

Best Wishes To Mrs. Lind As She Retires

from Cover preceded by online homework posting which preceded our e-boards today. Chris has always been at the forefront of innovation for the success of our students. May Chris enjoy her retirement in good health and fun activities. I hope she accomplishes all that she wants to do! Congratulations! xxxooo **Janet Merin**

Chris Lind is one of the most professional and caring educators I have ever worked with and Rosa International Middle School will never be the same without her. Chris is a true advocate for children and is always looking for ways to help her students succeed. I had the privilege of working with Chris as a math teacher, a guidance counselor and an administrator. Chris made the best graphic organizers to enable students to have all the necessary information and formulas. Chris always found a way to break the content down into digestible bites and had easy-to-follow notes and handouts for the students. I know I drove her crazy in the classroom with my energy level, but Chris always managed to calm me down and made sure I gave the best possible lesson to the students.

Chris always made sure her colleagues had all the necessary background about students for SST meetings and constantly looked for ways to keep students organized and on top of their work. She has been an excellent advisor and has made lasting connections with students. Chris has been instrumental in making the Bridge program a success and her teamwork with Lillian has made Bridge something to look forward to for our students, and not just a place to get extra help.

I bet Chris is happy that she will no longer have to partake in fire and security

drills as she was always scared out of her wits that something terrible would happen and cringed when my voice came over the PA to signal drills. Chris was always so relieved that it was only a test and not the real thing. I am also positive Chris will not miss observations, SGOs and APRs. She was the consummate professional and all of her work always exceeded the standard!

Chris Lind is one of a kind and her passion and care for children and her co-workers will be missed. I wish her the best of luck and I thank her for making me a better educator and person.

Love, **George Z**

So every time there was a recall on a healthy food like vegetables or lettuce or anything healthy, Chris would always say 'never been a recall on chips', which are her favorite. I made potato chip cookies for her birthday one year and she loved them. – **Carolyn Grossi**, recalling the joy of working with Chris and her sense of humor.

Chris, always the kind and generous teacher, was approached by a student whom we jokingly referred to as her "son." He was so excited about what he produced as a final product for his project. And, as all "sons" do, he so enthusiastically asked Chris, "Mrs. Lind, what do you think of my project? Do you like it? Is it two thumbs up?" And her reaction was, 'No way!! It's three thumbs up.' And to that he politely walked away. And we laughed for hours. Actually, we laughed for years. **Jennifer Aristone**

Mrs. Lind is a loving mom to her growing family and she brings that same warmth and concern to our school. Although I have not worked with her directly, I have observed how Mrs. Lind works tirelessly for all students who come

into her path. Rosa students were lucky to have Mrs. Lind as a role model and teacher. We wish her much happiness as she retires from her teaching career. **Donna Pistone**

"If you want work well done, select a busy (person). The other kind has no time." **Elbert Hubbard**

This quote is Chris Lind personified. Chris always found a way to help even when her own plate was overflowing, even breaking. She helped her students and her colleagues in innumerable ways over the years. Through her actions and words, Chris helped me become a better teacher and person. She made me laugh and provided a shoulder on which to cry. She taught me the true meaning of collaboration and how deeply beneficial team teaching could be. If you look up "truly good person" in the dictionary, you will find Chris Lind's picture. She deserves the best in retirement because she is the best. Thank you for everything, Chris. You will be sorely missed and, just remember, I am keeping you on speed dial. Love you, **Lil Halden**

Chris- I know that we are all so very happy for you - of course we are all going to miss you. I especially will miss our Wednesday afternoon "therapy sessions" during our years of working together at Chess Club. I loved solving the world's problems as well as our own each and every week. I must say that I envy your grandchildren because from now on, all of your attention, focus and love will be for them. They are so very lucky to have you! We can still meet for lunch! Enjoy and be happy! **Gail Trocola**

Chris Lind will be very missed by her students, teammates, colleagues and friends at Rosa International Middle School. I count myself lucky enough to be one of those friends. I've worked with Chris since 1993 when we were both at Sharp Elementary School. We both came to Rosa with idealism and excitement and a drive to make things better for students who struggled *see p. 3*