

Hamilton School District 2012-13 Retirees

Marcy

Sue Haertel

The phrase "a commitment to student learning" comes to mind when the name of Marcy Elementary School reading specialist Sue Haertel is mentioned. She has worked at Marcy for 15 years and during this time she affected countless lives as she ignited a love for reading and writing in all students.

Sue earned a bachelor's degree in physical education and German from the University of Wisconsin (UW) – LaCrosse and her master's degree in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in reading from UW – Milwaukee. She started her career as a physical education, health and German teacher and coach in the Mercer School District. She was a teacher and coach in Germany, graduate research assistant at UW – Milwaukee and a reading teacher in the Oak Creek School District. In addition to teaching in Wisconsin K-12 schools for more than three decades, Sue has been an adjunct instructor at UW – Milwaukee and Viterbo University.

Whether it is a struggling learner or a gifted writer, Sue is ready to step in and embark on a journey of learning with the child. She has spent countless hours not only during school, but before and after working with students in the area of literacy. She has counseled parents and supported teachers with her depth of knowledge. There is no limit to Sue's passion for learning or compassion for students, parents and teachers. She is a master educator and a person of strong integrity and great character. Hamilton has been fortunate to have Sue as a part of our instructional team.

Susan Schritz

Susan Schritz has been an essential member of the Marcy Elementary School early childhood team for nearly eight years and a part of the Hamilton School District for nearly 13 years. She worked closely with special education teachers to be sure that the needs of young children were met.

Susan started in the district working part-time in the Special Services Office as a clerical assistant. She was a paraprofessional at Willow Springs briefly before working at Woodside and Maple Avenue elementary schools. Before joining the district she was a nurse's aide on a rehabilitation floor, taught Sunday school and provided home daycare.

She is patient and flexible when working with all students, whether it is helping children complete a difficult task or reassuring them that they can do simple activities. She tirelessly works to ensure their success in big and small ways. Sue is a valued member of the Marcy family and Hamilton School District. Many young students have benefitted from her dedication to their success.

Woodside Elementary School

Thomas Schneider

Thomas Schneider was part of the Hamilton School District custodial staff for nearly 30 years. Throughout his career, he was known for his dedication to the district. Thomas approached each day with the goal of doing what is right for students, and there was nothing he would not do to help them.

Thomas joined the district in 1983 working first as a night foreman at Hamilton High School for eight years and then as Maple Avenue Elementary School head custodian before becoming Woodside Elementary School's first-ever head custodian, a position he held until his retirement in 2012. He was able to keep Woodside looking new year after year.

Thomas possessed strong mechanical skills which allowed him to take very good care of the buildings for which he was responsible. Thomas's leadership and dedication will be missed.

Hamilton High School

Pam Trushinsky

Pam Trushinsky has been a caring and dedicated medical paraprofessional in Hamilton High School's health room for 15 years. Over that time, she has worked tirelessly for the students of Hamilton.

She joined the district in 1997 after working in healthcare positions outside of education. She was the clinical coordinator at Milwaukee County Hospital's High Risk OB Center and worked at River Hills West Nursing Home and Waukesha Memorial Hospital Orthopedics Department. She attended Cardinal Stritch College and transferred to Waukesha County Technical College to major in nursing.

Pam has created lasting relationships with students and families as she ensured the safety and health of students. Her caring personality comforted many students. Pam provided in-services and personal training to educate and inform the staff about student conditions and injuries. Her training taught staff how to handle given situations to ensure students' utmost health and safety. She is patient both with students and staff and works to make sure all questions are answered. She clearly has a passion for students and sets high standards of accountability for the health room. Staff will miss her caring, warm and empathetic nature. She will be missed by all who have been fortunate enough to work with her.

Pamela Mierow

Pamela Mierow is an art educator who has truly left her mark at every level in the Hamilton School District. She has worked in all but two of the schools in the district during her career which began in 1978. Pamela taught at four elementary schools – Marcy, Lannon, Willow Springs and the previous Butler – and Templeton Middle School. For most of the past two decades though, she has been the art department leader at Hamilton High School. Along with her classroom responsibilities, she has been the yearbook advisor for 26 years. She guided yearbook teams from designing and laying out their publications on paper through the advent of desktop publishing and advanced technological processes. What remained consistent during her tenure as yearbook advisor was recognition for the production of outstanding publications.

Pamela earned her bachelor's degree in art education at Beloit College and UW – Milwaukee. She earned a master's degree from Mount Mary College.

Pamela is an Advanced Placement instructor, and she takes great pride in the accomplishments of her students. One of her students was the first in Hamilton history to win a Gold Key Award at the National Scholastic Art & Writing competition. Pamela is passionate about helping students appreciate art at a deep and meaningful level. Although most will remember her years as an educator at the high school, Pam will be remembered for her contribution to the art education of students at all grade levels.

District

Terry Hanney

Terry Hanney is a maintenance employee who has been part of the Hamilton School District since 1997. During his 15 years in the district, Terry has been an integral team player always willing to help when situations required his expertise. He is considered a leader of his work group, offering advice to other employees when needed.

A skilled mechanic, Terry was responsible for keeping district buildings functioning at a high level. With his greatest strength in the electrical field, Terry was able to troubleshoot and repair almost any electrical issue. Terry especially enjoyed young children. He went out of his way to show interested children what he was repairing in their school and answer any questions they had. Terry's mechanical skills will be missed