

Maite Testerman, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher

Anyone who has known someone diagnosed with cancer knows the effects it has on a person. It is the worst news anyone can receive and many times people just give up. This was not the case with Ms. Testerman. She kept her students as her a top priority and demonstrated her dedication and commitment to them. She always had lessons planned out and stayed true to her students and this district when she could have honorably taken some time for herself.

There is a saying "you can pay someone to do a job, but you can't pay them to care" and Ms. Testerman's commitment to her students was evidence she cares and its a trait you cannot put a price on. As parents and a district, we are proud to have such an exemplary person teaching here. Not only does Ms. Testerman teach ELA, but she also teaches a life lesson to all who know her on the true meaning of dedication and commitment is and for this, we believe she is the quintessential "Heart of the Hawk".