

When I talk about SWM, I talk about my second family. I left about 10 years ago. I spent about twelve happy years at SWM. I will do my best to mention those I spent the most time with, you all made a lasting impression in my heart. Who can take a walk down SWM's memory lane without remembering Mr. Presley at first intimidating, stern, but when you got to know him, you discovered he was nice as can be. Mrs. Hill Assistant Principal, who evaluated me and made nervous me feel so comfortable. Mrs. Antoneli, Assistant Principal before Mrs. Hill, was so understanding and supportive when my dad past away. When my husband became very ill, I could not hide my real feelings from Mr. Strothers, another awesome Assistant Principal whom I grew very fond of. Mrs. Bradley always smiling at her counter, and Mr. Bradley patrolling the halls, never forgot to say hi.. Mr. Pender willing to dance at my 5 de mayo presentations. Mrs. Radcliff, our home ec teacher, got a kick out of me saying we were twins, because we were dressed exactly alike. Mrs. Yarrington a very nice person and concerned math teacher. Who can forget Laura Butler?, a really awesome, helpful, and supportive guidance counselor. Miss Lake, great math teacher, showed me a thing or two about taking it easy and still doing your best. Mrs. Perez, my right hand, efficient, and responsible T.A. She was so versatile, she became my right hand on all 5 de mayo presentations too. Mrs. Rodriguez, my friend, and willing participant and helper at 5 de mayo presentations. They surprised me with the first time grandma baby shower. I received everything a grandma could wish to have on babies first visit. I liked the idea so much I made one for another coworker. Needless to say, she loved it too. Mr. Tutt who recorded many of my 5 de mayo presentations, use to kid me about breaking the copy machine. He was not far from the truth, once I accidentally really did by putting the wrong transparency in the copier. Although, he was very gracious, I thought I would never hear the end of that. In the media center, Amy so sweet and helpful, always had kind words. Mr. Tompkins, one of our reading teachers, who was knowledgeable, kind, friendly, and supportive to the point of sacrifice. Yes, he danced the most charming waltz ever in one of our presentations. Then there was our nurse, Mrs. Reed, who for one of her classes let me evaluate her massaging skills. I guess we were both daring. Just kidding. I recommend her to anyone...absolutely great. Mrs. Woodruff had a special place in my heart, Miss. Raines a fabulous English teacher. Mrs. Oatis, the new Principal, and member of the SWM family I would have loved to know better. I hear she is great. If I inadvertently forgot anyone, I apologize, I guess the years are not as kind once you hit 20. I do not forget the faces. It's just names take a while to come to me. Remember, you too are important and loved. I have made new friends through the years, but I can never forget my SWM family.

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