

Outstanding Rural Support Staff Member

Shirley Huitt

North Wood R-IV School District

The English language does not contain enough glowing phrases and adjectives to describe the impact that Shirley Huitt brings to the support staff in the North Wood School District. For the past fourteen years, wearing many hats, Shirley has served in a multifaceted capacity of nurse's aide, receptionist, attendance secretary, hostess, diplomat, scorekeeper, committee chair, kitchen helper, cheerleader, and confidante – to name a few.

Behind every successful school district is the individual that takes pride in his/her ability to run a school office with a quiet, friendly efficiency that results in the needs of both the staff and students being satisfied without stress and complication. This is Shirley Huitt. Shirley was described by a staff member as one who is genuine and caring for all students. She maintains a wonderful rapport with all parents and stays in regular contact with them regarding their children. A self-starter and conscientiousness to a fault, often staying late to make sure she finishes the day's work before leaving to go home.

Because of Shirley's role as school nurse, she has put together and updated a version of the districts health code procedures, helped develop a crisis management plan, and sat in on At-Risk meetings to better help inform the faculty about student medical needs. Besides her regular duties, she has also planned and prepared many of the luncheons and participates and leads many of the district committees during after school activities and functions.

Shirley Huitt has excellent work ethics, and is always prepared and willing to do whatever it takes with complete and total dedication to the North Wood school district making it fitting for her selection as Missouri's Outstanding Rural Support Staff member for 2011.