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# Teacher Feature

**1. Your full name**

•Carla Helen Cox

**2. What do you teach and where?**

•Sixth grade at Jefferson Elementary and other Wyandotte public schools

**3. How long have you been at that school?**

•I've been teaching for 29 years in Wyandotte, 18 of which have been at Jefferson Elementary.

**4. Where did you grow up and where were you educated?**

•I was born and raised in Romulus and attended Madonna College after the 11th grade. I graduated with highest honors from Western Michigan University and received two masters degrees from Eastern Michigan University.

**5. Main reasons you decided to become a teacher.**

•I enjoy children and love teaching. It's the best profession in the world!

**6. Who was your greatest inspiration when you were a child and why?**

•My parents were by far the greatest inspiration of all. Also my 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Ms. Brenningstall.

**7. Best thing about your job?**

•Helping Students to learn and understand various concepts

**8. Worst thing about your job?**

•I feel empathy for students that do not come from a warm nurturing and supportive....



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**9. Best recent development in education?**

•Technology.

**10. Finish this statement: Kids today need to \_\_\_\_\_.**

•..stay focused; be alert; keep informed; excel in school

**11. If you had to choose another profession, what would it be and why?**

•Child Psychologist, It would allow me the opportunity to continue working with children.

**12. What are your hobbies and interests outside of school?**

•My family participates in the showing of horses. During the summer, we travel the U.S. with our Buckskin Quarter horses.

**13. Best advice to pass along to beginning teachers?**

•Teach for the right reason-To Help children achieve academically to provide a stimulating environment in which to learn.

**14. Best advice to pass along to parents of kids in school?**

•Always be involved in all aspects of your child's life.

**15. Look into your crystal ball and tell us what you see in the future for American education.**

•High schools will need to change; Students will be allowed more selection in terms of classes and career pathways as early as 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Accelerated student will be taking college classes at an earlier age at designated "high schools" or even college classes. Students not planning on attending college will be working predominantly on training skills at sights other than the traditional high school.

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