



VERPLANCK ELEMENTARY'S 2017 – 2018 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

KATHLEEN HACKETT

Kathleen Hackett has engaged our teachers in so many different ways. By taking a growth mindset approach, she has engaged a variety of learners in such a way that they all believe they are capable of persevering through challenges. Kathy fosters a culture of creativity throughout her many roles in the building. Kathy assisted teachers through several lessons where she recognized a creative approach that would support the scholars in achieving the lesson objective. Kathy is a true collaborator. She believes in the strength of working together as a grade level, as a school, and even as a teacher/coach team. Her ability to implement data-driven collaborated efforts has been an incredible asset for Verplanck School. Kathy is extremely effective at collaborating. Her compassionate yet strong nature has carried teachers through challenging times and rejoiced with them through the best of times. Her courage is infectious and I believe it has inspired courage in so many of her colleagues and peers. Kathy has been the champion for Academic Parent Teacher Teams and ensured that the pilot has run as smoothly as possible. She advocates for Verplanck in various settings and meetings across the district as our Math Coach. Kathy ensures all our scholars have access to quality math materials, technology that will support learning and opportunities like math night, and summer math activities. Kathy has high expectations for all teachers. Her ambition and personal excellence inspires teachers and scholars alike to strive for excellence at all times. Kathy represents the math department in the highest standard.

~ PRINCIPAL NICOLAS JONES