

# Maribel Hughes

## Heart of the Hawk

Maribel Hughes is the After School Safety Education Program Director at Burchfield Primary School. Maribel started working for the District in 2007 as a Paraeducator for the program under the direction of then ASES Director, Kandy Yeghoian.

It was there that I was able to see Maribel grow into the exceptional leader and employee that she is now. When Mrs. Yegohian retired and the position became open, Maribel applied and interviewed and was offered the position, lucky for us, she accepted. Maribel truly embodies the Heart of the Hawk award! I have witnessed her positive interaction with students, staff and parents of the ASES program. Due to Maribel's passion for her program, the students and staff are made to feel like a family, it is evident with the relationships that are built within the ASES program and the former students that stop by to say hello to Miss Maribel or a former ASES staff member.

When a new student starts the ASES program, you can see Maribel meet the child after school gets out, introduces the new ASES teacher to the student and makes sure that the new student is comfortable with the new routine. Maribel treats each child and staff member with the utmost respect and kindness she makes each person feel like they belong.

Our program runs smoothly due to Maribel's exceptional and organized record keeping. Thank you, Maribel, for making the ASES Program a warm and welcoming extension of Burchfield Primary School's regular school day.

It is my honor and pleasure to present Maribel Hughes with the Heart of the Hawk Award.

Rosemary Hicks  
Burchfield Primary School, Administrative Assistant