

Some Thoughts as Miss Pat Retires

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Friendship's Garden:

***In friendship's fragrant garden,
There are flowers of every hue.
Each with its own fair beauty
And its gift of joy for you.***

Since Miss Pat announced her retirement a few months ago, I wondered how it would be possible to not say "Goodbye" but rather "See you again soon." Trying to figure out not only how to express my thoughts but the to try to express the thoughts and feelings of our Morse School community.

Many of you may not know but Miss Pat loves flowers and has been such a wonderful support of the CitySprouts program and our own CitySprouts Garden. In a lot of ways, she has been the Gardener tending and growing the Morse School in the last 14 years. She has planted and nurtured many seeds. Some seeds were given to her to care for (the students) while other seeds were of academic focus, programs and supports. Always keeping her total garden (Morse) in her thoughts. She has devoted many, many hours to having a consistently growing and robust garden. I found the following inspirational quotes that reminded me of Miss Pat's care of us, her garden.

- *A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them.*
- *You have to get up and plant the seed and see if it grows, but you can't just wait around, you have to water it and take care of it.*

When our exterior building renovation is finished and the CitySprouts Garden is back to its real home, not only will it have newly raised growing beds and pathways, it will also contain a special bench. This bench was the only thing Miss Pat wanted as her retirement gift. Miss Pat will be working with a local artisan to create her vision and bring this bench to life. When complete, it will be placed in a special spot in our CitySprouts Garden.

We wish you the best of luck, Miss Pat. Your garden is forever grateful to your years of dedication, nurturing and love you have given us!



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Words that Describe Miss Pat



Miss Pat, there aren't enough words to describe how much you mean to the Morse School. Our one heart will be missing a very special piece as you head off on your next adventure. Thank you for everything you've done!

-The Morse School Students & Staff
June 22, 2018

"We are one heart, We are one hand."
-Morse School Song, S. Montgomery-Grout

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Going to be different come September,
Our Principal has decided to retire.
Overall we will be ok, because we plan to always remember,
Do hope Miss Pat will have the time to slow and admire.
Lots of time to do fun things like:
Use her time to craft, read or bike.
Calmly having the time to watch the waves and smell the ocean
Keeping up with the frequent application of sun lotion.
Making her beautiful gift baskets could be her new profession.
Inspiring many and giving people various crafting lessons.
She also could do party planning or arrange flowers,
She has all sorts of magical powers.
Proudly! The Morse School will include her in its history,
And fondly remember her kindness, caring & leadership.
Together we wish her well and say, we hope to see you again someday.

Miss Pat now joins the list of Principals or Headmasters of the Morse School:

Principal Mary A. Townsend
1891-1919 (28 years)
Headmaster John J. Salmon
1919-1951 (32 years)
Headmaster David E. Hockman
1951-1964 (13 years)
Principal Kenneth W. Goepfer
1964-1968 (4 years)
Principal John W. Riley
1968-1981 (13 years)
Principal James J. Coady
1981-2001 (20 years)
Principal Bridget E. Rodriguez
2001-2004 (3 years)
Principal Patricia A. Beggy
2004-2018 (14 years)

A Musical Sendoff

The staff performed for Miss Pat at her retirement party, this song:
(Sang in the tune of "So Long, Farewell" from the movie "The Sound of Music")

*There's a sad sort of news
From the halls of the Morse
And the bells in Cambridge, too.
Sitting in her office
We find Miss Pat
She's popping out to say goodbye.
(Goodbye, Goodbye), (Goodbye, Goodbye),*

*Regretfully she tells us
(Goodbye, Goodbye),
But firmly she compels us
To say goodbye
To you.*

*So long, farewell, Auf wiedersehn, adieu
We hate to see you leave this pretty school
So long, farewell, Auf wiedersehn, adieu
Adieu. Adieu, please take us all with you!*

*So long, farewell, Auf wiedersehn, adieu
We toast you know, with glasses of champagne
So long, farewell, adios, and goodbye*

*You leave, we heave a sigh, and say goodbye
GOODBYE!*

*This year is done, we say with a big sigh.
So long, farewell, auf wiedersehn, good bye.
Goodbye, Goodbye, Goodbye, Goodbye!!!!*