Our *Faces of Education* honoree this evening is Terri Whiteman. Terri Whiteman serves as a *Title I* Teacher at Arlington Heights Elementary School. She is nominated by her Principal Shelley Vitols in conjunction with the MCCSC Human Resources Department.

Starting with MCCSC in 1987, Terri has been an asset to the school corporation, *Title I* and the Arlington community. Her passion for students and literacy is apparent to all who come in contact with her. Beverly Smith, Director of School and Community Services for MCCSC, had an opportunity to see Terri interact with students during a community program at Arlington and was impressed by her drive to assist students in their development as readers:

“I had the chance to witness Terri in action during *Read for the Record Day* at Arlington last fall. Terri has an enchanting way of making words come to life for children. She was thrilled to have guest readers from City Hall share *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* in English and Spanish with students. I think she may have been more excited than the students! She jumped right in to enhance the reader’s presentation. Within seconds, she launched a puppet show filled with brilliant colors and energy. I knew in an instant that she cared for students and wanted them to have the best literacy experiences possible,” she said. “I have since come to learn that this is just an example of how she interacts with our students every day.”

MCCSC Grant Coordinator Deb Prenkert works with *Title I* teachers and is always pleased when the school corporation’s literacy efforts can be recognized. She is proud that Arlington respects Terri’s hard work and offered the following words of praise for Terri and *Title I*:

“Terri Whiteman is a leader in the *Title I* lab at Arlington Elementary School. Terri’s hard work and dedication to students is evident in all she does. During this school year, Terri has participated in ICT training. This training has been intense and Terri has risen to the challenge. She works collaboratively with other teachers and staff members throughout her school. In addition, I have seen Terri work endlessly on school improvement plans. Monroe County Community School Corporation is truly fortunate to have such a wonderful teacher!”

Terri Whiteman, the true joy and energy that you bring to your profession as a literacy teacher for *Title I* is an inspiration. Your commitment is representative of the great work that goes on across the school corporation and in our *Title* schools. Arlington is fortunate to have you as a part of the faculty, and the Board is proud to honor you this evening as one its brilliant *Faces of Education*. Congratulations!