris is the type of colleague that is constantly trying to better his own practice while simultaneously working collaboratively with his colleagues to improve the educational quality of the school as a whole.

Chris is even more passionate about positively impacting student culture at FHS, specifically in regards to students that may struggle to access the curriculum on their own without support. Chris oversaw the Seniors Helping Freshmen program as part of his role as senior class advisor, and he also volunteered to take on an advisory homeroom of retained students since he knew that was a school-wide need. He works closely with these students to help them identify the factors that kept them from progressing in the past and then to address those issues. Chris provides invaluable academic and social support for these students as well as the students in his classes. Chris has many success stories of students that have enjoyed a tremendous, qualitative improvement in their attendance and overall academic performance under his careful supervision and mentoring.

Chris is a true lifelong learner. He is pursuing a second Master's degree in Educational Leadership while teaching full time. After learning about Dr. Ross Greene's research in working with students with behavior issues, Chris taught a course for colleagues at our recent full day professional development. He is currently enrolled in the district's mentoring course and has led collaboration activities for the math department. In all areas, Chris Bowen is a talented passionate educator in

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Cara Cercone-Fuller Middle School



Cara Cercone is a dedicated Special Education Math teacher and Team Leader at Fuller Middle School. She performs both of these roles with unwavering focus on the needs of students. Her communication skills are outstanding; she is an excellent listener and problem-solver in the face of many complex situations. Her well-timed and unique sense of humor puts everyone, including her students, at ease. And she is patient.

In our wonderfully diverse school community, Cara practices the mindset that “all students are our students.” She is involved in many aspects of school life and ensures that her students have the greatest opportunity to be included in school events of all kinds – the Turkey Trot, STEAM, 21st Century Learning, Mindfulness Yoga, and Drama performances.

Cara brings to the Fuller community a positive and upbeat sense of purpose, which is palpable and contagious to all of us. Her commitment to personalized learning and meeting the needs of all students is impressive and admirable. For these reasons and many more, Cara Cercone, You Are Special!



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Jane Crosby-Dunning Elementary School



Jane Crosby is one of the most compassionate and caring teachers and individuals that we at Dunning have had the fortune to work with. She always puts students first, taking the time to get to know her students personally. She celebrates their strengths and provides them with as much guidance as they need to increase their understanding, skill development and self-esteem. Jane finds something special in every child, creating a wonderful bond with children and families. She is passionate about her role as an educator and committed to the well-being of all children.

Jane is an amazing colleague. Her special qualities extend into all areas of Dunning. She is never too busy to help a colleague, giving her full attention and support when needed. Jane has played many roles at Charlotte Dunning, always making a smooth transition to each one. She is involved in many of the little things that make Dunning the school that it is, such as soup club, Thursday lunch orders, and acting as our Panda mascot. Her positive attitude is respected by all teachers. Jane has also dedicated her time as a volunteer of the Mazie Mentoring Program, giving a Framingham High School student personal, social, emotional and educational support. The Dunning Community is lucky to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic staff member. Jane Crosby - You Are Special!



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Elizabeth “Beth” Delahunty-Brophy Elementary School



Elizabeth “Beth” Delahunty is a caring, committed educator, parent-advocate, and colleague. Her love for teaching began when she lived in Mexico and El Salvador following her college graduation. Beth’s work in a Mexican orphanage was the catalyst that launched her into her love of teaching English to second language learners. After a year, Beth took a position in a private school in El Salvador. During this time she encountered many street children who were not receiving any education. Not surprisingly, Beth felt great compassion for these children and as a result, she initiated and implemented an education program for this group.

Beth returned to the US, inspired to begin a career in bilingual education. After obtaining her Master’s degree in education in 1997, Beth started her career in the Framingham Public Schools. Since then she has been successful in many roles in bilingual education including bilingual Spanish teacher at the Juniper Hill School, SEI Kindergarten teacher, Grade 4 and 5 TBE teacher, Title 1 teacher, middle school ESL teacher and ELD coach. Since 2011, Beth has been in the role of ELD teacher at Brophy School, where she is admired and loved by the staff, children and parents.

