

## North Branch Area Schools “Person of the Week”

Welcome to our NBAS Person of the Week! Each week, we highlight a member of our incredible team to showcase their unique contributions and share a bit about their journey. This week, we’re shining the spotlight on Debbie Anderson, a custodian at North Branch Elementary School.

To keep a school running, it takes a village. As much as teachers deserve praise and support for all of the work that they do inside (and outside) of the classroom, there are other unsung heroes that walk the halls every day making sure our students have a safe space where they can learn and grow. School custodians are one group of support professionals that are those heroes.

At North Branch Elementary, one of those hero’s that stands out is Debbie Anderson. Through her tireless efforts, Debbie demonstrates the values of professionalism, teamwork, and excellence. Her positive attitude and dedication are truly an inspiration to us all. She reminds us that no job is too small or insignificant when it comes to creating a harmonious and thriving learning environment and workplace. Debbie is an integral part of our team, and we are grateful to have her.

### Debbie’s Story:



I am a proud Grad of NB class of 1984. From there I graduated from MCC of Flint and UofM Flint, with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology. After retiring from 25 years with the Department of Corrections as an officer, I became bored so I started working security and as a custodian for the Sweet Chapel (formerly known as Sweet School of North Branch) which I attended from 1973-1975.

I started working here about 1 1/2 years ago working as a sub custodian for my niece Nikki, by the beginning of the school year I became a full-time custodian. My job is to help keep this school clean and safe for everyone. I take care of all the sticky, stinky gooey stuff no one else wants to on the day shift.

What I enjoy most about this job is the team ethic we have at the North Branch Elementary School. I am honored to be recognized for doing my job, it lets me know I might be doing something right!

## Here is what some of her co-workers had to say...

- Debbie "Andy" goes above and beyond every single day! She always does top notch work and never complains about any aspect of her job. Along with being an extraordinary worker she always has a smile on her face.
- Debbie Anderson (Andy to us) is a joy to work with! With her positive attitude and dedication to keeping our building clean she is an asset to our school! I am so happy to have her work here! Thank you, ANDY,!!!! LOVE YOU GIRL!
- Debbie, also known at the elementary school by "Andy" is the type of person who always goes above and beyond not only in a work environment but with family and friends. If someone needs something or is struggling she always jumps to help in any way she can. The impact she makes here on a daily basis is definitely recognized by all. Her hard work and dedication have exceeded my expectations. Debbie "Andy" is a great addition to our North Branch Family!
- Debbie, also lovingly called "Andie" here at NBE, is truly an asset. Debbie always tries to make others happy and even brings in delicious homemade treats to share with others. She is one of the most polite, positive people I know. It doesn't matter what the task at hand is, she always responds with what sounds like a smile. Debbie goes above and beyond to keep our building clean, with over 100 staff and over 1000 young children, it is no small job! Thank you, Andie, for ALL that you do for us

Thank you, Debbie, for being such a vital part of our school community. Please join us in celebrating her well-deserved recognition!