



RETIREE SHOWCASE SALLY SWITZER



Today, we celebrate the 25-year career of our colleague, Mrs. Sally Switzer. Mrs. Switzer began her journey in education as a substitute teacher and was soon hired as a Teaching Assistant. Her passion for helping students succeed inspired her to pursue a career in education. Mrs. Switzer attended Jamestown Community College from 1995-1997 and earned an Associates degree in Science.



Over the years, Mrs. Switzer has contributed in countless ways beyond the classroom. She has served as a chaperone for sporting events, a Freshman Advisor, and the junior high cheerleading coach. She also dedicated her time to supporting summer school programs for several years. Her compassionate approach has made a sincere and lasting impression on our school community.

When asked about her favorite memory, Mrs. Switzer recalled a moment from Mrs. Tennes' 5th grade science class: "One morning, we walked in to discover that one of the classroom pets had given birth overnight—there were hundreds of tiny, translucent babies everywhere! They had managed to escape through the screen on top of the enclosure. We were all running around trying to gather them up. Hopefully, we caught them all!"



Friend and colleague Mrs. Kim Siebert shares that "Sally has always been known for her flexibility and easy going personality. She has been a steady presence in both general education and self-contained classrooms—always attentive to student needs and willing to pivot when a new need arises."

Continuing some of those same sentiments, Mrs. Logan Betts shares "I have worked with Sally many times over the years as she helped students in my 6th grade ELA class and accompanied us on our field trips. Sally has always impressed me with her ability to dig right into curriculum and to also find a balance between helping students and challenging them to become more independent. She regularly used both humor and tough love to successfully get reluctant students engaged in learning. We will all miss her and her impact on students at CLCS!"



Mrs. Switzer also remembers her early years in kindergarten alongside Mrs. Majka, as well as the many enjoyable years spent collaborating with both past and present fifth and sixth grade teachers. Together, they shared many memorable moments. Mrs. Rennae Majka shares that “Sally is truly interested in the lives and future success of her students. She takes time to understand each student’s background, challenges, and aspirations. She connects with the students in a way in which the students value because they know that she has a genuine desire to see them thrive in all aspects of life.”

Elementary Principal, Megan Lundgren, shared “I’ve had the pleasure of knowing Sally for the past 7 years. During that time, I’ve always appreciated her positive attitude and versatility. She has the unique ability to connect with students of all ages, and finds joy in her daily interactions with them. She will be missed by all.”



One of Mrs. Switzer’s career highlights was working with an autistic student for five years, supporting his social and academic growth. She reflects, “Knowing that I made a meaningful difference in his life has been incredibly rewarding.”

Mrs. Switzer shared that she was grateful to begin her career many years ago and is now looking forward to retirement. She anticipates spending more time enjoying the beach and boating. Her parting words of wisdom for current and future staff emphasize the importance of remembering that “it’s all about the students” and encouraging everyone to “have fun during your time here.” Mrs. Switzer expresses that she will sincerely miss both the students and her colleagues.

We are grateful for Mrs. Switzer’s many contributions and wish her all the very best in this new chapter.

