

# Celebration of Excellence

## Employee of the Month

### CES – Mitzi Lengl

**College attended:**

Panola Junior College, Angelina College and Stephen F. Austin State University.

**Years in education:**

13 years teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 19 years teaching Computer Skills Grades 1,2,3 & 4.

**Who is your greatest supporter/inspiration?**

My husband is my greatest supporter. He is always by my side and supports me in all of my decisions. He always asks me how my day went. Good days or bad days, he always has a listening ear.

My mother is my greatest inspiration. As a young child, I watched as my mother went back to school to get her college degree to become a teacher. All the while, taking care of two children, a husband, and holding down a full time job.

**Why did you choose to become an educator?**

My mother was a fabulous teacher and I wanted to follow in her footsteps. My husband also encouraged me to get a degree in education. I have always enjoyed working with children whether it be at school or church.

**What makes a good teacher?**

I feel a good teacher must have a genuine love for all students. All children need to feel that you care for them and that they are important. Once that bond is formed, it is very easy to gain their respect and teach them. Setting a good example for children is also very important. Being someone children can count on, look up to, and trust, is also very important.

**A career in education means constant growth. What is one area in which you wish to improve?**

One area I can improve on is making my computer skills lessons more engaging. I want my lessons to use skills my students can use throughout their school career.

**What do you love about CISD?**

All of my teaching years have been with CISD. My campus, Center Elementary School, is made up of so many caring people that I enjoy working with. We always work together as a team. Our staff and administration are always super supportive!

**From Around Campus:**

She works so hard. She always takes new challenges by the horns and conquers them with dignity and grace.

She is such a dedicated worker.

She is a great and patient teacher.

I love watching Mitzi interact with her students. She has such a caring heart!