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The North Boone Board of Education and administration would like to thank Barb Carter, Sandy Jacobs, Victor Perri and Pat Ryan for their many years of faithful service to NBCUSD 200. Below is a short summary of each of their North Boone Careers. They were all recognized at a retirement reception on May 25, 2011 at North Boone Upper Elementary School.

Barb Carter

Mrs. Barbara Carter has devoted her teaching talents to the North Boone School District tirelessly for 31 years. She also broadened her gift of teaching to Brazil for 3 years. Barb began her career at North Boone back in 1975 teaching science at Poplar Grove Elementary. Following a year off due to reductions in force, Barb then transferred to Manchester Elementary where she taught reading and language arts. She continued at Manchester until 1991 when she moved with her husband, Roy, to Brazil. She carried her passion for teaching with her to Brazil where she taught 3rd grade until 1994. Upon returning from Brazil, she returned to our district and, once again, taught reading and language arts, however, this time it was at Capron Elementary. In 1996 she packed up her pencils and red pens and moved them all back to Manchester where she settled in teaching reading and language arts until the district reconfiguration in 2004. Barb relocated to North Boone Middle School, joined the 8th grade team and continued to teach reading and language arts. It was in 2005 that Barb joined us at Upper Elementary where today she still continues her passion for her profession.

Barb's dedication and enthusiasm for students carried way beyond her classroom. She was also the yearbook advisor at Manchester, Middle School and Upper Elementary. She coached girls basketball and volleyball at North Boone High School. Barb was also a member of the strategic planning committee, language arts committee, labor management committee and she was also a mentor. Whenever a volunteer was needed, Barb's hand was always up. Not often does a school district have the honor of such a professional, inspiring, dedicated and passionate teacher as Barb Carter. We wish her well in her retirement and we feel truly blessed to have had such a wonderful teacher among us.

Sandy Jacobs

Sandy Jacobs started with the North Boone District in 1977. She started at Poplar Grove Elementary school and taught first grade. She incorporated many different activities within the classroom through poetry, plays, and stories to teach the basics and foster creativity. It was in 1993 that Sandy moved to Manchester School and started teaching second grade. Sandy has always used imagination and creative thinking within her themed units. A walk through the second grade might have included a trip through the rainforest, a swim under the sea, a gathering around the "Whoville" village, or a week at camp. Friendship week was usually celebrated around St. Valentine's Day with an emphasis on the "Golden Rule" of treating others how you would like to be treated. A sweetheart lunch usually topped out the week with students in a small gathering sharing giggles and stories with the teacher. Sandy has opened second graders to different poets, learning through song, and learning about the different fairy tale characters found in childhood stories. Her Fairy Tale Ball was always an event all the students looked forward to and worked very hard to practice to make it magical. Camp Learned-a-Lot wrapped up the year with students working together to learn about National Parks, insects, storytelling, cooperation, enthusiasm, and spirit. Sandy always encouraged her students to do their best, and each student sensed that Mrs. Jacobs was proud of their accomplishments. Throughout her teaching career, Sandy Jacobs worked hard with a big heart to ensure that each of the students in her care knew that they were unique and loved, no matter what. Thank you Sandy, for the 38 years of doing what you do best, teaching and loving your students.

Victor Perri

Vic Perri began to work for the school district in 1995 as a substitute bus driver and became a full time driver in 1997. Vic was employed by Commonwealth Edison for 38 years (1956-1994) before starting a second career with the North Boone School District. Vic was a fixture on the longer rural routes of the school district for most of his career, driving some of the worst roads in the school district accident free. He also transported the District's volleyball, basketball, and softball teams during his tenure and was the resident expert on Chicago trips as the result of his previous employment. Vic's easy-going demeanor and quite professionalism were greatly appreciated by the transportation staff and will be missed. We would all like to offer our sincere appreciation for all that Vic has done for the students at North Boone.

Pat Ryan

Mrs. Ryan has done it all at Capron. She has served as advisor, nurse, counselor and mom to all! She does not limit her job duties to what is written on paper, but does what is needed for the best interests of the students and staff. For example, she sets aside her normal responsibilities to work with a student one-on-one to improve his reading. This particular 3rd grade student was reading at a first grade level when first working with Pat. He is now up over one grade level!

Pat is also calm in all the hustle and bustle of the job. She just does not panic. When there is a lot to be done – the phones are ringing, students are waiting in the office, parents are coming in, and the principal needs her to do something, she just goes about her business cool as a cucumber. She is the do it all mom of the building and will be missed!

North Boone would also like to thank Lisa Cameron of Alba Catering for providing the refreshments at the Retirement Reception to the district at cost.

North Boone Community Unit School District 200 serves approximately 1800 students in pre-school through high school in the Villages of Caledonia, Capron and Poplar Grove as well as the northern tier of unincorporated Boone County, Illinois. For more information visit the NBCUSD website at www.nbcusd.org or contact the district office at 815-765-3322.