

## Principally Speaking...

This is it! The end of another amazing school year here at The View. And for me, the end of this school year is bitter-sweet, as I will not be returning to the school that I have grown to love so much over the last three years. While I could take up this entire newsletter thanking the people who have helped me in my quest to make Meadow View all that it can and should be, there are some individuals that I simply must take the time to thank.

1. Thank you to Martha Callaghan. Martha was the first PTO President I worked with here at Meadow View and if you even new half the work she did to help make Meadow View such a special place for your children, you would know why I have put her first on this list.
2. Thank you to all of the parents who have either served on the PTO Board or chaired a committee. The many events that occur throughout the school year truly are what make Meadow View different (and, in my opinion, better) than other schools.
3. Thank you to Joanne Labiak who has for many, many years now put together our yearbook only because she enjoys doing it. As a first year teacher in 1988, I was in charge of the yearbook. IT IS A TON OF WORK!!! Joanne gets paid zero, but does it because she cares, and I appreciate that giving spirit.
4. Thank you to Julie Lagodney, Jenny Soboj, and Chris Rehak for being a part of the PTO Board this year. This year we truly had a Parent TEACHER Organization - - - synergy that you don't see in too many schools.
5. Thank you to my amazing secretary Anna. She has been my right arm for the last three years and I will miss her terribly.
6. Thank you to all of the staff here at Meadow View who consistently go above and beyond the call of duty to help make Meadow View so special for your children. You see it as much as I do. Think about Cold Stone Creamery Night, the dances, the talent show, the pet parade, and the list goes on. There are always well over a dozen teachers at these events. They do not get paid for it, THEY DO IT BECAUSE THEY CARE.
7. Finally, thank you to all of the students and families who have made Meadow View such a wonderful home for me for three years. I will cherish the memories we have made together.

In closing, I know that you will give Mr. Brian Sorg, your new principal, the same warm welcome you gave to me. Brian lives here in the neighborhood and his children will be attending Meadow View. He is eager to get started, I and I know he will carry on the amazing traditions we started together and add to them as well.

Sincerely,



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