As an ESL teacher of our youngest students, Beth designs lessons that are fun, encourage interaction, and promote English language development. Her students can be heard singing, engaging in academic conversations, and greeting staff around the school. While Beth’s work with the students is outstanding, it is her relationships with parents and families that makes Beth exceptional. Each year as one of the coordinators of the Brophy Multicultural Fair, her endless phone calls help to ensure that the event is a huge success. In addition, there are countless examples of Beth going the extra mile for Brophy families, including working tirelessly to help families obtain the resources that they need. This was particularly evident last spring when Beth coordinated efforts on behalf of a family who lost their home and belongings in a fire.

Beth’s commitment to children does not stop at the door of Brophy School. Together with her supportive husband Tom, and children Will, Sheila and Brigid, Beth sponsors the education of children in El Salvador, Kenya and Mexico through the Unbound Program. The whole family takes a hands on, interactive approach in their support of these children. Brophy School wants to thank Beth Delahunty for her never ending energy and support of children and families. Beth Delahunty - You Are Special!

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Glenda Espinoza-Walsh Middle School



Senora Glenda Espinoza joined the Walsh staff in 2006. From the start, she has been a self-motivated and dedicated educator in our Two-Way Department. Her passion for the Spanish language and culture is contagious the moment you walk through her classroom. The students are engaged in multi-modal lessons in order to further their bilingual education and become empathetic and knowledgeable about the rich cultures and traditions in many Spanish-speaking countries. Most recently, she assisted in helping Walsh obtain a grant for our Mandarin program.

In her role as the Two-Way Department head and a member of the Two-Way Committee with our feeder school, she advocates for support for the program and for the things necessary to provide the students with a quality education. Glenda goes above and beyond to provide effective leadership for her department. Along with her colleagues, she has facilitated many workshops for our Spanish-speaking parents to help them access information regarding their children’s education. Glenda is a caring and dedicated mentor to many students at Walsh and she is always inviting her students’ families into the classroom to share their expertise with her classes.

Glenda was instrumental in gaining recognition for Walsh as a member of the International Spanish Academy through the Spanish Consulate. This distinguished honor represents her hard work, along with her colleagues, in teaching a rigorous level of Spanish with very high standards.

Often seen carrying a cup of coffee and walking in heels to match her classy outfits, Glenda always has a smile on her face and is willing to lend a helping hand. The Walsh community is fortunate each and every day to have Glenda lead the distinguished Two-Way department. Glenda Espinoza - You Are Special!



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Alisha Guerrant-Hemenway Elementary School



Alisha Guerrant, Hemenway School’s cafeteria worker, is an essential component to the daily operation of our school cafeteria as she works to feed over 600 students and staff every day. Alisha is hard working and always responsive to the demands that her position places on her.

Alisha grew up in Brighton and has three siblings in the Boston area. Alisha moved to Framingham and attended Fuller Middle School and then went on to Keefe Technical School to study business and technology. Alisha currently lives in Framingham with her two children Anthony, 11, and Jalina, 6. Alisha loves to spend time sledding, swimming and enjoying the outdoors with her children!

When her son, Anthony began to attend Headstart, Alisha became interested in preparing food. Alisha has been with the food services department of the Framingham Public Schools for five years. She began her food service career at Framingham High School, then acquired a permanent position at Potter Road and this is her third year at Hemenway School. Alisha is reliable and really enjoys “seeing all of the children everyday” as they go through the line to get their lunches. Alisha has a smile on her face as she serves our students and staff...We are lucky to have Alisha Guerrant at Hemenway School! Alisha Guerrant - You Are Special!



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Linda Hendry-Framingham High School



Linda Hendry has worked at Framingham High School since May of 1999. During her 17-year tenure she has worked as an Administrative Assistant in the Grade Office, where she shepherded three different classes through their four year high school careers. Linda has also worked in the School Counseling Department, helping students prepare themselves for life after high school. Wherever she is placed, Linda is beloved by the adults and students that she interacts with. Her genuinely caring and thoughtful personality is augmented by her ability to handle any person and situation in a calm and empathetic manner.

Linda is extremely competent and good at her job, but, more than that, she is one of those truly humane members of a school community that eventually become interwoven into the fabric of the school identity. She is a hard worker who is always willing to go the extra mile for a student, family or faculty member. Staff members, administrators, and students alike seek Linda out for her general warmth and her sound advice. FHS is unquestionably a better place due to Linda's presence. Linda Hendry – You Are Special!



