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Special Announcement

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2019 Outstanding Employee Contribution Award

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that **Doreen Korotash-Shewchuk** is the recipient of the **2019 Frontier Award for Outstanding Employee Contribution**. The criteria for this award includes proficiency in responsibilities, contribution to the Division and community, evidence of leadership, and personal and/or professional growth.

Doreen has been a resident of the Rorketon area for most of her life. She attended Rorketon School and then enrolled at Brandon University where she obtained her Bachelor of Education Degree. She started her teaching career at Grandview School with the Intermountain School Division. In 1987 she accepted a Classroom Teacher/Resource Teacher position at Rorketon School.

Doreen has taught many different subjects over the years such as English Language Arts, Keyboarding, Accounting, Law, Kindergarten, Junior High and various other High School subjects but her passion as a Resource Teacher really shines through. Doreen strives to keep herself current in her profession and by attending many professional development opportunities, she is able to think of new programs and strategies to benefit her students and enhance student education. She is a real team player and a true "Teacher" as whenever she seeks out ways to better inform herself she also shares the information with any staff member whom it would best serve.

Doreen has dedicated countless hours to her school and community. She has been involved in coaching sports (even trap setting!), Frontier Games, her local church, Rorketon 4-H club, Ukrainian Dancing, Knights of Columbus, and the community recreation center to name just a few – all while helping her husband with their farm. For many years, she has also taken on responsibility of the graduation ceremonies at Rorketon School. She spends endless hours fundraising and meeting with the students to determine the type of grad they want. No doubt hundreds of students have had a memorable graduation celebration thanks to Doreen!

Doreen is retiring from her teaching career on June 30, 2019 and her wealth of knowledge and kind ways will be missed at the school by all. Testimonials provided the following insights into Ms. Korotash-Shewchuk's contributions:

"Doreen is hardworking, community oriented and generous to a fault. Doreen's name is synonymous with Rorketon School. Her years of dedication to the students, their families, staff and community are beyond words. She is an exceptional teacher." **(Robert Chartrand, Area 2 Superintendent)**

"The one thing that sets Doreen above the rest is her kind, caring and compassionate demeanor toward all the students she works with. She builds positive relationships...allowing her to assist them in becoming quality people." **(David Duke, Principal, Rorketon School)**

"She has spent many waking hours thinking and acting on how to make things within the school and the organizations she is a part of better. She has given a little piece of herself to every person who has walked through these doors...Doreen has made us better people for knowing her and being taught and lead by her." **(Theresa Alksnis, Educational Assistant, Rorketon School)**

"She always has her students on her mind. Doreen has a heart of gold and it shows in her dedication to the betterment of the students, school and the community." **(Joan Zamrykut, Educational Assistant, Rorketon School)**

"Mrs. Shewchuk was a positive role model in my life and helped create foundations that have led me to where I am today. I have no doubt that she has continued to be a positive force in the lives of many other students, and we are all better off for having her guidance."

(Kathleen Podjan (Honish), Former Student)

The award will be presented at an Area function in June. Please join us in congratulating Ms. Korotash-Shewchuk on this achievement and we thank her for her outstanding contribution to students and to the Division.

Linda Ballantyne, Chairperson
Frontier School Division Board of Trustees