

Comal Independent School District

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Snider invaluable on CHS campus

Every campus needs a Linda Snider.

Snider, a senior associate at Canyon High, has worked at the school since 1984 and has been with Comal ISD since 1978.

Also, a CHS graduate, Snider is considered the school's unofficial historian and front-office chef.

"Everybody loves Linda," said CHS receptionist Beth Koen. "She's the kind of person who's always thinking of others. You know it's going to be a good day when she bakes some of her famous cookies or brings in breakfast for the office aids and front-office staff."

Snider is one of more than 160 Comal ISD employees being recognized during Administrative Professionals Week April 19-23. Administrative Professionals Day is April 21.

"Linda's invaluable," CHS principal Brad Brown said. "She always thinks of the things we may not think of ahead of time. By the time we think of them, she's already taken care of it. She puts in so much time to make sure the faculty and students here have everything they need."

CHS assistant principal Donna Mitchell agreed Snider is someone who simply can't be replaced.

"Linda Snider is the backbone of this campus," Mitchell said. "She's the glue that keeps everything together."

Renee Martinez, CHS academic and career advisor, said Snider is the school's go-to person in many situations.

"She's the answer queen," Martinez said. "If you need to know something about Canyon High, Linda will have the answer. She knows just about everything there is to know about the history of our campus."

Snider said she had no idea that when she began her career at Comal ISD nearly 32 years ago that she'd still be at it.

"It sounds funny to say, but it's really gone by pretty fast," Snider said. "I really don't feel as old as I am. I think the kids keep me young."

All three of Snider's sons, Coy, Aaron and Drew, were also CHS graduates.

"This place holds a very, very special place in my heart," she said. "I love the camaraderie on this campus and the friendships I've formed with the people I work with. Another thing I think is wonderful is to see the kids growing up. It's pretty amazing to see how much a student can mature from the time they walk in the doors as freshmen to the time they graduate."

CHS senior Sabrina Rodriguez said just about everyone on campus knows Snider.

"She means so much to so many people," Rodriguez said. "She does so much for the students. She always has treats to give out and she's the kind of person we all respect very much. I just hope she stays around long enough for my sister, who will be a freshman next year, to get to know her."

Snider said she hasn't put a timeframe on exactly when she'll decide to call it a career.

"I haven't got an exact date in mind yet," Snider said. "I'm thinking definitely within five years. It's awfully tough to quit something you love doing."

Snider is not the only Comal ISD administrative professional who has worked in the district for more than 20 years.

Also in that exclusive club are Sherial Herfurth (certification specialist), Mathilde Shane (CHS administrative assistant), Janice Rose (special programs senior associate), Deanna Voges (payroll associate), Pat Hermes (special programs administrative associate), Joyce Graham (support services senior associate), Jeanie Mendez (executive assistant to superintendent), Denise Ortez (CHS student record specialist), Lois Redclift (Smithson Valley High athletic administrative assistant), Cheryl Monroe (accounting associate) and Kay Geffken (Arlon Seay Elementary senior associate).

"Every good supervisor knows their success depends on a good administrative assistant," said Kari Hutchison, Comal ISD assistant superintendent for administrative services. "They are our right and left hands. We are blessed to have the best in Comal ISD."

Comal ISD superintendent Dr. Marc Walker agreed.

“You just can’t measure how important our administrative professionals are,” Walker said. “It would be impossible to run an efficient school district without them.”

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IN PHOTO: Canyon High senior associate Linda Snider has worked at the school since 1984. She’s one of more than 160 employees in the Comal ISD being recognized during Administrative Professionals Week April 19-23.