

News from the Personnel Department

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Best Wishes!

All of us in Wallingford Public Schools owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to 16 individuals who have dedicated much of their professional lives to our schools and our community. Together, these talented men and women have provided more than 400 years of outstanding service that has enriched teaching and learning throughout Wallingford. As they are nearing the close of their careers, we wish them the very best

as they enter retirement and thank them for all that they have done for our students and our staff.

They are,

- ★ Opal Berardesca, Central Office - Business Department
- ★ Peter Braunfield, Highland and Yalesville Elementary Schools - Music Education
- ★ Patricia DeFilio, Central Office - Business Department
- ★ Karen Durr, Moran Middle School - Speech Pathologist
- ★ Deborah Genovese, Moran Middle School - School Psychologist
- ★ Deborah Hamel, Moses Y. Beach Elementary School - Paraeducator
- ★ Nancy Houston, Sheehan High School - Business Education
- ★ Christine Kulesza, Yalesville Elementary School - Paraeducator
- ★ Donna Laich, Sheehan High School - School Psychologist
- ★ Julia Lavado, Highland Elementary School - Library Media Specialist
- ★ Janet Lawrence, Moran Middle School - Special Education
- ★ Denise Martha, Lyman Hall High School - World Language
- ★ Teresia O'Hala, Pupil Personnel Services - Transition Coordinator
- ★ Alan Oblon, Sheehan High School - Technology Education
- ★ Carla Roselli, Lyman Hall High School - Agricultural Education
- ★ Beverly Santucci, Central Office



Congratulations!

We are very proud to recognize three members of the Wallingford Public Schools family who have distinguished themselves in their work with our students. These individuals have earned the respect and admiration of students, parents, and educators throughout the district.

They are,

Administrator of the Year - Robert Arciero - Moses Y. Beach Elementary School
Paraeducator of the Year - Susan Chipokas - Moses Y. Beach Elementary School
Teacher of the Year - Erin Berthold - Cook Hill Elementary School

Kudos!

On May 5th, Teresia O'Hala received the Connecticut Education Association's Helen Keller-Anne Sullivan Memorial Award. This award is presented each year to that special educator who has developed and/or implemented a school-wide or community-wide program that meets one or more of the following criteria:



- Promotes and advances the civil rights of the disabled
- Promotes equal education opportunities for the disabled
- Aides the disabled in their school and community
- Combats discrimination against the disabled in hiring practices

In addition, the Association of School Nurses of Connecticut honored Debra Poach as Connecticut's School Nurse of the Year at the association's annual celebration dinner on May 10th. This honor goes to one exceptional school nurse who functions as an expert in her field and who demonstrates outstanding professionalism, initiative and leadership skills and who serves as a role model for all school nurses.

Thank You!

We would like to take a moment to recognize the unsung heroes of Wallingford Public Schools. The members of our clerical staff do an incredible job keeping our schools running smoothly as they grapple with a myriad of issues that confront them on a daily basis. They keep our administrators organized, handle the countless needs of our teaching staff, oversee substitutes, run our copy center, deliver our mail, keep records for more than 6,000 students, track grades and attendance, ensure that our paychecks are accurate and on time, manage our budget, and, most importantly, serve as the primary liaison between our schools and the parents who entrust us with their children.



As the year comes to a close, please take a few moments to thank these very talented individuals who go well out of their way to make sure that our students and staff are well served.



Please Help!

Our custodial staff is very proud of the work that they do during the summer months to ensure that our schools are ready to open in late August. To make their job easier, please communicate your needs prior to the summer break so they can work to have your classroom set up to meet your individual needs. In addition, please provide your school custodian with a sketch of how you would like your room set up for the fall.