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Ron Johnson-McCarthy Elementary School



At McCarthy we believe all of our staff are special, yet there are some individuals who rise above and beyond. Ron Johnson is one such individual. Ron has been an important part of the McCarthy community since 2000, and is currently the Behavioral Specialist. Ron's main job is to ensure that students who are struggling behaviorally or emotionally have the proper supports to be able to succeed. He puts forth a conscientious and child centered effort each and every day.

Ron goes above and beyond his job on a daily basis. He has an outstanding work ethic, and does whatever it takes to support students and staff. He greets students with a smile during breakfast duty, and checks in with those students who seem to be having a rough start to their day. He spends his days visiting classrooms, supporting staff, running groups, checking in with individual students and communicating with families. He develops behavior plans for students and is always looking for ways to better support both students and staff. He is thoughtful and reflective in his work, and establishes an excellent rapport with the students. Ron Johnson - You Are Special!



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Cheryl Kaplis-Hemenway Elementary School



Cheryl Kapalis, Hemenway School’s Cafeteria Manager, is an essential component to the daily operation of our school. Cheryl always has a smile on her face as she attends to the daunting task of feeding over 600 students and staff on a daily basis. Cheryl demonstrates her love of children through her warm, kind professional attitude. If a child is upset when they come in for breakfast she will take the time to speak with them in order to help them start their day on the “right foot.” I have seen Cheryl assist a tearful child, whose coat zipper was stuck...by taking the time to “unstick” it and then send her into the cafeteria with a smile. In the morning, after breakfast, Cheryl will come to the main office to report any comments that students make to her indicating they are upset or feeling left out, which allows our staff to address the issue with the children involved. Cheryl exhibits the type of commitment to our students that supports a warm, inclusive learning environment for all children.

Cheryl grew up in Waltham and has lived in Framingham for about 25 years. Cheryl started her career in the food service department of Waltham Hospital at the age of 16. Cheryl is married to her husband, George, who owns George’s Service Station on route 126 in downtown Framingham. Cheryl has two grown children Dimitri and Stella who attended the Stapleton School, Fuller Middle School and Framingham High School. In the future, Cheryl is hoping to spend time in Greece with her husband’s family.

Cheryl worked at McCarthy School for twelve years and has been at Hemenway, as our cafeteria manager, for the past three years. Cheryl is diligent in making sure that all of our students get all components of their school lunch, which supports healthier eating and nutrition. Cheryl is hardworking, dedicated and displays a good sense of humor as she fulfills her duties as our cafeteria manager...We are so lucky to have Cheryl Kapalis at Hemenway School. Cheryl Kaplis - You Are Special!

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Judith Locke-Stapleton Elementary School



At Stapleton Elementary School teachers work each day to help each child exceed expectations through risk taking, productive struggle and a growth mindset. Central to this work is being a teacher leader that is a role model for the aforementioned priorities. Our Salute to Framingham nominee has a wealth of knowledge, kind spirit, collaborative nature and growth mindset. Her devotion to the students she serves as well as the profession she represents is remarkable. She is an exceptional woman who is driven to perfect the craft of being an educator in an effort to push herself and her students to rise academically, behaviorally and socially.

This year, she has welcomed a co-teacher, mentored a new teacher, supervised field study students served on the Social Studies and Social Committee and read more literature and research than I can recall. Ms. Judith Locke embraces each new challenge stating “wherever you feel I can best serve the students” or “whatever I can do to help Stapleton be the best it can be”. This mantra has served her well as she works in small groups, individually with students, leads a whole group lesson with finesse or works collaboratively with colleagues. Her ability to self-evaluate and challenge herself to exceed the professional goals she sets for herself is inspiring. It is not uncommon to see her collaborating with colleagues to find the best way to attack, revisit or expound on a given concept. Ms. Locke understands that the art of teaching cannot be mastered but can be perpetually refined. She works each and every day to become the best that she can be. Judith Locke - You Are Special!



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Kelley McMahan-Potter Road Elementary School



Kelley McMahan is the definition of a townie who serves the community she grew up in each day. A native of Framingham, attending Brook Water Elementary School, Cameron Middle School and graduating from Framingham North, she's been married 28 years to her high school sweetheart Joe. The two live in the house Joe grew up in. Although she's accomplished a great deal, her proudest achievements are her three children Thomas, Sean, and Kara--all graduates of Framingham High School.

