

The Marcum-Illinois Union Elementary School District would like to recognize Kay Palmer as a valuable member of our Marcum School Community. Kay is our phenomenal Resource Specialist who serves our Special Education students. Kay has been in this position for the last six years and we have been so lucky to have her supporting our students and school.

Kay goes above and beyond to make sure that our Special Education students are receiving the best possible supports. She works hard to build a relationship with all of the students she serves. Kay identifies their interests which she incorporates into activities that help support the students' goals. In addition, there have been many times where Kay has volunteered her time before and after school, and over the summer to meet with students and or their families to help provide them with resources and or support sessions. Our students and families all love Kay and appreciate how much she has helped her students.

Kay is also an unbelievable team player. She balances her time between three schools, but she is always willing to help out at Marcum in ways even beyond her typical duties. She has volunteered to help out in classrooms or serving lunch whenever she saw a potential need. In addition, she supports her Special Ed team members by leading the team, running the meetings, and ensuring that all items, not just items she is responsible for, are in place for meetings and reports. These are things that Kay doesn't have to do, but does simply because she wants to make sure everything is done well and that our school and students are getting what they need.

We are going to miss Kay so much here at Marcum as she enters retirement next year. We are thankful for the foundation she has laid for our Special Education program and wish her well in her very deserved retirement.

On behalf of the Marcum-Illinois Union School District, students, staff, and community, we would like to thank Kay Palmer for all that she has done to help our students and our school. She is very deserving of the Wildcat Contributor award.