

November Spotlight on Support Staff:

Ron Bjerke, Custodian

"Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude." ~Denis Waitley



Ron Bjerke has worked at Clearbrook-Gonvick for about five years. He is Clearbrook graduate and lives in the area with his wife. Together, they have four children.

Why did you choose to work at a school? I like to do custodial and maintenance work.

What did you do before coming to Clearbrook-Gonvick? I worked at Good Sam as the maintenance man for thirty years.

What is the best part of your job at Clearbrook-Gonvick? I like working around the kids and teachers.

What is the biggest challenge of your job? Staying ahead of the kids in order to keep things clean.

If you could have any job in the world - what would it be? Why? Carpentry construction. I like to build things.

What do you do when you are not working at the school? I take care of my cattle.

Please take a moment and share some of the things you are most thankful for in your life? My family.

What are your favorite aspects of the Clearbrook-Gonvick community? It is small and friendly and full of good people.

And now a word or two about Ron from the staff that work with him...

“He always has a smile and asks how my day is going. He is always positive.” “Always smiling and willing to help!!” “Ron is asset to our Clearbrook-Gonvick team. He greets everyone with a smile, and is willing to do anything he can to help! Ron is always willing to listen or crack a joke. He cares about

every student and staff member in this building. Ron is the definition of Teamwork!" "Ron is always helpful and chipper to visit with after school!" "Ron greets everyone with a smile. He is always willing to do whatever is asked of him. He is a hard worker and a people pleaser." "I have really enjoyed getting to know Ron over the past couple of years when he comes in to clean my room." "He is always super friendly and pleasant to talk to. He does a great job of getting our school cleaned up and ready for another day. I appreciate his efforts and glad he is part of our team." "Ron is always in great spirits when he comes into my room! He is always happy and he tells me what he REALLY thinks of the Vikings!" "Ron is always in a good mood, which puts a smile on my face. If I ask him for any help he's willing to stop whatever he's working on at the moment and help me out right away. What sweet guy!" "Ron is always pleasant with staff and students always has a nice smile." "Ron is quick to jump in and help with a smile. Plus, he has a great sense of humor!" "Ron always has a smile on his face and will throw around a joke or with a smile when you run into him in the hallway." "Ron is kind hearted and always greets you with a smile and a 'You Betcha.'" "Ron is a very positive person and seems to always have a smile on his face when you see him in the hallway. He makes time to ask how you are doing which is so thoughtful and caring, and also does an awesome job making our school sparkle! Ron is a wonderful asset to our school!"