

# Heritage Christian's Gladysz teaches technology, more

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Dana Gladysz has been a part of Heritage Christian School in many different roles.

Gladysz began as a parent volunteer when her two sons, now 25 and 21, were students at the school. She then became a preschool aide for three years.

"She has worn a lot of hats here at the school," middle school language arts teacher Melissa Mohr said. "She was the aide for my daughter's preschool. It's kind of neat to see her change and develop along the way, and my kids knowing her all these years has been kind of a neat thing to have."

In 2007, Gladysz switched from preschool aide to librarian and computer science specialist.

"You get to do a lot more challenging things in the computer lab. We do spreadsheets; we do Publisher; we do PowerPoint. We learn how to do online Internet searches, what's safe to do online and what's not safe to do online," Gladysz said.

Covering all grades from kindergarten to eighth grade, much of Gladysz's work requires tailoring, she said.

"Yes, you can do Excel with most of those grades, but they're going to be doing some obviously different tasks," Gladysz said. "I try to integrate it with their other subjects as best as I can so it's not just this isolated spreadsheet that they don't see how it relates to the rest of their life."

As librarian, much of her job entails checking books in and out of the school library.

"I only have 15 minutes, so I can't do a whole lot of instruction there other than the difference between fiction and non-fiction, understanding the spine label and trying to learn the Dewey Decimal system," Gladysz said.

Part of her job duties in the library and computer lab is helping students at Heritage Christian School with research papers for class.

"If my students have to do research or when we have research papers, we use the computer lab," Mohr said. "When we do our research, we go up to the library. She will help the kids find books that are appropriate."

"She's just very good at knowing the library, exactly where things are. That cuts time. She's also extremely organized. Any time we have a



**Gladysz checks out books for elementary students at Heritage Christian School. (Submitted photo)**

question, especially if it's technology related, she can help me do that," Mohr continued.

Gladysz also serves as the

school's webmaster, updating social media and keeping the website up to date.

She is also involved with two programs within the

school — Reading Counts and desktop publishing.

Through Reading Counts, students receive points for reading books outside of school.

"The idea is to encourage students in independent reading outside of the classroom with books that they will enjoy," Gladysz said.

Every other week, Gladysz then sets up a "Reading Counts store" inside the library where students can cash their points in for rewards.

"It has improved the amount of reading that the kids are doing on their own," she said. "Many students think reading is like school work; they don't see it as an enjoyment."

With desktop publishing, Gladysz teaches her students to work with Publisher.

"Right now, they're making a one-page ad," she said. "They have to come up with a product, and they have to come up with imagery."

That comes in handy for the school's publishing needs.

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The pipeline will be approximately 300 miles long, with an estimated diameter of 36-42 inches – extending from Wetzel County, West Virginia to Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company's Zone 5 compressor station 165 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC has submitted a pre-filing request with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); and a formal application with FERC is expected to be filed during the fourth quarter 2015. The FERC will prepare an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement to satisfy the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process in order to begin construction of the project.

As part of our outreach efforts, we will host *Community Open Houses* to introduce and discuss the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline Project. While there will not be a formal speech or presentation during these open houses, you will have direct, one-on-one access to people who will listen to your ideas and answer your questions about the project. This is your opportunity to meet with members of the Mountain Valley Pipeline team, as well as talk with FERC representatives. Light refreshments will be served. You are invited to attend any of the *Community Open Houses* as scheduled.

**Thursday, January 15, 2015**

5:30 – 8:00 PM  
Rupert Community Center  
557 Nicholas St.  
Rupert, WV 25984

**Tuesday, January 20, 2015**

5:30 – 8:00 PM  
Summersville Arena & Conference Center  
3 Armory Way  
Summersville, WV 26651

**Wednesday, January 21, 2015**

5:30 – 8:00 PM  
Webster Springs Municipal Building  
146 McGraw Avenue  
Webster Springs, WV 26288

**Thursday, January 22, 2015**

5:30 – 8:00 PM  
Burnsville Community Center  
237 Kanawha St.  
Burnsville, WV 26335

**Monday, January 26, 2015**

5:30 – 8:00 PM  
Plantation Inn & Suites  
1322 Hackers Creek Rd.  
Jane Lew, WV 26378

**Tuesday, January 27, 2015**

5:30 – 8:00 PM  
Progressive Women's Association (Old YWCA)  
305 Washington Avenue  
Clarksburg, WV 26330

**Wednesday, January 28, 2015**

5:30 – 8:00 PM  
Jacksonburg Fire Department  
93 Buffalo Run Rd.  
Jacksonburg, WV 26377

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