# Celebration of Excellence Employee of the Month

# CMS - Karen Belrose

**College attended:** I attended Panola in Center and Carthage and Stephen F. Austin State University

**Years in education:** This is my 18th year in education, and I have loved every day of it.

Who is your greatest supporter/inspiration? I get my greatest support from my children; they keep me going. My greatest inspiration comes from my church family



## Why did you choose to become an educator?

I chose to become an educator because I love to watch children grow intellectually and see them experience new and exciting adventures

### What makes a good teacher?

Some things that make a good teacher are respect, compassion, a sense of humor, being flexable, and a desire to never stop learning

A career in education means constant growth. What is one area in which you wish to improve? I would like to know as much about technology as my students. I grew up in the no-technology era. My students are my teachers of technology. They have taught me a great deal.

### What do you love about CISD?

The people I work with. For the most part, kids are kids no matter what school you work at. Plus, you are only I love the people I work with at CISD. Everyone is there for you, ready to help and encourage you. They are like family.

### From around campus:

"Mrs. Belrose shows concern for ALL students, not just those she sees in class. Her classroom atmosphere is wonderful. Everyone should stop by and sit "under the umbrella" for a while. She provides a very relaxing, soothing atmosphere to help children, who perhaps are stressed or just in need of a quiet place to sit as they read quietly. She speaks very softly as she presents her lessons and seems to draw her students in."

"She gives a great deal of herself time, before and after school, to her students. She is very helpful and encouraging to all of her colleagues. She is such a positive person to be around and is a joy to the CMS campus."

"I have visited Ms. Belrose's room several times and each time, I am amazed by the lessons she plans for her students. Her room is one of the most welcoming rooms on campus. Ms. Belrose always goes the extra mile in all she does.