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Bidding Farewell To Mrs. Lind

During her 30-plus teaching career, Chris Lind has written many IEPs – individualized educational plans. Something else has become crystal clear over those years: Chris Lind is an IEP – incredible, exceptional person. Anyone who has worked with Chris would attest to this. Chris is known for intelligence, leadership, organization, commitment, professionalism, humanity, generosity and intense love of her family, teaching, the beach, chocolate, Swedish Fish and potato chins.



Chris was hired a year before Rosa opened in 1999 to create programs to establish Rosa as a school forged from Best Middle School Practices under the IB banner. Chris speaks firmly, frankly and calmly and her level-headedness has eased many a situation. She is extremely creative and her decorating skills

have turned many a mundane team gathering into a fun party complete with matching tablecloths, flatware and decorations. Chris breathed life into Rosa and always gave far, far more than she received. We wish Chris all the best in retirement with her husband, Ed, her children, her grandchildren and her mischievous but mellowing cat, Giroux.

Here are some heartfelt words about Chris from her co-workers:

Chris Lind was one of the first teachers I met when I came to Rosa. She welcomed me with open arms into the special education department and has been a reliable colleague ever since! Chris can always be counted on for both her professionalism and her ready smile. The successful Bridge Tutoring program was *see p. 2*

The Purpose Of Poems and How They Can Help You Through Graduation

As eighth grade graduation nears, you're likely feeling many mixed feelings. It's common to feel excited, anxious, unsure, and everything in between. The good news is that your classmates are likely feeling the exact same way and any person who's been through eighth grade graduation can relate to the uncertainty and eagerness.

A lot of things change after middle school, including important friendships and relationships, so graduation is a time to look back, while also looking forward. Whether your school does a formal eighth grade

graduation or not, you can still read and write poems either privately or between friends to help you get through the transition. Poetry can help you sort out the confusion while also helping you to realize that no matter what happens in the future you are not alone. Reading or writing poetry is a great way to help express your feelings and sort them out on paper. The great thing about poems is that they are often emotional and can help put words into a feeling that you might otherwise not be able to express.

to you, find a way to make it a keepsake. Designate a place where you can save the poem to read later or even a collection of poems. The following are some ideas for how to collect and keep poetry.

Print out poems on nice stationary using either a printer or handwrite them.

Buy a blank book and glue poems in it using a glue stick.

- Write out poems in a notebook and include illustrations.
- Type up poems for friends or family and print them out on *page 2*

When you find a poem that really speaks