



Old Town Middle

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Lindy Perry Scholarship



Lindy Perry, retired secretary, is pictured with her granddaughter, Izzabella.

For more than 10 years, Lindy Perry was the face of Old Town Middle School and likely the first person you looked for if you had a question or needed something. At her retirement, it was clear that she would be missed. Her positive impact expands to over thousands of middle school students, leaving a lasting impression on anyone who walked through the school's doors.

Upon learning of Perry's retirement, the OTMS PTO decided to name their annual scholarship in her honor. Each year, the PTO awards two seniors at Ridgeland High School with a \$500 scholarship. To qualify for the scholarship, seniors must have attended Old Town all three years, complete a scholarship packet, and write an essay describing their time at the middle school. Essays are then graded according to certain criteria, and the two students with the highest scores receive the scholarships.

Former PTO president, Jan Richardson, remarks that, "Naming the scholarship after Lindy Perry, who positively influenced each person at OTMS, preserves her extraordinary legacy." Perry's dedication to OTMS students was evident by her attendance at nearly every school special event, including band and choir concerts, open houses, dances, and sporting events. OTMS principal, Crystal Chase, often referred to her as "Mrs. Radical Hospitality" and many parents even called her "Mama Perry."

"Mrs. Perry always knew every child's name, homeroom and specific needs," said Chase. "She has a good heart and is just a genuine, kind person... we're happy her tradition of helping others will continue for years to come through the Lindy Perry Scholarship."

If you are interested in the Lindy Perry Scholarship, please complete the attached application and return it on **April 26, 2021** by **3:00 pm** to Janet Wallace at janetwallace08@gmail.com.