

Classified Employee of the Month for January 2020

Congratulations to Dustin Boyce for being such a great employee. Dustin is overall one of the best custodians I have ever had the pleasure of working with at any of my schools. And I have had some great ones. However, Dustin is truly one of a kind with his willingness to go the extra mile with whatever task needs to be accomplished.

Dustin knows how to work the front office. He helps out when we get into a pinch. He answers the phones, helps out parents and even will help be the nurse if needed. He does this because it is necessary and because he wants to be helpful. He is often times very sweet and will come up after his busy lunch time and relieve our office manager and insists that she eats her lunch when we have had a hectic morning due to rain or other events.

Dustin has great relationships with many of our students. His unique sense of humour is not lost on some of them. He will tease them and make them laugh when they are struggling with emotional issues. He knows exactly how to get them to laugh and knows when to stop if it isn't working for some reason. Students sometimes will give it right back to him and at times has sounded disrespectful but it is all in good fun and is because of his relationships that he has with many of our students.

We recently had a student who was hurt at school. Dustin quickly created a space in the cafeteria with tape around his area so students wouldn't bump his leg. Dustin also wheeled him around after lunch to help out the yard duties. If Dustin isn't around or if his aide wheels him around at lunch time, the student is upset because he wants Dustin to do it. This shows how much he is adored by many of our students.

Dustin is quick to help out our teachers with the many requests they have for him. He will tell them a sharp no when they first ask and grumble if he is busy but he always does it. One day a teacher asked him to adjust some desks and he told her he didn't have time. The teacher came in to put in an official request to me. I said Dustin will do it when he has time. She said no he clearly told me no. The teacher went to her room and came back and said he already did it! I laughed and I said I knew he would and I did. You see I know Dustin well and I knew he was going to do it although he gave the teacher a hard time about it. To know Dustin is to love Dustin and his hard work ethic, his very dry sense of wit and humour and his team oriented manner of being. Village is going to miss Dustin a whole lot when he leaves because he is a jack of all trades - office assistant, nurse, student counselor, gardener, or whatever task needs to be done as well as his official role of being the greatest custodian. Dustin you deserve the praise and thank you for being so amazing.

Cecilia Franco Holt

Teacher Remarks:

Dustin never fails to help out with a smile on his face and good humor. His team spirit helps keep Village running smoothly.

We can always count on Dustin to help with whatever needs to happen to help our school; he even helped set up a science lesson one day!

Dustin is quick to help with anything the staff needs. He is truly a team player and does everything in his power to ensure the school day runs smoothly.

Dustin deals with all the daily insanity you can expect a school custodian to encounter with a smile and a laugh. This job is probably one of the hardest in our schools, and it's not often you find someone who can meet the demands and make it seem fun!

Dustin is kind, hilarious, and reliable. We can all count on him to help us and our students no matter what the task. Our school would not be the same without him! Congratulations, Dustin on this well-deserved honor!

Dustin is an awesome person! He goes above and beyond the call of duty. He is always ready to help out and make sure we have what we need to run a smooth classroom/school. I don't know what we'll do without him!

Dustin is wonderful to work with. He is a vital member of our team. Our days would not be the same without him. We can always count on him for his help and humor. It is great to joke with him, he makes our days fun and enjoyable, especially when we face those typical school day challenges.