

Former Special Olympics coach still helping the kids

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Dana Martin e-mailed me the touching fact that the Strongsville Special Olympians literally "played" for their former coach, Bob Cappy, who'd passed away last year, I believe. The fees which paid for their trip to New Philadelphia for the Individual Basketball Skills competition came from the donations at his funeral. And the team had the good fortune of having Mrs. Cappy sitting on the sidelines, cheering on these extraordinary athletes.

Bringing home the "gold" were Seth Greenfelder, Katherine Klatka, James Simna, Ashley Trojan, Pam Wilson and Nate Zatezalo. Wearing silver were Melanie DeLuca, Steven Maksym, Daniel Ranallo, Lisa Skinner and Frank Zachlin.

Bronze medalists were Matt Daugherty, Ari Petrus, Dylan Stearns, Andrew Urbanski and Zoe Zwolenik. Fourth-place finishers were Jacob D'Orazio, Matt Kosik and Corrie Miller, followed with fifth-placers, Theresa Buzelli and Mike Elliot, then sixth-placers, Alex Barth, Mike Daugherty and Kayla Stearns.

High fives to each of these athletes and to their coaches, Dave Brown and Gail Becka, plus, the parents, who are always such a big help for these throughout-the-year competitive sports events, sponsored by the members of the Strongsville City Club.

PAMPERED PRINCIPAL-- How lucky was Muraski Elementary School's Tina Peters when she became one of only eight principals chosen from over 400 nominations to be treated to a morning of pampering through the Fox TV Channel 8's "Principal Makeover Contest!"

Per Nancy Surak, the secretary at Muraski, Mrs. Peters returned to her school, looking quite refreshed, sporting a trendy new coif along with a brilliant color and expertly manicured nails -- fingers and toes.

All of the Muraski staff have been quite taken by this woman stepping in as their principal this year, because of her sense of humor, her positive attitude and her support of the students and the personnel at this school, including the parents. And, obviously, Mrs. Peters is a very "good sport," too, thoroughly enjoying her "makeover," I'm sure, yet maybe wondering what was happening in the classrooms while she was away since a principal is the "captain" of the ship, in a manner of speaking....

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