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Surrey Board of Education Recognition: Ms. Margaret "Mugs" Staller

A few years ago, James Ardiel Elementary adopted the famous Gandhi quote, "*Be the Change you Wish to See in the World*", as the school's motto. And tonight, our board has the pleasure of recognizing someone at that school who personifies Gandhi's wise words: education assistant Margaret "Mugs" Staller.

Described by the school's former principal Jackie Howard as "an exceptional person who continuously enriches the lives of those around her", Mugs is known for her unwavering dedication to the success of students.

Her exceptional passion—and compassion—are obvious and infectious; so much so, that students of all cultures, backgrounds, ages and stages of development are excited to attend James Ardiel. Mugs sees only the best in people and makes everyone around her feel special, cared for and loved.

She is always there to make the school a welcoming place, whether helping with the grounds of the school, bulletin boards, costumes, art work, choir, concert preparation, coaching or just playing with kids with bubbles and toys.

To staff, Mugs is an irreplaceable resource. Her offers to assist are never-ending and the supportive praise she gives her colleagues is often just the encouragement they need.

True to her nature, Mugs' dedication to others frequently extends beyond the walls of James Ardiel. Her extensive volunteer work in the school community includes helping local families in need, delivering food hampers and assisting the homeless.

Mugs Staller embodies the change we wish to see in the world.

The Surrey Board of Education recognizes Mugs Staller for extraordinary service to students and the school community of James Ardiel Elementary.

Photos are below. Click on the image to download a high-resolution copy.

Margaret "Mugs" Staller receives her official Board Recognition from board chairperson Shawn Wilson. Mugs is described by colleagues as an exceptional person who continuously enriches the lives of those around her.