

**PROCLAMATION  
JANET DEWS DAY**

**WHEREAS,** Janet Dews will be retiring from School District #45 after devoting thirty-two years to educating children; and

**WHEREAS,** Janet Dews joined School District #45 in 1994 as the principal of North Elementary School and in 2001 was named the principal of Shafer Elementary School; and

**WHEREAS,** Janet Dews has also worked as a primary school teacher, a reading specialist/special education resource teacher, a Learning Disabilities Coordinator, an elementary school principal in Batavia and Roselle and as an Assistant Professor of Education at National-Louis University; and

**WHEREAS,** Janet Dews has served as the Illinois Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development President; co-chaired the Illinois ASCD Annual Kindergarten Conference and served on the Board of Directors for ASCD for six years; and

**WHEREAS,** Janet Dews received the Jim Montgomery Instructional Leadership Award from Illinois ASCD, the Outstanding Contributions to Education Award from Phi Delta Kappa, a Service Award from the Early Childhood Committee of Illinois ASCD and was named a School District 45 Key Contributor in 1997; and

**WHEREAS,** Janet Dews greatest professional achievement came when Schafer Elementary School made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two years after being in status for two years; and

**WHEREAS,** Janet Dews is looking forward to her retirement and being able to sleep until 8:00 a.m. each day, and she and her husband Bob will be attending every single one of their son Jason's swim meets at UIC to offer support in his final year of eligibility and spending their winters in Florida relaxing and playing tennis;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby extend congratulations on behalf of the residents and elected officials of Lombard and declare May 4, 2007 as **Janet Dews Day** in Lombard in recognition of thirty-two years of dedicated service to the education of our children.

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William J. Mueller  
Village President

## Janet Dews

Dr. Janet Dews has dedicated the past 32 years to educating children. She joined School District 45 in 1994 when she was hired as principal at North Elementary School. In 2001, Jan was named principal at Schafer Elementary School. Prior to her time as principal, Jan was a primary teacher, a reading specialist/special education resource teacher, and a Learning Disabilities Coordinator with SASSED. She was also an elementary principal in Batavia and Roselle. In addition, Jan was an Assistant Professor of Education at National-Louis University from 1984-1992.

Jan credits her career choice to the wonderful teachers she encountered as a child and felt she could offer the same to others. Although she was encouraged to move on to central office administration at a previous school district, Jan was compelled to remain at the building level where she could interact with teachers, students and parents on a daily basis. She has enjoyed staying where the action is and has found it rewarding to witness teachers and students achieve their goals.

Jan has served on many educational committees, held numerous professional memberships and received recognition for her commitment to education. She has served as the Illinois Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) President, Co-chaired the Illinois ASCD Annual Kindergarten Conference and served on the Board of Directors for ASCD for six years. In addition to receiving the Jim Montgomery Instructional Leadership Award from Illinois ASCD, and the Outstanding Contributions to Education Award from Phi Delta Kappa, Jan received a Service Award from the Early Childhood Committee of Illinois ASCD and was named a School District 45 Key Contributor in 1997.

Her greatest professional achievement came this year when Schafer Elementary School made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two years after being in status for two years. Jan attributes this outstanding success to the teachers at Schafer who worked so hard to change their teaching methods to meet the needs of all the students to truly make a difference.

For at least the first year of retirement, Jan hopes to sleep every day until 8:00 a.m. She and her husband Bob plan on attending every single one of their son Jason's swim meets at UIC, to offer their support in his last year of eligibility. After next year, she and Bob hope to spend January through March in Florida and enjoy life playing tennis and relaxing.