

Gary Silverman has had a long and successful career in the Monticello School District. He has been instrumental in facilitating numerous programs and activities for the good of his students and the general student population. Gary's activities have recently included coordinating the 8th grade trip, guiding the Science department in the Middle School as the Department Instructional Lead and creating a televised version of the morning announcements. He is a supporter of teachers and has been the official and unofficial mentor of numerous teachers. Gary's involvement in the MTA has been outstanding. He served as an MTA VP and quickly volunteered to sit on the Benefit Trust and coordinate activities for the MTA sponsored Annual Tinsel Trot. He has been an invaluable member to our school community whose shoes will be hard to fill! So here's to Gary, a remarkable teacher whose void will be felt at the Middle School. To sum it up, one of his colleagues, wrote the following:

I just wanted you to know what a great teacher you were to me. In fact, you were my all-time favorite! Aside from your corny jokes, which I loved, you taught me so much. I know how much you went out of your way for us: being the RJK science DIL, running the 8th grade trip, being the PBIS coordinator, directing and producing the morning announcements and even serving as an MTA VP. Other than the Great Aquarium Massacre your career has been quite impressive. You will undoubtedly be missed but will always have a place in our hearts. You have touched so many lives and those that had the privilege to know you have been better for it. We love you and will miss you.

Your favorite student,

Frank Zanzabar

Here are some highlights from Gary's years at MCSD!

- *Science Career Week-Celebrating all the parts of being a mammal. (Picture attached)*
- *The Great Flood- Gary's morning started with a lovely cascading waterfall down his windows and ceiling from room 307.*
- *Gary's zoo-head banging bearded dragons, a snake on the lam in the school for 2 months, a killer crab and killer starfish who immediately went after each other in a WWE smackdown, Yurtle the turtle who was not the brightest turtle, the tarantula who was still dead, and the cute little degus.*
- *7th grade male teachers wearing pink shirts like the middle school kids who were trying to be cool. (Picture attached)*

