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STARS IN OUR DISTRICT



If you want to be a STAR, a great “reality show” awaits you in the East Greenbush Central School District. If you are 55 or older and would like to play a role in helping students and teachers in our district’s schools, here’s your chance. STARS—Seniors Teaching and Reaching Students—needs new members.

Today, some 40 men and women are STARS, active in all of the District’s seven schools. Every year teachers’ requests for STARS exceed the number available; and, that need will be there again in the fall.

Since the Board of Education launched the program in 1993, STARS has been popular and beneficial to everyone involved. Countless students and teachers have benefited from STARS who draw on life experiences, insights, and talents to assist teachers and work with students who may need individual attention, extra help, or more academic challenges.

Shirley Lashoff, a STAR for 13 years, says, “It’s so gratifying to see (students) learn and accept that you’re helping them. It makes you feel good.”

Barbara Murphy, a classroom teacher for 25 years and a STAR for four years believes, “It’s a wonderful experience to see these children growing. Every day it’s something unusual and rewarding.”

John Ennis, who joined STARS in 1994, say it all in a few words, “I’ve been around a long time and haven’t found much that I’m prouder of than being a STAR.”

If you, a relative, or someone you know would enjoy hearing students’ gratitude for being “Pop Pop” or “Grammy,” a friend, or a mentor, please contact STARS Chairman Bob Smith, at 477-5930 or email him at rsmith55@nycap.rr.com for more information.