

The Murray FRYSC and The Den YSC are blessed with many magnificent volunteers however one stands out from the rest. Robert Danielson has been a member of the Murray FRYSC advisory council since 2008. He is presently volunteering with the Murray FRYSC, the Den YSC and the Murray Independent School District practically every day of every week. Mr. Danielson has a commitment to our centers and our school district that comes genuinely from his heart. He is a retired business owner that gives to the students of our district wholeheartedly, expecting nothing in return. The list of things that he does for our centers and our entire district goes on and on. One of the many unending things that he does is delivering snacks for Murray FRYSC's back pack program weekly. He delivers almost 70 snack bags between two schools each Thursday and Friday. He is also at Murray Elementary School and Murray Middle School weekly assisting students individually with their reading skills. On top of that, Mr. Danielson takes care of all the logistics for the paper and cardboard recycling program that supports funding for the Murray FRYSC and the Den YSC. This includes many visits to local businesses requesting *their* support, checking dumpsters regularly at all of our sites, and making numerous phone calls. The list goes on and on! Mr. Danielson has also been involved with West KY Mentoring for many years. He not only serves on that board and keeps the Murray FRYSC advisory council updated on what impact that program is having on our students but he has also mentored the same MISD student for many years and continues to add mentees to his list. Throughout the year Mr. Danielson assists our centers with many other events including the "Back to School Blast", back to school clothes shopping trips, "Make a Difference Day", "Tiger Christmas", 4th grade career day and so much more. Mr. Danielson's work doesn't end with the school year. During the summer, the Murray FRYSC and the Den YSC along with other community organizations feed lunch to the children of our community five days per week. All summer, he assists the Murray FRYSC and the Den YSC with their summer feeding day each week and he assists West KY Mentoring on their day each week as well. With Mr. Danielson's help Murray FRYSC is able to assist students and families with basic needs, prevention services, school needs and so much more.

His volunteer efforts do not go unnoticed and are definitely greatly appreciated. Mr. Danielson embodies the giving spirit of our wonderful community and that is realized by the families he is involved with and our school staff. Many students have benefited from his involvement in their lives, giving them a strong male role model to look up to. If Mr. Danielson is out sick or on vacation he is missed. School staff always ask where Mr. Robert is and if he is ok.

It is because of people like him that our community is rated highly and is thriving significantly. Without Mr. Danielson's undying dedication and genuine heartfelt generosity, what we do in our centers would not be possible. He, along with our many other dynamic volunteers, is vital in making our centers and the assistance that we provide, worthwhile and successful.

-Morgan Carman
Coordinator, Murray FRYSC