Our *Faces of Education* honoree this evening is Jeanette Brown. She serves students and parents as the health aide for Arlington Elementary School, and she is nominated by MCCSC Nurse Molly Black.

Jeanette joined the Monroe County Community School Corporation as an employee in 2001 after volunteering at Arlington in the lunch room and with the reading club. “These are perfect hours for a mom with three children,” she said. Above that, it was the idea of working in an educational setting that hooked her, first working as a Class Size Aide and then an Inclusion Aide. “You get to work hands-on with kids. I now have teaching and learning strategies on how to work with my own kids,” Jeanette also shared after learning of her nomination for *Faces*. When she learned of the health aide position, she found it a challenge to leave the classroom, but she knew she wanted a full-time position. Soon, Jeanette found her new job to be equally as rewarding. “I love the kids here,” she said. “You see a lot of kids who need that extra love and attention.”

However, being a health aide is not all band aids and hugs. It is an awesome responsibility, and Jeanette takes very seriously. The health needs of students have become increasingly more complex. On a daily basis, she wisely works with numerous students, who have issues like diabetes, asthma, and allergies in addition to the bumps, scrapes and bruises that pop up at a moments notice. “I keep track and know each student,” she said of the recordkeeping requirements associated with her job. “It makes me think of each child individually.”

Jeanette’s roll-up-your-sleeves approach to her job has made her a vital part of the Arlington family. In addition to her daily duties, you very well may see her on bus duty, in the lunchroom, staffing the desk in the office, or on the playground. Her love and dedication to Arlington shines through loud and clear. As a result, her colleagues and supervisors speak very highly of her. Nurse Molly Black shared in her nomination that Jeanette gives “110% on a daily basis!” Arlington Principal Dr. Linda Black offered these words, “Jeanette is a wonderful member of the staff, and it is great to celebrate her contribution.” And Debbie Quimby, MCCSC Director of Health Services, warmly responded to Jeanette’s nomination by saying, “She is more than deserving.”
Jeanette Brown, the MCCSC Board of School Trustees is honored to learn of your valuable contribution to Arlington Elementary School and the MCCSC. It is a pleasure to recognize you as one of our shining Faces of Education. Thank you!

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Faces of Education is a new feature of every regular Board of School Trustees Meeting. It is designed to recognize current MCCSC employees or volunteers, who have made a difference in our school community. Nomination forms can be found at each MCCSC site or on the web at www.mccsc.edu.