

HOMETOWN HERO:

Rachel Dudzic

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Ms. Dudzic joined the staff at Manor View Elementary School on Fort Meade this year. She is a brand new special educator and has just been wonderful with our special needs students. She is extremely kind, patient and caring with each of her students. I have actually observed her teaching the students while sitting on the floor interacting with them. She is eager and very creative to reach each of the children. Ms. Dudzic has also been extremely patient with the parents. As a parent of an autistic child, she always answers my questions and reassures me that my child is doing great! Unlike many of her counterparts, Ms. Dudzic is very positive about her students’ successes and accomplishments. She never complains and always has a very upbeat attitude.

Ms. Dudzic has been extremely important for our autistic students. She constantly is making accommodations to meet each of the students’ needs and continues to find new ways to teach them. I have been extremely pleased with my son’s progress this year in first grade and it is largely due to Ms. Dudzic’s patience and kindness. She is my hometown hero for ASD!