

# *Celebration of Excellence*

## *Employee of the Month*

### **CIS – Debra Hippler**

**College attended:** Received my Bachelor's Degree from Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma. I got a Master's Degree in Secondary Mathematics Education from SFA.

**Years in education:** 22 years

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

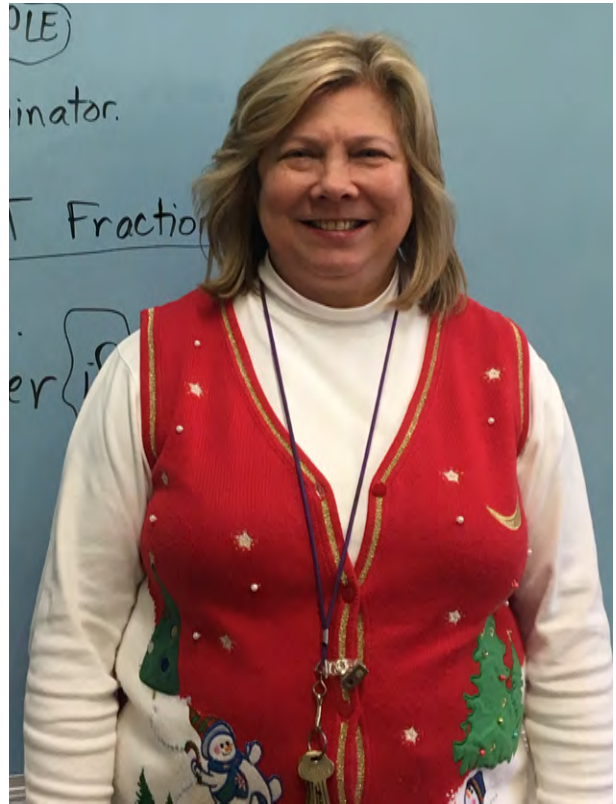
All the wonderful teachers I've had in my life inspired me to be a teacher. Now, when I meet former students, it makes me glad to know that I helped them in some way.

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

I have always enjoyed working with children, at church, during the summer, whenever. I also really liked school and I like explaining things so naturally I became a teacher.

**What makes a good teacher?**

Lots of patience and willing to try something a little different if it will help your students learn.



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

Figuring out how to differentiate for your students is one of the hardest challenges I face. Also, trying to make it relevant to your students can also be a challenge.

**What do you love about CISD?**

I like being able to plan with my colleagues and work together to solve challenges. We have wonderful camaraderie on my campus and as a district we strive for constant improvement and to use best practices. And the kids are AWESOME!

**From around campus:**

She is a great person to work with. She is always willing to help and share her resources. Deb is always willing to help her students succeed, she works late to make sure everything is prepared.

Debra works tirelessly to make math visual for her students. She explains difficult concepts in as simple terms as possible to help her students grasp those ideas. She also finds time to incorporate literature and art in each six weeks. I admire her knowledge of math and her dedication to her students.

Deb is truly passionate about her students and what she teaches. She works late everyday and is always finding new resources and materials. Deb is more than a great teacher she is also a great friend/mentor.

Mrs. Hippler is a very dedicated and caring teacher who exemplifies what it means to help a child be independently successful. She always has a very professional manner, and she strives to help her fellow educators in every way possible.