

One Great Community Salutes

Chamber Champion – October 2010

Shelley Erbse & Nancy Hazelbaker

“It’s all about Team work!” stated Shelley Erbse and Nancy Hazelbaker. The two won our Chamber Champion Award this month. They were nominated as a Team, they won as a Team and they stated that Team Work is why “Test is Best!”

These two ladies have been working as a “Team” in the Richmond Community School system for 12 years. They are both Richmond natives and as Shelley said, “we love this community”. They began together at CR Richardson and moved together to Test Middle School where they are still working as a Team in the front office. Mr. Burkhardt has been teaching at Test for many years and he said, “Nancy and Shelly are the ultimate dynamic duo! They project a genuine feeling of warmth and caring that is experienced by all who enter the office. We are proud that they wear the Purple and White.”

They manage the variety of needs, wants and concerns that cross their desk at Test Middle School with such patience and care and when asked “How?” they immediately begin to credit others. Shelley and Nancy both stated, “it all boils down to what a great place Test is to work. Mrs. Spicer and Mr. Mopps are the best...the staff at Test are like one big family. Everyone is so caring.”

However, in talking with other teachers and staff in the building it seems that Shelley and Nancy are the catalyst for this spirit. Bobbie Howell, Site Coordinator for Communities In Schools at Test said, “...they are ‘The Best’...caring concerned, friendly and more. They treat each student as if they were their own. I have worked in school corporations all across the U.S. and have never seen such compassion and caring from two secretaries. No one is more deserving!”

Both ladies emphasized that their care and concern for children and their best interest always comes first. If a student comes to the desk their needs come first. Misty Hollis nominated the duo and said, “They understand and work to show each child that they personally care about their individual success”.

Nancy shared her family motto, “Love never fails” and “we both consider Test as a part of our family”. And Shelley said, “I guess that’s why we love our jobs”.

Congratulations Miss Shelley and Miss Nancy! Team Work Wins!