Kelley didn't stray far for college--graduating from Framingham State with a BS in Early Childhood Education and then getting her Masters of Education from Fitchburg State College.

Kelley has brought joy, laughter, and learning to children for more than 20 years--teaching Kindergarten in both public and private schools. Her bright smiley face and warm demeanor make her a student favorite. As a testament to this, many former students still pay her visits each year! Kelley says she's blessed to be able to do a job she truly loves and says she tries to put the fun into learning each and every day. She began her career in Framingham in 1999 at Stapleton Elementary School and joined Potter Road in 2001.

Throughout the years, she's served on many committees--including data team, school council, and the social committee. You can always find her participating in school wide events. She currently serves as the school's liaison to the YMCA.

Kelley has served as a mentor to many teachers and student teachers throughout the years.
Kelley McMahan - You Are Special!



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Alisa Morgan-Central Office



Central Office staff is pleased to nominate Ms. Alisa Morgan for the You Are Special Award for the Salute to Framingham. In her role as Executive Assistant to the Curriculum, Professional Development and Educational Operations’ offices, Alisa is a consummate professional, has a ‘can do attitude’ with any challenges that come her way and does it with style and grace. With a smile on her face, she is a great listener and thoughtfully follows up with any request that come her way. She remains positive throughout any difficulties and always finds the right solution.

Alisa is also very involved in the community and volunteers often on the football field, at a concession stand or with anything that needs her support. An involved FPS parent, Alisa is the glue that keeps it all together in the Curriculum Office and in the community. Alisa Morgan – You Are Special!



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Soledad Ordevas-Fuller Middle School



Soledad Ordevas is the Guidance secretary and an essential member of the Fuller community. She is the “first face of Fuller” welcoming visitors with a smile and offering whatever assistance they need. Soledad meets with new families and students and helps them with the transition to Framingham and to Fuller with the warmest welcome you can imagine.

In her role, she is instrumental in supporting students, parents/guardians, and staff. She does this with skill, grace and patience. Everyone who engages with Soledad can feel how much she cares about helping them and how much she cares about Fuller Middle School.

Her organizational skills are exemplary; her attention to detail and meticulous care with student records and reports is impressive and admired by all. Perhaps most importantly, Soledad is a true team player and advocate for students and families. For these reasons and others, Soledad Ordevas – You Are Special!



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John “Jack” O’Rourke-Potter Road Elementary School



John O’Rourke (Jack) has impacted the lives of hundreds of children for years! Beginning his teaching career in physical education in 1975 at Wilson Junior High School in Natick, he enjoyed seven years of success teaching middle schoolers while coaching high school football at Natick High School before deciding it was time to move on.

After earning his MBA from Babson College in 1982, he entered the world of business in 1985. However, even then children were close to his heart as he worked in the toy business for Mattel and Hasbro. Thankfully, for Potter Road’s sake, he decided to return to the gymnasium in 2006. He has taught at Potter Road Elementary School ever since and after 10 years at PRS, he’s decided to call it a career at the end of this year. Jack will be sorely missed as he has attended so many school wide events- after school working hours-during his time at PRS. With his raspy voice and undeniable energy, worthy of a man half his age, Jack O’Rourke has become a fixture in Potter Road gymnasium.

While he’s retiring, as is often case with Jack, he’s not exactly taking it easy. While he won’t be reporting for duty at Potter Road each day, he plans to continue his high school football coaching career in Millis.

Among the other the plans he has for retirement--travelling with lovely wife, Nina. The two make their home in Norfolk. Jack-as you wind up your teaching career-you need to know one thing: Jack O’Rourke – You Are Special!



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Ruthie Ortiz-Brophy Elementary School



Ruth Ortiz Collazo is a creative teacher, tireless parent advocate, and respected community member. Ruth Ortiz Collazo es una maestra creativa, una defensora de los derechos de padres, y una miembro respetada de nuestra comunidad.

Ruthie began her career in the Framingham Public Schools in 1997 at the Juniper Hill School. She has worked as a bilingual Title I teacher at Brophy Elementary School for much of that time. She has supported many immigrant children to acquire basic literacy in their first language through research-based methods. As Ruthie patiently teaches students to read, she uses a whole-child approach. She has created a “Growth Mindset” display in front of her teaching space that illustrates her values. Each child has their photograph and an individual goal that he or she has set. Ruthie supports them along the path to literacy as they reach their goals.

