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KATHLEEN BRISTOW

PRE-K TEACHER, JOHN F. KENNEDY ES



A graduate of Bridgewater State College, Kathleen Bristow has been a teacher since 1999 in the Randolph Public Schools Pre-K Program at the John F. Kennedy ES (JFK ES). Ms. Bristow currently teaches in an integrated Pre-K classroom, a.m. and p.m. sessions, serving students from the ages of 3 to 5 years old. She spends every day teaching the students, both special and general education, pre-readiness and social skills, pushing them to do the best that they can so that they can become independent learners in the RPS Kindergarten classrooms.

For the longest time, Ms. Bristow would teach the entire program, including the musical component, organizing musical assemblies for holidays and end of the year celebrations. This is the first year that she is not teaching music, although she still has her hands in it as she supports the music teacher with teaching the Pre-K students. She continues to use music and songs in her classroom any chance that she can get.

Ms. Bristow is a true and loving educator that, with all the ups and downs she has faced, will go above and beyond what is expected of her for her students and the staff. When she is not in the classroom, she is always working with other staff members to plan and take part in staff activities to build team culture. She is a proud grandmother and loves spending quality time with her granddaughter.

Ms. Bristow, on behalf of the entire school district, thank you for your dedication to the students of the JFK ES. The JFK ES also honors you for your dedicated service to Randolph Public Schools. The Pre-K Program is very fortunate to have you as part of the staff.

KATHY CLAPP

ADMIN. ASST., JOHN F. KENNEDY ES



Kathy Clapp has given 25 outstanding years of service to Randolph Public Schools (RPS), at the John F. Kennedy Elementary School (JFK ES). Often the face of the JFK ES, she is known for her consistent, pleasant and calm demeanor, and her legendary wealth of knowledge in her role as Administrative Assistant, about the district and Greater Randolph. She is a lifetime resident of Randolph, MA, and attended Randolph Public Schools (RPS) during her elementary, middle and high school years. During her senior year, she received Randolph High School's prestigious Randy Award. After high school, Ms. Clapp married and began her family. She is a true Randolph historian and has witnessed many changes within RPS and the town. She fondly remembers when Randolph "had many farms and cows that could walk up to your back door." Still residing in Randolph, she takes pride in living in the same town she grew up in and raised her family. When Ms. Clapp's children were younger, she worked part-time at her sister's local floral shop, Towne & Country Florist. Once her children became older, she began her career at the JFK ES full-time. Over the years, staff and families have recognized her high level of professionalism and commitment to confidentiality. One parent wrote, "Ms. Clapp is always the epitome of grace, class and respect," and one of her long-time colleagues mirrored these sentiments by stating, "Ms. Clapp treats everyone equally from the UPS man to the Superintendent." Always willing to lend a helping hand to students, families, staff and school administration, she is very dedicated to JFK, evident by the fact that she could have retired in December 2017, but committed to staying until the end of the school year. The entire school district thanks you, Ms. Clapp, for your commitment and dedication, and for giving us a quarter of a Century of your life. We wish you the very best of retirement. Enjoy!