



Fontana STAR

Carrie Franklin

shares how she is inspired



Profile in Excellence:		Carrie Franklin, Teacher	
FUSD Schools Attended:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randall-Pepper Elementary School • Fontana Junior High • Fontana High School 	
Higher Education:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverside Community College – A.A. Degree • California State University – B.A. Degree/Teaching Credential • National University – Master's Degree 	
FUSD Career Experiences:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Randall-Pepper Elementary School (9 years total - 6 years teaching fourth grade and 3 years teaching fifth grade) 	
Who were the FUSD staff that affected you most as a student?		<i>Larry Johnson – 6th grade teacher at Randall-Pepper. He pushed me and believed in me when I didn't.</i>	
What did you dream of growing-up to be as a child that would lead you to your work with FUSD?		<i>Since first grade, I wanted to be a teacher. As a child, I dreamed of making school a positive experience for everyone, especially students who struggle, as I did.</i>	
Since you've joined FUSD as staff, what experience(s) have you been most proud of?		<i>The everyday victories make me most proud. The look on student's face when they "get it" is worth all the struggles and frustration.</i>	
What keeps you up at night about your work for FUSD?		<i>Trying a devise a plan to reach everyone. I want to differentiate my instruction, my teaching style, and my personal approach with each student.</i>	
What do you think is the biggest misconception the public has about our work?		<i>There are two major misconceptions. One - teaching is easy and Two - teachers are the reason students are performing below grade level standard. There are many contributing factors to student performance.</i>	
What can the community do to strengthen public education?		<i>Everyone needs to get involved and take a vested interest in our educational system.</i>	
What inspires you to give your very best for the students of FUSD?		<i>School was extremely difficult and I didn't enjoy it. My academic struggles affected my self-esteem which affected my social interactions. I was extremely quiet at school and wouldn't ask for help. I pretended to "get it" but didn't complete my work. That's my inspiration. I want every student to experience success at school and make it more enjoyable for students than it was for me.</i>	

What might staff or students be surprised to learn about you?

I'm a huge football fan. GO STEELERS!

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