Ruthie knows that family involvement is key to student achievement. Through the years, Ruthie has taught GED and “First Home Buyers” classes to Framingham parents to empower them on the road to success. She has served consistently as a family involvement facilitator, inviting families to school to participate in many events. Ruthie, along with Brophy parents, organizes the annual Multicultural Fair. Another event she organizes informs parents of summer programs so they are aware of resources in the community. She invites other agencies from town, including SMOC, Suburban, the YMCA, and the public library to share about their programs.

A recent event for families focused on the needs of newcomer immigrants. Ruthie and her colleague invited new families to Brophy for an evening to explain basic school policies and services. As a member of Voz de la Comunidad, Ruthie also helps families integrate into the community and know their basic rights. This group of parents was able to advocate for a smoother transition from elementary to middle school last year with the re-establishment of necessary bilingual programming at Fuller Middle School.

Ruthie also writes grants and gets funding for La Maleta Viajera, a traveling library of books that she shares with Suburban and SMOC Head Start in the summer time.

Ruthie is proud of her two children, Hector and Anthony, who are studying at college and their accomplishments. And we are proud of you, Ruthie Ortiz, “Tu eres especial”-You Are Special!

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Emily Parks-Walsh Middle School



Emily Parks started her career as a special educator at Walsh Middle School in 2001. After spending four years as a special educator, she pursued her passion for world history and geography and became a 6th grade Social Studies teacher in 2005. Emily has grown professionally as an influential building leader and continues to be a dynamic educator for ALL students. Emily has been instrumental in developing the Global Citizenship initiative at Walsh. Because of her love of improving the human impact on the world, Emily has developed a school improvement plan goal that focuses on students learning about global issues such as human rights, poverty, water conservation, the environment, and the economy. Emily designs global citizenship lesson plans that focus on these topics for each grade level so that Walsh students can continue the discussion of how to become better global citizens.

Along with two of her social studies colleagues, Emily coordinates the annual Hunger Banquet in the fall. This is a “must see” event at Walsh! The Hunger Banquet brings the realities of world hunger and the disproportionality of wealth among the world’s population to life for our students and their families. In the classroom, Emily’s teaching skills are among the best around (unrivaled). It is not unusual to visit Emily’s classroom to see groups of students presenting the curriculum in unique ways that integrate technology and promote an inclusive environment throughout the classroom. It is evident that Emily’s enthusiasm for social studies is contagious among her students and she holds them to high standards. She often works with students during her lunch in order to help them find success in her class.

Along with being a phenomenal teacher, Emily is also involved in many facets of the Walsh community. Emily has partnered with Crossfit Framingham and started an after-school club that focuses on improved fitness and personal wellness. She is also an intramural track coach who organizes the annual Boston Athletic Association Team Relay Challenge field trip during marathon weekend. Emily often facilitates professional development workshops that focus on inclusion and the integration of technology in the classroom. She is a mentor at Walsh and also has been a team leader for several years. Emily is always looking to improve her craft and she inspires her colleagues to do the same. She is an invaluable member of the Walsh community. Emily Parks - You Are Special!

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Elaine Picard-Dunning Elementary School



Elaine Picard is a true representation of an elementary teacher. She is committed to her students. She will not accept anything less than students' 100% best effort. She is a leader to her third grade team. She is always available to her colleagues to answer curriculum questions, organize field trips, make phone calls and fill out forms. The list could go on. She works hard for her students, and is a wonderful professional and helpful colleague. Elaine has gone above and beyond throughout her tenure at Dunning. She has tutored students before and after school, and has served on many committees including the Social Studies curriculum writing committee, calendar committee, PTO, FTA, and social committee, to name a few. She is humble and quiet about her many contributions, and carries on these many undertakings with very little fanfare.

While Elaine does not wear her heart on her sleeve, she never waivers in her devotion and loyalty to the things that are important to her, one of which is the Dunning school and community. Her absolute trustworthiness makes her a go to person for staff. She has made many special and significant contributions to Dunning, helping to make it the amazing school that it is today. The Dunning staff is lucky to have such a special member of our team. Elaine Picard - You Are Special!



