

GREEN SCHOOLS FOCUS

SECOND QUARTER 2006 SERT CHAMPION



Ms. Dee's Success at Carderock Springs Elementary

Carderock Springs ES is one of the most energy efficient schools in Montgomery County, consistently saving more than 10% of electricity each month.

This consistency is a direct reflection of Mrs. Dragica Flanjak (Ms. Dee), Building Service Manager at Carderock Springs since 2003 and proactive SERT Champion. Ms. Dee is noted for changing the behavior of students by serving as an exemplary role model.

Anyone walking the halls of Carderock Springs can see the impact of Ms. Dee's conservation ethic. Ms. Dee takes the initiative to express her artistic side by designing one-of-a-kind switch plate covers and "close the door" signs for her school. She was able to put together the signage using everyday school supplies.

Ms. Dee's leadership and her student patrols are daily in evidence. Students are shutting off lights in unoccupied hallways and classrooms during lunch and after school, asking teachers to adjust their classroom blinds to let in natural light as well as solar heat, and modeling good energy behavior.

Keeping a careful eye on after school energy use, Ms. Dee also actively maintains a tight HVAC schedule by providing our MCPS Energy Management team with an updated calendar that ensures ICB groups are consolidated by zone.

We at the Green Schools office want to thank Ms. Dee and her staff for their hard work and extreme dedication in helping to lower our energy cost.

Great job Ms. Dee!

