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Bangor Area School District

Slater Standout of the Month Award







Gale Dunham

Mrs. Mamana

Professional Staff: Mrs. Gale Gunham, Bangor Area Middle School

Gale Dunham is a Middle School English teacher at Bangor Area Middle School that has worked in district for 19 years. Currently she is teaching Grade 8 ELA as well as the Read 180 program. Mrs. Dunham has committed herself to planning engaging lessons that are student centered and focus on skills and content that can be used across curriculums. She focuses on differentiation and modifies content and assessments in order to reach students at all ability levels. Beyond her classroom, Mrs. Dunham is a consummate professional. She not only dedicates her time to her own planning and instruction but to being a mentor to all others with the English department. She even spends time meeting and collaborating with those of other disciplines to provide the best quality education for our students. Mrs. Dunham is always happy, friendly, and in a positive mood when interacting with students and staff. Even when faced with obstacles, Mrs. Dunham commits to brainstorming multiple solutions to solve any problem. In all, Mrs. Dunham always has the students and their best interests in mind, taking in account their academic, social, and emotional needs. While Mrs. Dunham has dedicated 19 years of her career to Bangor Area School District, this will be her last as she is retiring at the end of the school year. This award could not have come at a better time. This is not only an acknowledgement of her peer's appreciation for the hard work and support she puts into teaching but an opportunity for Administration to recognize her stellar performance over nearly two decades at Bangor. Congratulations, Gale! You will be missed.

Support Staff: Mrs. Danine Mamana, Five Points Elementary School

Mrs. Mamana always greets staff and students with enthusiasm and a smile. Beyond her consistent high level of positivity, Mrs. Mamana implements small group lessons with our students with accuracy and ease. Mrs. Mamana is a natural when working with kids. Students love working with her because of her friendly and outgoing personality. Mrs. Mamana always goes above and beyond her professional responsibilities. One of Mrs. Mamana's most admirable qualities is that she is flexible and willing to do anything to help make Five Points a great place for students. Beyond her role as a paraprofessional, throughout the school year, Mrs. Mamana has substitute taught in almost every classroom at Five Points. With every early morning text, Mrs. Mamana willingly agrees to assist in this capacity. Mrs. Mamana is a familiar face to our students, and she strives to maintain consistency within each individual classroom. Additionally, she goes above and beyond to assist absent teachers by preparing materials, making photocopies, and directly communicating with the teacher upon their return.

Mrs. Mamana is dedicated, flexible, and always willing to help in any way that she can. She goes above and beyond to help our school, the staff, and students. Mrs. Mamana's work this year was invaluable. She is truly an asset to the Five Points Elementary team.

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