

April 24, 2020

Dear Families,

It is with a heavy heart and great sorrow that I share Mrs. Vera Wood, our school's custodian, passed away this week. Our hearts go out to Vera's daughters, Dana Ballou and Angie Martin, and their families.

Vera loved children and knew that receiving an education was vital for them to succeed in life. When she and her family moved to Anderson Island in 1979, children were ferried back and forth to Harriet Taylor Elementary School on McNeil Island. Vera understood the value of a community school and as President of the Booster Club, was a driving force behind what is now Anderson Island Elementary.

She was a dedicated employee. Working at our school for 33 years, Vera had several roles including paraeducator and lead custodian. She took pride in caring for our buildings and campus. She treated them as her own and always made sure everything was in proper working order.

Vera will be deeply missed not only as a member of our school family, but also the Anderson Island Community. Due to current world events, a memorial celebration service will be held at a future date. The Anderson Island Booster Club is accepting donations to be used for creating a memorial on the school campus. Donations can be mailed to Anderson Island Booster Club, c/o Anderson Island Elementary, 13005 Camus Road, Anderson Island, WA 98303.

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