

Outstanding Rural Middle School Teacher

Carmen Nolting

Morgan Co. R-II School District

When you ask most students to tell you their favorite teachers in the Morgan Co. R-II Middle School, Carmen Nolting is usually on that list. “Her class is fun” is the usual agreement among students. Mrs. Nolting is described as all about the students and what is best for them. She cares about them as individuals, not just people who come to her room for a 45 minute period. She works with students, helping to prepare them for the world of technology and life in general.

What does Carmen do? That is a loaded question because she does so much. Primarily, she is the computer teacher but she also organizes the yearbook, writes newsletters, makes programs for sporting events, maintains multiple websites, helps other teachers with technology related questions and basically does anything you ask. Mrs. Nolting’s projects and bulletin boards make the Morgan Co. Middle School bright! The students are proud of what they accomplish and it shows.

Carmen’s colleagues describe her as a positive force in a team situation because she is always willing to contribute without a complaint. If you need something done or help with a project, Carmen is there. If you need a document made – Bam! – It’s done. If you need pictures put in a Power Point – Wow! – They are there. She is an amazing colleague who has the respect of her students, peers and administration.

Never complaining about a single child and always describing the good things that make the child special and unique, as well as being an invaluable staff member, makes it appropriate to congratulate Carmen Nolting as Missouri’s Outstanding Rural Middle School Teacher for 2011.