



Mrs. Mary Kay Hennessy – Principal *(Celebrating nine years)*

What is your professional background – degrees and other teaching experience?

I have a BS in Education & Early Childhood from Millersville State College. I received my MA with a certification in Leadership from Cabrini University. Prior to becoming a principal I taught for 30 years at Coatesville Catholic/Pope John Paul II Regional School in grades 4, 5 and 6.

What or who inspired you to choose teaching/education as your profession?

I always wanted to teach ever since I was little. I was influenced by my second grade teacher, Miss Drabick, and my fourth grade teacher, Sister Josina Maria, IHM.

What aspect of Be Your Bulldog Best most appeals to you?

I like that the four qualities of the program – compassion, accountability, respect, and determination – are things that the students need to learn as life lessons to be successful in today's world. We are trying to equip them to be saints in this world and the next.

Who is your hero? My mom is my hero. I was always amazed how she was able to keep the house and raise eight children, especially after my father died, and she never complained. She loved each of us unconditionally and never compared us to each other. She was always at all events that we participated in; one weekend, she attended five basketball games at three schools in five hours! My mom was a woman of strong faith and faced the biggest fight of her life with her battle against breast cancer. Even though she is gone, I know she is happy to be with my dad and is always watching over us.

What other career might you have chosen if you didn't become a teacher? I think I would like to be a pastry chef.