

## RMS Faculty & Staff

I am very excited to welcome you to the 2011-2012 school year. I hope your summer was an enjoyable and restful one because you deserved it. Your hard work last year did not go unnoticed.

This past school year was a challenging, yet tremendous, learning experience for me, but I would never trade it for the world. There are no words to ever express my admiration, appreciation, and gratitude. Knowing all of you has inspired me to be a better person. For this, I thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart.

I congratulate you for making Ringgold Middle a "Recognized" school for the 2010-2011 school year. The stakes were higher and we were accountable for every student in our school. Many people may view our "Recognized" rating as not meeting our goal, but only those who have walked in our shoes can truly understand the rewards and the challenges that come from working with our RMS children. We will continue to move forward in order to meet the challenges of the new STAAR. With determination and a positive attitude, everything is possible.

One of our responsibilities as educators is to instill the love of learning so that our students ultimately succeed in their personal lives as adults and members of the community, whether they go to college or not. As our students leave RMS, there will always be a part of us that goes along with them. Please make these experiences positive, meaningful, and worthwhile. This goes hand-in-hand with our theme, "**We Enter to Learn, and Leave to Achieve**".

Go back in time, and remember our school days when we were filled with excitement about the first day of school. Remember the smell of brand new crayons and the excitement it generated? Make that feeling last all year long within ourselves and our students. Thank you again for all you do and welcome back.

Mrs. Olga Smedley

