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Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



Janice (Grimshaw) Garrison

Class of 1964

Janice Garrison distinguished herself as a dedicated Science Educator, effective School Administrator and by providing leadership in curriculum development and school improvements.

Janice graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1964. She was a member of the National Honor Society, the Future Teachers of America Club, the Wyandotte Chiefs Band, the Roosevelt Student Union, the Bear-A-Cuda Swim Club and the Girls Athletic Association. Janice was also honored by being named "Band Sweetheart", and chosen to be on the Homecoming Court in 1963.

Garrison earned her B.S. Degree in 1968 from Eastern Michigan University in General Science. In 1972, her M.S. Degree, also from EMU, was in Chemistry and Physics. Her Educational Specialist Degree in 1989 was from Wayne State University with a major in Educational Administration.

Janice Garrison began her professional career in the Wyandotte Public Schools in 1968. She taught Science and Chemistry classes at Roosevelt High School until 1987. Janice was appointed Assistant Principal at RHS and served during the 1988-1989 school year. During her teaching years at Roosevelt High School, Janice contributed her skills in writing the Physical Science Curriculum and the Advanced Chemistry Curriculum. She taught in the Adult Education Program and served as a volunteer counselor at Interlochen during the Wyandotte Chiefs Band Camp. Janice Garrison also started the unique reward program RAH (Roosevelt Academic Honors) that encouraged local businesses to give discounts to students with outstanding grades.

In 1990, Janice Garrison was appointed Principal of Washington Elementary School. Janice provided the leadership of having her staff and school recognized for "Academic Excellence." During a major renovation of Washington Elementary School in 1993, Janice proposed a new Media Center and worked diligently to retain the colorful and historical features of the 1930 Superintendent Fred Frostic designed Elementary School.

In her long career in the Wyandotte Public Schools, Janice faithfully served on numerous Millage Campaign Committees and the Science Olympiad Committee with Henry Ford Community College which Janice initiated and ran. Garrison also served as a visiting Chair of the NCA Committee for Ypsilanti and as a member on the Wyandotte Catholic Consolidated School Advisory Council. Janice also served her hometown by being on the City of Wyandotte Recycling Committee. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother and an active member of the Wyandotte Historical Society and the Wyandotte Boat Club.

Janice Garrison has devoted over forty years of service in making our Wyandotte Public Schools and city a better place for all. Janice lives in Wyandotte and enjoys her two sons and their families.