

Kevin O'Shea has used his thirty year career at Monticello Central School to promote to his students, colleagues, friends and family, the virtues of living an active and athletic lifestyle. His sense of humor, flexibility, outgoing nature, amiability, and genuine passion for his career, served him well and made him a favorite among students, colleagues and the athletes he coached.

Graduating from St. Bonaventure where he excelled in college sports, he started out teaching physical education in Queens for two years before coming to Monticello to work at the old Duggan School in 1990. Since he began there, he would also teach at Cooke School, the St. John's Street Middle School, and RJK Middle School before spending the last years of his career at Cooke School once more. Everything old becomes new again! Kevin also had numerous coaching experiences at MCSD. He coached varsity boys soccer for 9 years, JV boys baseball for 14 years, JV girls basketball for 6 years, and varsity girls basketball for 4 years. His girls basketball team made the Section IX championship game for 4 straight years finally winning the section championship in 1994. That was also the year he was honored as the New York State Coaches Section IX Coach of the Year. Kevin also made multiple sectional appearances with his boys soccer teams. Kevin continued to share his passion and knowledge of sports while donning a striped jersey, becoming an OCIAA basketball and soccer referee for 12 years.

Kevin has always been a team player who values the relationships he has forged here at MCSD. If you walk into the gym when he is teaching 60 kindergarteners, you will find him smiling, thinking creatively, and making connections, as he works to instill his love for physical activity to a mass of frolicking hands and feet. He used the same ability to connect when he was working with high schoolers to take them to the pinnacles of athletic success. Kevin will spend his retirement sharing time between New York and South Carolina where he will have much more time for his golfing passion. He will continue to root for his Mets, Giants and Rangers, and if we know him at all, he will continue to take life one day at a time, smiling and joking around, and making friends as he moves along the next pathway in his life. Congratulations on a terrific career, Kevin! You will be missed.