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Susan Fratus
Classified Employee of the Year
Cupertino High School

Susan Fratus was named the Cupertino High School Classified Employee of the Year by the Fremont Union High School District Board of Trustees at its meeting on March 21, 2017. Susan started working for FUHSD as a School Library Specialist in 2000 when her oldest child was a senior at Lynbrook High School. She worked first at Monta Vista High School and transferred to Cupertino High School in 2002, where she has been helping and encouraging students to find good books to read, sharing research techniques and decorating the library with displays ever since.

Susan loves to chat with the students at Cupertino about sports and other topics, often learning something from them. She appreciates that the staff at Cupertino is warm and generous with the students. Susan especially enjoys working with her group in the library, celebrating birthdays and being there for her colleagues through both happy and hard times. Susan says her job at Cupertino is summed up by the old adage, “If you choose a job you love, you will never have to work a day in your life.”

According to Principal Kami Tomberlain, “Susa is the hub of the library. She creates a welcoming, supportive environment and handles the crowds of students with ease. She keeps a rotating display of books based on a theme and has also crafted a corner where students are encouraged to make art.”

Susan was born in Oceanside, New York and raised in Seaford, New York. She attended Seaford High School, where she enjoyed Sports Night, gymnastics, cheerleading, field hockey and football games. Susan went on to attend Mt. Ida College in Newton, Massachusetts, where she earned an AA degree in Early Childhood Education, and St. Joseph’s in New York, where she earned a BA in Elementary Education with a minor in Sociology. After graduation she moved to Alexandria, Virginia where she taught preschool and kindergarten. After she was married, her husband’s job took the family to San Diego, CA, where Susan stayed at home with her children. Later, after moving to the Bay Area, Susan pursued her Master’s Degree at San Jose State University. She volunteered at Dilworth Elementary School, Christa McAuliffe, Miller Middle School and Lynbrook High School as her children, Matthew, Jeanna, Allison and Mark, went through school. She chaired the Books and Beyond Reading program, Great Composer’s program, helped with walk-a-thons, chaired several graduations and served on the School Site Counsel. In 2009, Susan became the guardian of twin girls, Christina and Alexandra, both graduates of CHS. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, gardening, crossword puzzles, volunteering with outreach programs and cooking.