

Today our Chautauqua Lake Family is honored to showcase another of our 2021 teacher retirees, Mrs. Cheryl Locke-Sullivan. Mrs. Sullivan's 35 and ½ year tenure in teaching at the Mayville Central School and in Chautauqua Lake Central School District began after graduating from Fredonia State University. She later completed her Masters Degree at SUNY Fredonia and completed certifications in Elementary N-6, Reading K-12 and Math 7-12. Her teaching focus has been in Pre-K - 12, Remedial Reading, Math, Writing, and Enrichment. In addition to her remarkable length of service at MCS/CLCS, her career also included time as a substitute and as a teacher in a private school

Mrs. Sullivan has always enjoyed working with children. Her passion for teaching developed as she watched her own Mother's love for teaching children. She notes that "the very best part of her job has been teaching children."

"It has been a privilege to work with Cheryl for many years in kindergarten and in first grade," says Mrs. Ruth Frudd. "Some of the characteristics that I feel best describe Cheryl as a co-worker and teacher would be kind, caring, flexible, supportive, and patient. I have always admired how Cheryl can handle every situation and student with calmness and a positive attitude. Cheryl has been a supportive colleague and friend who will be greatly missed."

Mrs. Sullivan recalls a lifetime of wonderful memories at Chautauqua Lake Central School. She notes being able to "enjoy seeing former students on the Bowling Team, as parents of my present students, in the community, working at Walt Disney World with her son and some former students who have become co-workers at our school." A career highlight is her successful 15-year legacy as Bowling Coach.



"I had her as a teacher in second grade. Every morning when I walked in she was always cheery with us and it helped me have a great rest of my day," remembers Chandler Nuse. "When I joined bowling for the first time, this year, at first I thought I would be horrible, but Mrs. Sullivan always helped me, and I felt better. She said if you never give up and continually follow through you will exceed your expectations."

Plans for retirement include spending more time with her husband as they travel to see their children in Wisconsin and Florida at Disney World.



Looking forward to retirement, Mrs. Sullivan noted that she will forever cherish having been a member of such a wonderful school district and community. She shares that she has "enjoyed working with all of the students." Additionally she has "loved seeing the joy that the students have when they learn something new." If she had been given the opportunity to teach something different, she said that "she would not have changed anything and has enjoyed all of her teaching assignments."

Her parting words of wisdom encourage us to "Embrace new teaching assignments by being positive and flexible. Change is good. Always remember that you teach children, not a grade level or subject."

Mrs. Sullivan, on behalf of the Chautauqua Lake community, we thank you for your commitment to our students. We are grateful for all of your hard work and dedication the past three and a half decades.

Respectfully,
Josh & the Chautauqua Lake Family