

## May Spotlight on Support Staff: Linda Titera, Paraprofessional

*“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.” ~ Helen Keller*



*Linda Titera has been in the district for 24 years. She spent 20 years as the library paraprofessional and has been a special education paraprofessional the last four years.*

*Linda has lived most of her life in Clearwater county. She grew up in the Weme area and graduated as a Clearbrook Hornet. Linda currently lives in Bagley. She has four children: Michele, Andy, Sara, David, and two step children Erin and Ryan.*

**Why did you choose to work at school?** I wanted to have a job that would be during the time my children attended school.

**What are your duties at Clearbrook-Gonvick?** I assist students with a variety of needs.

**What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick?** I was a waitress when I was in High School, then after graduation I worked at various resorts on Lake of the Woods.

**What is the best part of your job at Clearbrook-Gonvick?** The best part of my job is coming to school each day to work alongside all of my co-workers, and of course to work with the CG students, whether it be in the classroom, lunchroom or recess.

**What is the biggest challenge of your job?** Sometimes my job can be physically and emotionally challenging.

**If you could have any job in the world - what would it be? Why?** I would like to work in a photography studio-because I like to critique photos. Or any antique shop, so I could see/touch things that remind me of my Grandma Sally.

**What do you do when you are not working at the school?** I clean the Bagley senior center on weekends. I like to watch movies and D.I.Y television shows. I also make jean quilts and I do some photography.

**What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community?** The Clearbrook-Gonvick community has always been very helpful to those in need. 20 years ago my family suffered the loss of our home due to a fire. The CG community was very helpful to us in our time of need. I will never forget that about the people in this area. I will always be very thankful.

*And now a few words from the students about Linda Titera from the staff...*

"Linda has a willingness to step into any position and do the job when asked." "She enjoys giving little gifts to students and making them feel special." "Linda has a big heart and is a very loyal and dedicated employee." "Linda is dependable and takes quiet pride in doing her job well. Thanks for all that you give to the students you work with!" "Faithful to staff and students. Solid in her commitments to others and follows through in a very conscientious format in all she does. Worker beyond belief and nothing is impossible that she isn't willing to take on. She follows up with thankful etiquette in the work she does. Linda is always so thankful to others for what opportunities are offered to her. She serves with a kind heart and radiates community with each step. She is a part of us and when she gives, it is sweet!"