

## 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.”