

HOMETOWN HERO:

Shelly Banachoski

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Shelly Banachoski — or as we know her, Mrs. B. — has been a wonderful aide to our son Jacob for the past two years. She is a very loving and gifted teacher. We appreciate her abilities in handling Jacob’s special needs, especially since she also assists another student in the classroom.

Mrs. B. helps Jacob navigate from the bus to the classroom, keeps him on task, deals with his bluey-blues, handles his occasional bathroom, clothing, and sensory issues, and occasionally chases him down the hall. She understands the importance of the right balance of assisting Jacob and allowing him to develop his independence. Mrs. B. has made Jacob’s inclusion in a regular classroom possible. He couldn’t do it without her, and we thank her for her hard work and loving care!