

Karen started her career in 1981 where she taught kindergarten and first grade in a small private school in Pennsylvania until 1985. Fast forward to 1999 – teaching was always her passion, so she began subbing in different districts, including Monticello. In 2002, she was privileged to be hired as a Kindergarten teacher at the George L. Cooke School. During her time there she also taught first grade and fifth grade. In 2014, she transferred to the Kenneth L. Rutherford School and is completing her career as a fifth-grade teacher.

Karen also taught summer school and has served on several committees. About seven years ago, she and her husband Dave took a vacation to Maine and fell in love with the peacefulness. She plans to retire to Sinclair, Maine – almost Canada on Long Lake. She and her husband have two homes, so if anyone is up for an adventure, feel free to visit. You will find her kayaking, canoeing and jet skiing, as well as exploring the 3,000 miles of ATV trails! You might even spot a moose, bear, bobcat, or otter along the way!

In the winter, she will be braving the cold as she snowmobiles. How exciting to not have to worry about waiting for that call that school is closed! Karen and Dave also have a home on the inner banks of North Carolina at the top of the Pungo River. It will be a great getaway from the wintery cold months of Maine. She only has four more states to go until she has visited all fifty. In retirement she also plans to visit family in Florida, Ohio, and Michigan and most importantly her two sons and grandson in North Carolina, and her daughter and family, including one grandson and one granddaughter in Maine! She certainly will not be taking it easy as she has lots of adventures planned! With her love for teaching, she is sure to be doing a little subbing in the future too! Thanks for all you have done for the students of Monticello. We wish you a very Happy Retirement! Moose On!