

April Spotlight on Support Staff: Jeni Zurhorst Special Education Paraprofessional

“May you be proud of the work you do, the person you are, and the difference you make.”



Jeni Zurhorst is in her second year at Clearbrook-Gonvick in the EBD classroom. She has lived in the Clearbrook area since she was five years old. She has three children: Craig, Derek and Jesalyn Roy

Why did you choose to work at school? I decided to work here because I was looking for something different from what I had previously been doing. And so I could see my children more often.

What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick? I was a CNA at Good Samaritan Center for the last 6 years.

What is the best part of your job at Clearbrook-Gonvick? The kids, They are so much fun and coming here was the change I was looking for.

What is the biggest challenge of your job? Mondays... and tuesdays, wednesdays, and thursdays.....

If you could have any job in the world - what would it be? I'm not sure what I want to be when I grow up! :)

What do you do when you are not working at the school? Sleep! Work other jobs, and any activities with the kids.

If you could go on vacation anywhere, where would it be and why? I would love to visit many places but if I had to pick one I would say the Maldives.

What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community?

Because I love my kids growing up in a small community where everyone knows everyone and is supportive of each other.

And now a few words about Jeni Zurhorst from the students and staff that work with her... “Jeni has a smile always on her face!! She never lets anything get in her way. She is a positive influence on the kids, always lending a ear to help troubleshoot life problems.” “Jeni is always willing to do whatever is asked of her. She will lend a hand wherever help is needed.” “Jeni is great to have in the classroom. She is hard-working and helpful. Always has a smile on her face every morning. Thanks for all your hard work!” “Thanks for all your hard work!” “Jeni tries hard to be positive and smiley each day.”