Our *Faces of Education* honorees this evening are the Murrays. The Murrays, Patrick and Glenda, are long-time, generous supporters of Fairview Elementary School. The wonderful couple is nominated by Fairview Principal Karen Adams and Assistant Principal Trudy Litz.

“Patrick and Glenda Murray have been Fairview School’s guardian angels for many years. The Murrays have provided monthly gifts of support. Each year we have an author visit Fairview to talk with students about their books and what it means to be an author. The Murrays’ gifts help to purchase a book signed by the author for each student. Whenever support is needed, the Murrays respond – whether it be materials to open a much needed, new preschool room or attendance at a meeting (and there have been many these) to support Fairview. The Murrays have been there for us each and every time. We feel very fortunate to have them as our supporters – our guardian angels,” both administrators said in their joint nomination.

Staff members at Indiana University, the Murrays have been residents of the Prospect Hill neighborhood for the past 16 years and understand the value of Fairview to the neighborhood. “It is an important, integral part,” Patrick said during a brief interview for the *Faces* recognition. Glenda also shared that her memories of Fairview date back further than their residency in Prospect Hill. “My first experience with Fairview School was about 20 years ago, when the daughter of a friend invited me to talk to Mrs. Kemp’s class about downtown revitalization. The class was studying their community, and I was the Redevelopment Director at the City (Bloomington). It was a fun experience to interact with the class.”

The Murrays keep both Fairview and the Bloomington community close to their hearts. “Bloomington is a special place,” Patrick said. “We understand the trials and tribulations that many of the (Fairview) students face.” About 7-8 years ago, the couple decided to contribute funds regularly since they could not contribute as much time because of their work schedules. Leading by example, the Murrays’ support extends beyond the financial. “We were very involved in the meetings about Fairview’s future,” they said.
While the Murrays gladly continue to do their part for Fairview, they truly understand that the support of education is a community value, so Patrick and Glenda have issued the following challenge to us all:

“Thanks to Karen and Trudy for nominating us for this honor; we also encourage others to think about Fairview and do what they can to help. We were pleased (that) the Bloomington Rotary Club contributed funds this last year for the visiting author program.”

Patrick and Glenda Murray, you are not only the guardian angels of Fairview Elementary School, but you are beacons of inspiration and motivation to us all. It is the Board of School Trustees’ pleasure to honor you as *Faces of Education* award recipients.

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*Faces of Education* is a 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](http://www.mccsc.edu).