

## Tread Softly

by Joe Krause, Superintendent

I spend a lot of time visiting with parents during the course of a week. One parent left my office today and apologized for taking up my time with the issue she shared. She was concerned for how her child was doing in a class. My response was, “If *you* don’t act as an advocate for your child then who will?” Caregivers and guardians should never apologize for being an advocate for their kids with a school district administrator. Parents have dreams for their children. Their kids also have dreams. W.B. Yeats writes,

*I have spread my dreams under your feet;  
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.*

Being a teacher is a challenging job. Being a teacher in a smaller school is even more challenging. Terry’s teachers work as ticket takers, concession workers, score keepers, and so much more! I would bet that most of our teachers are doing something for Terry Schools seven days a week. Every single day, our teachers are trying to do their best for Terry’s students. One thing that helps them most is feeling the support of our community and knowing that their efforts are appreciated.

I have never met a teacher who went into teaching to discourage and frustrate students. If this does happen, the teacher is usually crushed and will go to great lengths to help encourage and relieve the frustration. Teachers went into teaching to help support the dreams of their students, and their students’ parents. Terry Public Schools is fortunate to have a caring, professional, and supportive group of teachers and staff members. They work hard for their school, students, and the community of Terry. I feel very fortunate to be a member of the Terry School team AND the Community of Terry! It’s a great place to be!