# ROCKFORD AREA SCHOOLS
# INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 883
# BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Congratulations to DeAnn, our Rocket Spotlight Award recipient!

DeAnn goes above and beyond in creating meaningful, engaging experiences for her preschool students. She has a wonderful understanding of developmentally appropriate activities and uses her creativity and available resources to provide fun, open-ended learning opportunities that encourage children to explore, learn, and grow.

But what makes DeAnn truly special is the way she connects with others. As one nomination shared, "She is also my 'go to' person for any help I need and is always willing to help others." Her positive attitude, calm demeanor, and willingness to support those around her make her a valued member of our team.

Another nomination summed it up perfectly: "DeAnn is fantastic with the kiddos. Never raises her voice or loses her cool. She has a way of connecting with each kiddo to make them feel so special."

DeAnn's patience, kindness, creativity, and genuine care for children make a difference every day. We are so fortunate to have her as part of our team!

Congratulations, DeAnn, and thank you for all that you do!