

**Jane Wynn School Nutrition Excellence Award Entry Form:**

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**Nomination Essay**

Carol has made a tremendous impact on the students in South Daytona Elementary's KidsZone program. This after-school program is comprised of at-risk students, and the goal of the program is to provide a platform and enrichment opportunities to improve performance at school. Without hesitation, Carol teamed with the school counselors and delivered a nutrition program to the students. She graciously offered us her free time, the use of her kitchen and all her cooking utensils. Carol was extremely generous with her time. She displayed patience and compassion for all the students. Through her diligent planning, she designed hands on lessons to teach the students not only about the importance of nutrition, but how to follow recipes on their own. Some of the recipes included homemade ice cream, butter, and blueberry muffins. Carol went above and beyond and even collaborated with the owners at Dough Bros Pizza. She was able to recruit an employee to come after school and teach the students how to make their own pizza. In addition to teaching the children how to cook, Carol ensured every student understood the mathematical skills required to complete each recipe. Carol is not only a competent cafeteria manager, but she also demonstrates qualities of a loving and

thoughtful teacher. The enthusiasm of the students while in the kitchen with Carol was indescribable. Every Monday, the first question the students asked when they arrived at the program was, “Are we cooking with Ms. Carol today?!” . I am certain every student will treasure the memories made with Carol this school year.

### Pictures









**Carol Pugliese and the KidsZone Program at our Holiday Party**

