

Celebration of Excellence

Employee of the Month

CMS – April L Bloys

College attended: SFA

Years in education: This is my 6th year, all at CMS

Who is your greatest supporter/inspiration?

My Husband, Joe, has always been my biggest supporter. Before moving to Texas 10 years ago, I worked about 60-65 hours a week and back then he pitched in a lot with taking care of the kids. Then when we moved here to Texas and I decided I wanted to go back to school to teach. He stood right there with me and supported that decision and has ever since.

Why did you choose to become an educator?

After working in the business world for over 20 years I wanted a change in career. Part of my previous job had been to teach others how to do my job, so I knew I like to help others learn. By then my kids were teenagers, and I knew I really enjoyed that age of their life, so I knew I would enjoy middle school students.

What makes a good teacher?

That's a really hard question. There are many qualities a good teacher must possess, but to be a "great" teacher I believe that you must connect with your students somehow on their level. They need to trust you, especially those who struggle, so they will accept your guidance and be open to learning. I love to get that student who says I can't, and change their mind about themselves and their abilities into a student who believes and says I can.

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

I never want to stop learning, not only in my field of choice, but in other subjects as well. I sometimes wish I had more hours in a day.....it just never seems like there is enough time to get everything done I want to accomplish.

What do you love about CISD?

I have learned here at CISD and CMS that there are people who you can really count on and it is those who make me happy to work here. I love the campus where I teach. I have always felt support from my immediate supervisors and colleagues here at CMS and I especially love coming to work each day because of the students and parents that make this district special.

From Around Campus:

"She is a very hardworking teacher that gives it her all everyday. She is very passionate about her job and loves those around her. I arrive at the school everyday at 6:15 to get ready for the day to find her already working in her classroom. She is always seeking ways to help her kids succeed."

"She comes early and stays late to assist students in grasping math concepts. She has kids in her room at lunch, providing a safe place for them to socialize or get assistance with math. She also does a great job with the G/T program at CMS."

"She is a dedicated and hard working teacher whose goal is for each of her students to succeed. She puts in lots of hours before and after school to assist students that need extra time. I arrive at 6:15am and she is often here before me. She is very deserving of this award."

