

2017-2018 Paraeducator of the Year Tammy Angeli



2017 Paraeducator of the Year Tammy Angeli with Middle School Principal Jason Lehmann, Assistant Principal Chris Sullivan, Superintendent Paul Smith and Nancy Briere, Director of Curriculum
The East Hampton Board of Education recently announced Tammy Angeli as the 2017-18 Paraeducator of the Year. Mrs. Angeli works at the East Hampton Middle School and was selected by a committee of teachers and administrators for this annual honor.

As a result of being named East Hampton's Paraeducator of the Year, Mrs. Angeli now will be considered for the State of Connecticut Paraeducator of the Year. The Connecticut State Department of Education and the Connecticut School Paraprofessional Advisory Council established the Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Program to recognize the important role of the paraeducator in supporting student achievement. The award is named in honor of Anne Marie Murphy, a paraeducator who was killed in the Sandy Hook shooting. The program honors one paraeducator in each school district who has demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication in the performance of his/her job, thereby earning that person the respect and admiration of other paraeducators, students, teachers, administrators, co-workers and parents.

Mrs. Angeli was nominated by several teachers at the Middle School who describe her as a “fantastic” paraeducator who is an essential component of the Grade 8 Language Arts classrooms. Her nominators indicated that “her seemingly effortless interactions could be used as a training model for anyone beginning the difficult role of paraeducator.” The teachers love having her in their rooms as she facilitates a smooth operation of the class and maximum support available for every student. No one is shy about singing her praises.

“Mrs. Angeli is always willing to help any student who asks and is quick to see problems before they arise. She doesn’t need to be told what to do by a learning teacher in the room – she’s already doing it. The kids know her as an expert in the lessons we teach and trust her help and guidance. From years of working the same classes and diligence on her part, she’s learned the curriculum and is an expert in helping students with their work. She is kind, thoughtful, and an asset to East Hampton Middle School and an irreplaceable resource for both teachers and students. She is always upbeat, positive, and caring in her approach; someone in whom trust and excellence are the rule, not the exception.”

Congratulations to Tammy Angeli!