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Media Specialist **TRISH KOSIK**

Mrs. Kosik has been with Westlake City Schools for 13 years after ten years in other school districts and works in the Lee Burneson Middle School Library as the Media Specialist. She focuses a lot on students' use of technology and the resources the library has to offer, and has found ways to combine technology with her love of reading and books. "First Chapter Fridays," wherein Mrs. Kosik records a video of her reading from a new book, is one example of her utilizing media resources to promote reading.

What does a Media Specialist do?

Well, I'm partially a librarian, but I also am able to help the teachers and students with their research. This happens in both the Middle School and DIS, so I spend time in both buildings. And that includes how to use the library and technology in honing their research skills. I concentrate a lot on reinforcing their love of literacy as these students still love to read, and we also work on information literacy and digital literacy and how to be a good digital citizen. Part of that is not only teaching the technological skills, but also how to be safe online.

What is your favorite part about working with Westlake City Schools?

The students. Since I have worked with PreK to 8th graders, I have had the opportunity to watch these students grow throughout the years. I especially enjoyed working at Bassett Elementary School for five years because I got to watch the Kindergartners my first year grow into 4th graders by my fifth year.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I spend my time outside of school doing yoga, gardening, reading and visiting friends and family. My husband and I enjoy all Cleveland sports teams, especially the Browns and Ohio State Buckeyes.

If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you like to go and what would you like to do there?

Italy. I'd like to visit museums, go to the opera, go on a gondola ride and enjoy the FOOD!

Who is a woman in your life who has had a positive impact on you?

My mom. She taught me so much about how to be a strong independent woman. Although she was never able to go to college, there was never any doubt that all her children would. When I considered getting my master's degree when I had three school-aged children, she encouraged me every day. She taught me resilience in the face of adversity, she demonstrated positivity daily and taught me the skills I needed to succeed.