

Dear Westview Family,

It is with both excitement and with sadness that I announce that this will be my last year at The Westview School. It was 29 years ago that I began working with Jane in the little house on Shadyvilla that was The Westview School. And it was twelve years ago that she convinced me to join her in the front office. I remember agonizing over that decision to leave my comfy, cozy kindergarten class when someone advised me that, "You are never too old to take on a new challenge." With two little granddaughters, I am eager to take on the challenge of being a grandma, reading in their preschool classes, baking cookies with lots of sprinkles, going on a spontaneous picnic, taking them to Disney World, as well as getting all those weeds out of my garden, going fishing with my husband, learning how to cook again, and spending more time with my brothers and sisters and all my family.

With Jane always by my side in spirit, The Westview School has continued to be a safe haven where children on the autism spectrum can learn to face the challenges of the world. We have a wonderful staff of gifted and loving teachers, assistants, and therapists, and we have a talented administrative team who, all together, make Westview the outstanding school it is.

I feel blessed to have been a part of this wonderful school for such a big part of my life. Although I will miss all the dedicated people who work here, and especially the children, I know that the school is in good hands. Everyone here loves these children and loves this school, and this will always guide them.

The Board of Directors has retained The Education Group (TEG) to complete a nation-wide search to find our next Head of School. I am confident that you will all be impressed with their work. Until then, let's celebrate the holidays and make sure to spend time with those who matter most. Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings,
Donna Marshall