

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – October 2014

Rona Olson, Port Susan Middle School Secretary

Nominated by: Mark Carlson

I would like to nominate Rona Olsen for Classified Employee of the month. She is friendly to everyone, extremely professional, and respectful to staff, students and parents alike. In addition to this she has a great sense of humor. On the day of Seahawks Super Bowl Celebration Parade in Seattle I heard Rona's conversation on the phone with a parent that went something like this: " So he's feeling a bit blue today... green around the gills.... sounds like the Bird Flu.... so glad his father can take him to Seattle for treatment". You make the Port Susan office a fun place to be, yet professional too! Rona we want to thank you for your hard work and for the wonderful way you treat all of us in such a kind and respectful manner! You're the best!

Nominated by: Joan Campbell

Rona Olson is simply amazing! I've seen her positive attitude become contagious throughout our building creating a warm and friendly environment. I would have never thought that one person could affect an entire building as much as she has. The compassion and kindness she shows towards our students and staff is authentic. Rona Olson truly makes Port Susan Middle School a better place to be. We, students and staff alike, are very lucky to have her here as a staff member!!!!

Nominated by: Joan Campbell

Rona's easy-going demeanor and happy outlook on life contribute greatly to the positive emotional atmosphere at Port Susan Middle School. Rona seamlessly balances her business-like, get-it-done attitude with a contagious smile and warm greeting that lighten the hearts of students and staff alike. She demonstrates a personal interest in her fellow staff members and never fails to say hello and ask personal questions about family. She makes the office an inviting place to work.

Nominated by: Meghan Lawrence

Rona Olson is one of the most wonderful people I have ever met. Her work ethic and sweet disposition are something to be admired. She stays cool and calm under stress and is the reason why Port Susan is such a great place to learn and teach. Thank you Rona Olson for all you do for me, for this school and it's students. You are the absolute BEST!

Nominated by: Jonathan Bletscher

As a newer teacher in the building; I end up asking questions in the office *a lot*. Rona is always so happy to help me with what I need and doesn't ever seem frustrated that I'm interrupting her in the middle of something else. She handles any request, big or small, with a great attitude and regularly goes above and beyond in helping our staff. In addition to her stellar office work, Rona is committed to building the morale of all employees in our building through her positive attitude and (some might say more importantly) the organization of monthly feasts in the staff room to celebrate all kinds of occasions! A huge thank you to Rona for her part in making our school a great place to work.

Nominated by: Julie Zurcher

I would like to nominate Rona Olson for Classified of the Month. Rona's energy is super human. She goes and goes and goes. If she can help in any way, she does. She performs her job professionally and with a great attitude.

Nominated by: Crysty Auckland

Ok, tried to be creative...R.O.N.A.

- **Responsive:** Rona is an excellent problem solver with a great attitude to do "whatever it takes" to get the job done.
- **Organized:** Rona is always two-steps ahead of you.
- **Needed:** Rona is an integral part of our PSMS family and impacts our school atmosphere positively every day.
- **Approachable:** Rona always has a big smile and is ready to help however she can.

Nominated by: Lori Johnson

Rona is amazing! She takes the time to help with big or small tasks and always with an extremely friendly manner. Rona is a positive person who looks for the best in others. Working with Rona (and all of the office staff) is a big reason why I love this school. Without doubt Rona certainly does her part to make Port Susan a consistently welcoming school for students, parents and staff. I extend a BIG THANK YOU to Rona!

Nominated by: John Yarnell

Rona is always willing to help and always keeps a positive attitude. She makes the office a place to visit and not to avoid and is a true team player. There is never a task too difficult to try to solve in her world.

Nominated by: Dave Austin

I would like to nominate Rona Olson for Classified Employee of the month. It is so nice to come into our office at Port Susan to be greeted by her warm smile and what can I do to help you attitude. She is so organized and does a great job keeping track of the athletes' paperwork for all of the sports teams. She has a great attitude and it is easy to see that she loves her job. She would be an excellent choice for the classified employee of the month! Very deserving!

Nominated by: Toshi Thorne

I would like to nominate Ronalee Olson for Classified Employee of the Month. Ronalee is always professional, courteous, and compassionate to everyone she comes into contact with. She can multi-task like nobody you have ever met and gives "goes the extra mile" a whole new meaning. Ronalee is constantly attentive to the needs of the staff, parents, and students at Port Susan Middle School, and if you ask her to do something - she can do it in "Two shakes of a Lamb's tail" she will tell you. In addition, she generously volunteers her time and talents in our community, her church, and at middle and high school sporting events. I have been lucky enough to call her friend since we were in 4th grade together, most importantly she makes me laugh and makes our Port Susan Middle School office GREAT!

Nominated by: Kayte White

Rona is AMAZING!! She always has a warm smile on her face and a happy greeting. She makes our office a joy. Rona is also a very hard worker--busy, busy, busy--but never too busy to help. She makes an effort to always answer questions (no matter how dumb we might feel for asking) and help us with whatever we might need. She truly makes our school a better place to work. When it comes to her interactions with parents and students she is just as warm, friendly and professional.

Nominated by: Sheri Schroyder

I am writing in support of Rona Olson being named classified employee of the month. Rona Olson is SUPER helpful and a positive force in the front office at Port Susan Middle School. She is always kind and approachable to students who are in need of assistance. Rona consistently demonstrates a high level of professionalism and sets the tone for staff at Port Susan. Her good spirits and encouraging words make her an encouraging person to be around and her positive energy inspires those around her. Please consider Rona Olson for Classified Employee of the Month.

Nominated by: Chris Jadwin

Rona Olsen is such an efficient and amazing secretary; I would like to nominate her as Classified Employee of the Month. She is polite, friendly, and very helpful. She goes out of her way to accommodate teachers and does this with a smile and a sense of humor. As a teacher, I can't begin to express how much I appreciate her going the extra mile to either help me OR find someone who can. We have such a great front office staff – it is a pleasure to walk in and always be so warmly greeted by all of the secretaries. Thank you Rona for not only enhancing the culture at Port Susan but also making my job easier and happier.

Nominated by: Rebecca Klein

Rona is always willing to correct attendance errors I've made. She also is very kind when she calls on the phone. Rona is a hard worker and always tries to help.

Nominated by: Connie Schmidt

Rona is truly one-of-a-kind. She is so kind, happy, helpful, and thoughtful to everyone: students, staff, parents, the UPS person, EVERYONE! Her smile lights up my day and makes me happy, too. She has such a positive attitude and is so warm and welcoming. She is efficient, organized, and knowledgeable in her job. Whenever I need something, she goes out of her way to help me. What a gem we have here at Port Susan in Rona Olson. I can think of no other MORE deserving for Employee of the Month. In fact, she has my vote for Employee of the YEAR.

Nominated by: Cindy Wittman

I nominate Rona Olson for Classified of the Month. She is an amazing person, always warm and welcoming, very organized, efficient and willing to go out of her way to help anyone who comes into the office. Her positive attitude and smile are contagious. She is part of the reason I love working in our office as PSMS. She has helped me from day one that I got hired, she trained me and took me under her wing and made me felt like I belong here. Her sense of humor is also what keeps us smiling along with her on a daily basis.

Nominated by: Cindy Taggart-Deffinbaugh

So one thing I have learned: in order to get someone to WIN the Classified of the Month is to get **everyone** to write 2-5 sentences about why this person should get the award. I just wanted to get the ball rolling for our very own: **Rona Olson**. I mean, we got the greatest staff, but she is really the glue that holds us together, the smile that gets our day going, the happy worker who does what we might ask her to do. Clever, bright...