

Magics in the Spotlight

Barberton City School District



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The mission of the Barberton City School District is to meet each child where they are at and growing them year to year until they are on one of three pathways – Enrolled, Enlisted or Employed – The Barberton Way!

Honors and Awards



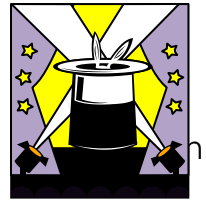
The Barberton Board of Education and Administration would like to extend a special thank you to the following individuals who have retired from the Barberton City School District this year! In the Barberton City Schools we are committed to Building a Better Barberton – One Student at a Time and we could not have done it without you! Thank you for your time, dedication, and service to the children of Barberton!

Mark Brown

Mark is a graduate of Barberton High School Class of 1980. Mark graduated with a 2 year Vocational Carpentry Diploma that would prove to serve him well over the course of his career. Mark came to the district by way of the State of Ohio, where he served in a supervisory role in Maintenance. Mark started with the Barberton City Schools in January 2003 as the district's Maintenance Supervisor. Starting with more than 12 buildings to oversee and take care of, Mark played a major role in the district's efforts to consolidate buildings and build new school

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buildings during his 17 year career with the schools. Mark Brown can proudly say he left his stamp on the district as it looks today. Mark retired in January of 2020.

Deborah Buchanan

Deborah graduated from AFCENT International American High School Section APO NY in 1972. She was hired in September 1989 as a Cook VI at Barberton High School. Deborah transferred to Decker Head Start in 2004 before returning to Barberton High School in 2007 where she remained until retirement. Deborah retired August 1, 2019.

Lindsay Burbridge

Lindsay attended Kent State University receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism in 1977. He returned to Kent State earning his Masters of Education in 1996. Lindsay started in the Barberton City Schools as a Head Start Instructor at Arnold School in 1997. From Arnold, he went on to teach Kindergarten/Second Grade at Johnson Elementary School, Memorial Elementary School and Barberton Elementary School West. Lindsay ended his career as a Tutor at Barberton Elementary School East. Lindsay retired in November of 2019.

Candice Darlak

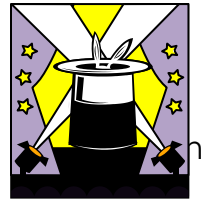
Candice graduated from Garfield High School in 1969. She was hired in November of 1980 as a Cafeteria Trainee at Barberton High School. Since being hired, Candice has spent time working in Decker Elementary School, Memorial Elementary, Oakdale Elementary, and Portage Elementary. She became Head Cook at U. L. Light Middle School in September 1982 and remained Cafeteria Manager at the new Barberton Middle School since August 2011 until retirement. Candice retired November 1, 2019.

Clara Grinder

Clara graduated from Barberton High School in 1967. She was hired in January of 2000 as a Latchkey Teacher Aide at Johnson Elementary School. She continued being a classroom teacher aide at Johnson Elementary and then Barberton Elementary West where she remained until retirement. Clara retired May 28, 2020.

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Marietta Kallai

Marietta graduated from Coventry High School in 1973. She attended JVS for Typing I in 1986. Marietta was hired in January of 1988 as a Cook VI at Barberton High School. She has spent time as Cook V at BHS then transferred to Utility Sports Maintenance in May 2003 until she became Head Utility Sports in April 2017 where she remained until retirement. Marietta retired February 14, 2020.

Patricia “Renee” Kriebel

Patricia graduated from Copley High School. She was hired in October 2014 as a Cook VI at Barberton Elementary West. She spent time as a Lunch Monitor and Teacher Aide at Barberton Elementary West and then Barberton Preschool where she remained until she retired. Renee retired January 11, 2020.

Ann Lukezic

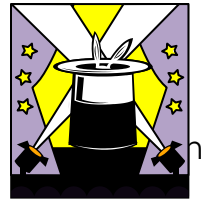
Ann attended the University of Akron graduating with her Bachelor’s Degree in 1978 and her Master’s from Ashland University in 1999. Ann was hired by the Barberton City Schools in 1993 as a Math Tutor at Oakdale Elementary School. Ann spent the majority of her career teaching First and Second Grade at Santrock Elementary School. Ann finished her career teaching Second Grade at Barberton Elementary School West. Ann retired in February of 2020.

Susan Wargo

Susan graduated from Barberton High School in 1972. She was hired in November 1999 as a Teacher Aide at Oakdale Elementary. She spent time as a Teacher Aide at Santrock Elementary, Woodford Elementary, Johnson Elementary, U. L. Light Middle School and Barberton Middle School. Susan retired August 1, 2019.

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Kim Wuescher

Kim attended and graduated from the University of Akron with a Bachelor of Arts in Education in 1993 and her Master's in 1999. Kim was hired by the Barberton City Schools in August of 1994. She taught English Language Arts at Barberton High School her entire career with the Barberton City Schools. Kim retired at the end of this school year.

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