Our *Faces of Education* honoree this evening is Paris King. Paris serves as the support secretary at University Elementary School. She forms a dynamic duo with office mate and lead secretary Jan Cooper. Together, they support the work of Principal Dr. Janice Bizzari and Assistant Principal Michi McClaine. It is our pleasure to shine a bit of light on Paris, who is nominated by U-School parent Amy Thompson.

Joining the School Corporation in 2005, Paris started at University Elementary School as a secretary, and is one of the first faces you see when you enter the building. She prides herself in serving as the school's ambassador. “I am truly amazed at how many families and children Paris knows by name and is able to greet with a friendly warm and welcoming smile,” Mrs. Thompson said. “I've run into Paris in the grocery store, at the bank, and community events. She extends her generous personality at those out of school locations as well.” Caring comes as second nature to Paris. “The first thing everyone says when they enter the office is that she is so wonderful in the way she greets people. She has a big smile for everyone,” Dr. Bizzari said recently. With such a public position in a busy office setting, it is challenging to tend to other duties, but Paris handles all of her work responsibilities in stride. “She is always busy and engaged, and she takes the initiative to resolve problems at her level,” her principal added.

Above her daily duties, Paris finds the time to be a parent volunteer. She coordinates the University Elementary K-Kids, a youth leadership and service program associated with the Kiwanis Club of South Central Indiana. It is not uncommon to see her selling tickets at a pizza supper, running an activity booth, and serving as a source of information, all while being there for her own family.

Regretfully, Mrs. Thompson could not be present tonight to see Paris receive this recognition, but offered the following comment, “My family and I will likely have a long future associated with University Elementary as we will have another child starting Kindergarten in the fall of 2010. I certainly hope that Ms. King will be there throughout our time at University.”
Paris King, we appreciate your work and willingness to make our students and families feel welcome and valued. The Board is pleased to recognize you with this *Faces of Education* honor. Congratulations!

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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).