



Wildcat Contributor Award: Samantha Rouse

The Marcum-Illinois Union Elementary School District would like to recognize Samantha Rouse as a valuable member of our Marcum School Community. Samantha is an extremely dedicated Marcum parent and we have been very lucky to have her support over the years.

As soon as Samantha became a Marcum Parent, she started seeking out ways to become involved in our school community and help out as much as she could. She quickly became involved in Parents' Club and has been a Parents' Club officer for several years now. As a Parents' Club Officer, Samantha has worked hard to organize events and plan activities that would help support our school, our staff and our students. She has been instrumental in starting many of the amazing newer events and activities at our school including Family Movie Night, Pancakes with Parents, Family Dance, Wildcat Run, and so much more. She has worked incredibly hard putting on these events as well as organizing many of our Marcum Fundraisers. She helps out in every way that she possibly can and does far more than her share of the work during each event. She most recently organized Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, during which she made sure that each and every one of our 34 employees were recognized with a Door of Appreciation, and single-handedly prepared 2 full meals for our entire staff. She was also responsible for organizing the other Staff Appreciation activities and soliciting help from other great parents.

In addition, Samantha has helped with community events that also benefit Marcum students and our school. She jumped right in and managed the Nicolaus Labor Day Parade Route, as well as other facets of the Labor Day Parade events, even before she had fully experienced the Labor Day Parade. She also joined forces with Plumas Lake businesses to have a booth at the Plumas Lake Block Party that benefited Marcum Parents' Club as well.

Samantha has earned the Wildcat Contributor Award because she is always willing to help however she can to support our school. The Marcum Board, Staff, Students, and Community would like to thank Samantha Rouse for all that she has done for our students, our school, and the community.