



Wildcat Contributor Award: Delaynii Howard

The Marcum-Illinois Union Elementary School District would like to recognize Delaynii Howard as a valuable member of our Marcum School Community. Delaynii is an extremely dedicated parent and a valuable Speech and Language Pathologist at our site. Delaynii always has a positive attitude and a willingness to help us whenever she can. We are very lucky to have her here at Marcum.

Delaynii provides high quality speech services to our students who need support. She does this in a caring and nurturing way, always building strong and long-lasting relationships with the students she serves. In addition to meeting the needs of the students she serves directly, Delaynii is always willing to meet with teachers and provide them with strategies and resources to help all students in the classroom.

Last Spring, as both a parent and a staff member, Delaynii recognized the need for an improved outdoor area with more developmental opportunities for our preschool students. Delaynii wrote a grant for Marcum's preschool program's outside area and we were awarded \$2,000 for materials and supplies. She also worked closely with the preschool staff to organize and volunteer at parent work days in order to help get our preschool outdoor projects completed.

Delaynii goes the extra mile to make sure the staff and students here at Marcum are taken care of and that the children in our community have resources available to them. The Marcum Board, Staff, Students, and Community would like to thank Delaynii Howard for all that she has done for our students and our school.