

# KeizerCommunity

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## Marchbanks inspired by her father

When Sandy Marchbanks was deciding what to do with her life, she thought of her father.

"My father would have been a student that was served in the LRC (Learning Resource Center), very bright, can design machinery, couldn't really read until he was about 12, very dyslexic," Marchbanks said. "I can remember women looked up phone numbers in the phone book and men didn't. My dad would see something in isolation, letters and numbers would get reversed for him. He's an avid reader. He loves to read but it took him a long time to learn and he has to be able to read things in context."

Marchbanks was in high school when Public Law 94-142, which assured that all children with disabilities had available to them a free appropriate public education, was signed by President Gerald Ford.

She got her bachelor's degree at Eastern Oregon University and a Master's in special education at Western Oregon. Her desire to help those with disabilities through education came from her first grade teacher, Mrs. Hahn.

"She was from Colorado and started teaching when she was 17 and probably 65 when I was in first grade," Marchbanks said. "She just knew kids. She was really patient. She inspired us. I can still remember the first day of first grade and we went home knowing we could read because we could read our own

name and she had taught us the words 'the' and 'end'. She made every kid feel successful and she had plants and she had animals. There was always something exciting in her room and she just made every kid feel like they were special and wonderful and smart and I wanted to grow up and be like her, I think."

After starting out in Nevada, Marchbanks taught at elementary and middle schools in Lebanon for 20 years. She then decided to give high school a try and joined the staff at South Salem for two years before coming to McNary, where she worked in the LRC for the past eight years.

She taught algebra readiness and consumer math classes.

"I'll have kids come back and say I learned so much from you," Marchbanks said. "When you see that they get it, it's neat. I don't know that it's the subject matter so much. I've taught a lot of different subjects in my career and I enjoy all of them. The light bulb goes on and it's neat."

Retiring will give March-



Sandy Marchbanks retired from McNary High School after eight years in the Learning Resource Center. KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley

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banks time to travel, help her parents on their farm in Brownsville and spend time with her four grandchildren.

But she's not ready to com-

pletely say goodbye to McNary.

"I'm hoping to get to sub here," she said. "It's a hard place to leave. This staff just

really cares about kids and really cares about each other and is willing to put in the extra effort to make things happen for kids. And why would you

want to leave that? It's a neat community and it's a neat school. Hopefully, I can stay involved in some aspect but maybe in a little different way."

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