

**Vickie Burke**, the principal at Liberty Elementary, is standing at the front door each morning, holding the door open for each student as they enter. She greets them with a warm smile and friendly hello. She is also the one leading the children out of the building in the afternoon and making sure they are getting in the right car lines. How wonderful it is to see her interacting so positively with the students. When driving by on Sunday, her car is always in the parking lot. She goes in on the weekend just to get some work done. She is open and inviting and really takes a personal interest in the students. One recent Friday, I watched as my son gave her a hug good-bye. She just embraced him and told him how sweet he is. She has complimented me numerous times about my child with such things as, “He is so funny – he cracks me up every day in the car rider line.” She didn’t have to say anything, but she went the extra mile for him and for me.

– Submitted by Carol Lewis, parent