

Our staff person of the month is very long overdue. During this time of holiday cheer and goodness, there is no one in the building that exemplifies these characteristics throughout the year more than this month's staff person of the month.

Congratulations to Ms. Denise Wiseman for being selected. Some teachers go beyond what is expected of them. Ms. Wiseman exceeds all expectations of the profession and works tirelessly to create a challenging and nurturing atmosphere for her students. She loves her students and inspires them to do and be better. She is warm, accessible, enthusiastic, and, above all, caring. She has developed strong relationships with her students, and they are always coming back to see her. Subsequently, her students have gone on to win awards and get involved in studying graphic arts and art in college.

A few years ago, our auditorium needed a makeover, she got a few students in her spare time and painted it. Yes, she painted our auditorium and then designed a beautiful banner which still stands there. In fact, if teachers are the backbone of education, she is the back, the support, and the skeleton of ESHS. For many years the principal and administrators have relied on her to make pamphlets, brochures, graduation programs and posters highlighting our school and our programs, Ms. Wiseman has never said no to anyone.

Our school and community have benefitted from her talents as well. She is also the advisor of our Student Council, which is the heart and soul of our school; teaching her students to be better citizens in and out of school. With her hard work, kindness and dedication, she has raised money for Boston Strong, filled our lobby with goods for Hurricane Maria as well as countless other philanthropic events. She has provided opportunities for our students by planning field trips to colleges. A number of her students are attending colleges that they visited with her.

Ms. Wiseman has also brought golf back to East Side and is currently the head coach of the golf team. So, if you want to recognize an educator, a teacher who exemplifies all of the characteristics of a great one, look no further than this one. She is the real deal, who is dedicated to her students- patient, kind, giving, knowledgeable and engaging. I couldn't think of a more talented, kind, deserving person to be recognized.

So, Congratulations to Ms. Denise Wiseman for being named our staff of the month. You make East Side a better place for all of us.