



Former Art Teacher Remembered

Sherry Zei, age 67, passed away on Thursday, March 31, 2016 after battling cancer. Ms. Zei taught art at West Junior High and Lincoln High School from 1975-2006. Ms. Zei mentored young art teachers and was a strong role model to staff and students alike.

Ms. Zei created a student art intern program at West Jr. High that continued until 2010. In 2014, the art intern program became an after school activity. Ms. Zei built up the fibers and video arts program at Lincoln and she advised the Art Honor Society, Visual Arts Classic team, and helped with the Lincoln *Bloodstone* publication. She was a co-chair for the statewide Youth Art Month program, and she was the regional and state chair for Visual Arts Classic for over a decade. Ms. Zei was awarded for excellence twice by the Wisconsin Art Education Association, and she also received recognition at the National Art Education Association Conference in New Orleans.

Ms. Zei practiced what she taught, and was a life-long learner who took classes herself. She also displayed her art work regionally. She was straight forward, extremely dedicated to her students, and a “cheerleader for the underdog.” More than one student credited her as being one of the biggest factors in their high school success.

The art staff recognizes the impact she had on the curriculum and overall success of WRPS Art & Design department over the years. WRPS appreciates her contributions to education and for being such a positive role model – she will be missed on many levels, both professionally and personally.

