

January 2013 - Week 2



**Kristine Springer,
first grade teacher**

This Queensbury resident has worked in the district for 25 years. She is currently a first grade teacher and has also taught second grade, as well as many years of summer school.



**Patricia Sweet,
1:1 aide**

Sweet has worked in the district for 11 years. She is a 1:1 aide in the WHBI, and has also worked as a 1:1 aide in the middle school, summer school office aide and end of summer district registration assistant.

What do you enjoy about being a part of the Queensbury school community?

"Queensbury Elementary School has been a wonderful place to work these past 25 years. I have strong bonds with my colleagues, who are now more like family to me than co-workers. I have also built relationships with families of so many students, some of whom I've had the pleasure of watching grow up into adulthood. My own boys have benefited from a solid educational experience here at Queensbury as well. I love teaching and I am always proud to say that I work at Queensbury."

"I love working with our students and helping them achieve success. Over the years I have witnessed, first hand, the dedication of so many QUFSD employees to the education and well being of our students. It makes me proud to be part of this school community."

When you're not working, what are some of your favorite interests and activities?

"Of course, I enjoy spending my time with family and friends. I also enjoy cooking, walking the beautiful trails near our house with my husband, going to the theater...especially on Broadway, and an eclectic range of music. I also love to watch whichever Spartan sport my son is playing!"

"I have 3 adult children that live out of the area with their families. I like to spend as much time as I can visiting with them. I also sew and enjoy making original Halloween costumes for my 3 grandchildren. My husband and I like to bike ride and entertain family and friends in our home."

In what ways do you try to support the greater Queensbury community and/or specific charitable organizations/groups?

"I am lucky enough to mentor 2 young girls. It is so rewarding to learn about their dreams and listen to their ideas about anything and everything. I also coordinate the Make-A-Wish Angel drive for QES. This year we raised \$772.00 for local children - thanks to our generous staff and students! My first grade class participated in our local Adopt-A-Family program this month. It was a pleasure to see their joy in helping others. We raised money, shopped, wrapped and delivered. It was a team effort with my students, their parents and my high school helper, Amanda!"

"Whenever the students I work with get involved in after school activities I try to attend and support their efforts."