

Debbie Bissonnette
1999 Friend of Education

Debbie Bissonnette, within a span of about twenty years, became an exceptional volunteer for education. As a member of the Tell-A-Tale Theatre/Beaver Dam Community Theatre, Bissonnette influenced the establishment of the Middle School summer drama classes. As the volunteer coordinator of mentors for the district's School Age Parent program, she facilitated partnerships between young mothers and adults. For more than fifteen years, Bissonnette gave monthly Project AWARE presentations in classrooms and participated in AWARE's Architecture Walk and Visiting Artist programs. Bissonnette also helped form Parents in Education, a Middle School parent organization; she was a Partners in Learning mentor and now is a Rockin' Reader for kindergartners. As a member of the Community/School Communications Committee, she helped establish the district's educational outreach program, Chew and Chat. She contributed her time and organizational skills to several referendums and ad hoc committees. As a member of the Scholarship Foundation, Bissonnette organized fund raising telethons. Nominator Ruth Weber says, "Because of the span of time, variety of involvement, and consistency of commitment to the educational community of Beaver Dam, I believe Debbie Bissonnette is an excellent candidate for the 'Friends of Education Award.' "