

Excellence for all!

Staff spotlight: Frank Galioto and Judy Mueller

Frank Galioto is a computer technician with the Watertown Unified School District. He was born and raised in Milwaukee, a few miles from Miller Park. "I got into computers and started my technical career in my late 20s," Galioto said. "I enjoy working with others, making them at ease with their systems, and working to be sure they feel comfortable asking questions large or small."

One of his favorite success stories? "I was really proud when we finally got a free mobile device management app working to manage our increasing numbers of iPads in the District," Galioto said.

With all his technical knowledge, you might be surprised to know that Galioto laughingly admits he doesn't even have an iPhone. But that doesn't diminish his focus on being as helpful as possible. He hopes that's how his fellow district staff members see him as well.

His most important piece of advice? "If it seems suspicious, don't click that link! Fill out a work order."

Judy Mueller has been working in the Watertown Unified School District for 17 years. In that time she has taught high school English, public speaking and reading. She has also helped with many extra-curricular activities, and served on school committee and in leadership roles.

"My newest role is as lead teacher at Endeavor Charter School, where I represent the interests of an amazing group of teachers and students," Mueller said.

Mueller said there are many things she loves about being a teacher in Watertown. "I love the challenge, variety and most of all, I love the students and adults I get to work with every day."

One of Mueller's favorite school success stories comes from teaching a reading workshop class. "I saw students enter my class feeling helpless in their daily reading tasks, and I was able to help them move to being empowered, so they believed in themselves and their abilities to tackle challenging texts," Mueller said. "It was amazing."

When students and colleagues talk about Mueller, she hopes they say that she is concerned for students, open minded, diplomatic and reliable. If she could offer any advice to other educators she would say, "Let go of worrying about the things you can't control. Instead, find the place where you can make the most impact for kids and pour your energy there."

When she is not at school, Mueller enjoys spending time with her husband and two boys. She said they "eat, sleep and breathe baseball, football and soccer." They also love going on local adventures to parks, festivals and movies. Individually, she enjoys reading, gardening, going for walks and catching up with friends.