



Wildcat Contributor Award: Shasta Ford

The Marcum-Illinois Union Elementary School District would like to recognize Shasta Ford as a valuable member of our Marcum School Community. Shasta has been an extremely dedicated employee who has played a huge part in our school as our main office contact and as our Program Specialist for many of our extra programs.

Shasta is typically the first person you see when you walk into our office and she is always ready to greet students and parents with a smile and a cheerful welcome. She builds great relationships with our students and their families so that they feel comfortable coming into the office and/or contacting her when they have questions. Regardless of if the students are coming in for an ice pack for a recess injury, to work quietly in the library, or even if they are sent in for disciplinary action, Shasta makes sure to recognize them and support them appropriately.

The district also relies on Shasta, as our Program Specialist, to ensure that all programs are up and running to support our students and families, and also to ensure compliance. Shasta is our specialist for Preschool, the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program, and ASES, our grant funded afterschool program. Marcum depends on these state and federal programs to support our families and their needs. These programs require a lot of hands-on support, as well as administrative time to keep up with all of the changing guidelines and expectations. We are lucky to have Shasta as our district expert in these areas to help us keep these programs thriving.

Shasta is very flexible and works hard to do whatever we need to make our school be successful. She deserves to be recognized for her outstanding contributions to Marcum School. The Marcum Board, Staff, Students, and Community would like to thank Shasta Ford for all that she has done for our students, our school, and our community.