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Linda Renault-King Elementary School



“When a person decides to become a nurse, they makes the most important decision of their lives. They choose to dedicate themselves to the care of others.” This quote so accurately describes the King Elementary School You Are Special Nominee for 2016. Mrs. Linda Renault, our school nurse, is truly a dedicated and caring member of our staff. On a daily basis, Linda reaches out to our kindergarteners, first graders, and even our staff, to show her kind, supportive, and engaging ways at all times. Her unwavering support of King School, coupled with her wonderful sense of humor, are only a few of the reasons that we are so glad to have her as part of our team.

It is not uncommon for Linda to be seen in every area of the building supporting our school community in so many ways that go above and beyond her typical “job responsibilities”. Each and every morning, when possible, Linda is at the door greeting students with a bright, cheery smile and her consistent message of “Welcome Back!!”. At the end of every school day, Linda steps up to assist with dismissal and supervises the buses as the students exit the building. These are not assigned duties for her, but she makes them a priority and just one of the many ways that she forms lasting and meaningful relationships with our students.

Linda is the consummate school nurse. She brings exceptional experience and strong clinical skills to her work in support of the health and well-being of the children at the King School. She does so in a kind, caring and calm manner. Her astute problem solving skills enable her to render the highest level of care to children with diabetes, asthma, life threatening allergies, and mental health crises. Linda is a dedicated FPS employee with a strong work ethic. She collaborates effectively with her school-based team as well as her school nurse colleagues. Over the years, she has enthusiastically demonstrated strong leadership skills through her work with the district’s electronic student health record, ongoing review and revision of School Health Services policies and protocols, and participation in the Framingham Teachers Association in her various roles as Executive Board Member, Negotiating Team Member and most recently as the Unit A Negotiating Team Chair.

Linda is such a “valuable team member” for both the school nurses and the educational staff. We appreciate all the work Linda does every day to ensure that children are safe, healthy, and ready to learn. We are thankful for her tireless and unyielding commitment to the students, staff, and to the profession of school nursing. Linda Renault - You Are Special!

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Jannine Ricchiazzi-BLOCKS Preschool



Jannine Ricchiazzi represents the best of Framingham. She began her early education in kindergarten at Framingham Public Schools and continued through middle school and high school. Her participation in the High School Child Development Program led her to Framingham State College where she earned a degree in Early Childhood Education. After completing her degree, she joined the BLOCKS Preschool Program where she has served as an assistant teacher, teacher and currently as head teacher.

Four qualities define Jannine. She is an excellent and caring teacher, she is generous, she is wise and she can be counted on to do whatever it takes to solve a problem, support a colleague or help a family or child. As a teacher, Jannine is highly respected and gives 110% to her families and children. She is passionate about making sure that every child in her care leaves BLOCKS with a love of learning and an excitement about entering kindergarten. Her ability to build thoughtful and trusting relationships with all her children paves the way for them to believe they can and will be successful...all thanks to the foundation that Jannine has built in her class.

As a colleague Jannine's calm, confidential and approachable demeanor makes it easy for people to confide in her. She is trusted and valued for her common sense and wisdom. She is able to assume any role with confidence, discretion and professionalism. Jannine is a "doer". She knows intuitively what needs to be done and she does it without looking for recognition or fanfare. Her contributions have ranged from grant writing, to building playgrounds, to organizing and leading PD, to curriculum development, to whatever she feels would contribute to building a positive, trusting and caring culture within the BLOCKS Preschool community.

Jannine is special because she puts others before herself and has always stayed true to her calling...giving every single child her very best. Jannine Ricchiazzi- You Are Special!

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Heidi Sack - Cameron Middle School



Heidi Sack is the epitome of a model teacher. She has a passion for the job that is unparalleled. She works to ensure that every student in her classroom is successful, patiently staying late until they have mastered the material. The connections she makes with students extend beyond the classroom, as she is dedicated to supporting her students throughout their middle school experience.

Heidi's classroom has become a model classroom, not only for Cameron teachers, but for other middle school teachers in the district. Teachers come to watch her masterful modeling of the content, gradual release, conferring with students, and her Community Classroom. She runs the Yearbook, writes curriculum for the district and is a team leader. Heidi Sack does all of this without expecting anything in return. She leads through example, and has positively influenced both the students and teachers who have had the pleasure to work with her. Heidi Sack, You Are Special!



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All Staff-Woodrow Wilson Elementary School



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