



# SAULT STE. MARIE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## ***HELPFUL TEACHER OF THE MONTH***

**This month it is our pleasure to announce Caitlyn Schmitigal  
as our Helpful Teacher of the Month**



Dr. Sheri McFarlane, Principal of Washington Elementary School would like to nominate Caitlyn Schmitigal as Helpful Teacher of the Month for the month of January. Caitlyn currently teaches kindergarten at Washington Elementary School. Caitlyn is in her 7th year of teaching for Sault Area Public Schools. She is a graduate of Sault Area Public Schools and earned her bachelor's degree at Lake Superior State University. Caitlyn's love of learning continues to grow as she has recently embarked on earning a master's degree. Caitlyn has also taken on a leadership role with the Sault Education Association as the co-president.

Caitlyn brings great enthusiasm to our building. She gives tirelessly to her students, colleagues, and families of her students. Caitlyn respects that the parents of her young students are entrusting her with their babies. She takes every opportunity to communicate with the parents and keep them informed about their child's school day and progress. Caitlyn has embraced using Parent Square in multiple ways. She sends regular class and individual messages as well as does a weekly story time for her students on Sunday evenings. This is just one example of how Caitlyn goes above and beyond her daily duties to ensure students love to read and love to learn.

Outside of the classroom, Caitlyn frequently volunteers to help with whatever is needed. She most recently assisted with the PTO's Elf Workshop. She also is the go-to person for creating the fun and exciting reading month calendars as well as assisting with many other building activities.

Caitlyn enjoys being a homeowner in Sault Ste Marie. When she is not at Washington School, you may find her at Proper Apparel, where she also works. It is with great confidence; Dr McFarlane bring to you, Caitlyn Schmitigal, as our January Helpful Teacher of the Month.