

Custodial Staff: Back - Kay Thomas, Wayland Thomas; Middle - Eva Gunn, Peggy Adams, Jacque McKee; Front - Rito Soltero, and Oscar Valeriano

Jacque McKee and Rito Soltero prepare the football lines prior to the first home football game.



Priscilla Carrasco shows her school spirit by wearing her orange and black Wildcat hat.



Cafeteria Staff: Back - Yolanda Ojeda, Patty Clark, Ann Bustamante, Brenda Berta; Front - Priscilla Carrasco, Delynda Haynes, Kathy Lovell, and Corinna Garcia



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End of an Era

Mrs. Shirley Spear retires after 39 years at Wink Elementary

The Ultimate Wildcat

Mrs. Shirley Spear leaves a successful legacy behind upon her retirement including four former students who are now members of the W.L.I.S.D faculty.

Mrs. Spear with Terry Morton, Alisa Graves, Jody Smith and Marina Underwood



As Mrs. Shirley Spear retires from Wink Elementary School, she leaves a lasting legacy of success through the impression she has made upon generations of school children. Throughout her years at Wink, of which 23 years were spent teaching sixth grade and another 16 teaching fourth through sixth grade language, Mrs. Spear has made her classes more than just educational.

A former student, Mrs. Marina Underwood, now a third grade teacher at Wink, remembers her sixth grade year as being her best year in school. "Mrs. Spear always had fun and interesting things for us to do. She was my first influence to become a teacher because I enjoyed her class so much," she said.

Fellow colleague and language arts teaching partner Mrs. Sharon Watts extols the value of Mrs. Spear. "Mrs. Spear has not only taught me to be a better teacher, she has also taught me to be a better person," Mrs. Watts said.

Mrs. Spear herself finds the most enjoyable thing about teaching at one school for so long as being the connection she has been able to develop with several generations of Wink families.

Even though she will miss the classroom, Mrs. Spear feels comfortable with her choice to retire. "I am so thankful that God looked down through time and space and let me teach in Wink for thirty-nine years," Mrs. Spear said.

Mrs. Spear will continue to conduct TAAS writing workshops for teachers across the state. She also plans to spend more time with her children and grandchildren and will take a video Bible course that, up until now, she hasn't had time for.



Mrs. Spear and current sixth grade students Bailey McGuire, Stevie Tankersley, Vanessa Walker, Whitney Abila and Kendra Kerley



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