

Long-time Eastridge volunteer and supporter of education, Brian Batten, is very deserving of the LEA “Special Friend of Education” Award. Mr. Batten has volunteered for many years at Eastridge in both regular education and special education classrooms. He is the “Go-to” guy if something needs to be done due to the fact that he is always willing to help out and does it with a smile. This year alone, Mr. Batten has compiled over 400 hours of volunteer time...and it is not even the end of the school year. Eastridge staff is in awe of Mr. Batten’s tireless energy, dedication, and enthusiasm. Last year, Mr. Batten celebrated his 50th birthday. In lieu of gifts, Mr. Batten asked all of his friends to donate money to benefit Eastridge Media Center and Special Education Department. Mr. Batten’s friends gave over a thousand dollars. This is just another example of Mr. Batten’s dedication to education and the children & staff of Eastridge. Mr. Batten is such a special person at Eastridge that we helped him celebrate his birthday with an assembly including cards and cake. Thank you for considering Mr. Batten for this honor. He deserves to be recognized with this award.