

## MARY MCCARTHY

Mary McCarthy began her career with the MPS in 1998 as a substitute teacher before becoming a long term substitute at the Collicot Elementary School and moving on to a .5 Kindergarten Teacher at Glover Elementary . She became a full time teacher at Glover Elementary School in 2004.

In her original application for the Glover position, Mary stated that she would be “creative and enthusiastic.” That would be an understatement!

According to Principal Karen McDavitt, students have commented that:

"Mrs. McCarthy is the best teacher that I've ever had here at Glover!"

"She was the most memorable and best teacher at Glover"

Ms. McDavitt added that the magic of Mary McCarthy cannot be captured in words. It is simply impossible. Mary was the quintessential first grade teacher. She was everything a first grade teacher should be and more. She grew brilliant readers, prolific writers, and masterful mathematicians. But more importantly, she taught her children the importance of hard work, of perseverance, and truly shaped their character in ways that are indescribable.

Ms. McDavitt said she wished her own children could have had a first grade teacher as incredible as Ms. McCarthy. On a personal level, she remembered the first time she set foot in MPS. She was so nervous walking through the MHS parking lot on her way to an interview when all of the sudden a friendly face appeared beside her - it was Mary McCarthy. Ms. McCarthy walked and talked with her the whole way to the interview table and by the time Ms. McDavitt arrived for the interview, she felt like she had been talking to an old friend.

That's just sums up the type of person Mary McCarthy is.

Mary, we hope you are enjoying yourself in retirement. You had a wonderfully successful career and touched the lives of many students, parents and guardians during your time in Milton.