



ELAINE ALZOS

SPEECH & LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

Still fresh and excited about school after all these years, Elaine Alzos graduated from Purdue University in 1972 with a BS in Audiology and Speech Sciences. In 1974 she earned the MA in Communication Disorders from Northern Illinois University. From there she was freshly hired by Lake Zurich Community Unit School District 95 as their 23 year-old Speech Language Pathologist for students ages 3-21. As the district grew in population, Elaine grew chronologically and professionally alongside it, delivering 32 years of therapy to students demonstrating a wide variety of communication needs. What a rich experience it was!

In 2008 Ms. Alzos retired, only to immediately resume her career with part time and long term substitute experiences in her resident home district Deerfield 109, NSSD, Glencoe District 35, Woodland District 50, Zion District 6, and now at Alexander Graham Bell Montessori School. Elaine considers herself most fortunate to be able to continue to expand and include in her professional repertoire hearing and cochlear implanted students. As a result she is becoming proficient in Cued Speech and immersing herself into the Montessori approach to instruction, which she strongly advocates.

Since she arrived at AGBMS and in response to the needs of students with hearing loss and language delays, Elaine has purchased, studied, implemented and shared with parents and staff Laura Mize's entire, TEACH ME TO TALK series. This state-of-the art detailed trio of manuals describes a very effective theory and practice of play language development therapy for toddlers and preschoolers.

In addition, some hard of hearing and other students at AGBMS benefit from a tried and true method of motor/kinesthetic stimulation for the sounds of speech. Elaine researched and purchased the illustrated original volume by E. H. Young, MOTO-KINESTHETIC SPEECH TRAINING to brush up and combine the method with Cued Speech to enhance speech therapy provided for students at AGBMS.

Elaine has participated in several Cued Speech Workshops and has become proficient in the use of Cued Speech.

Elaine is married to Dr. Jay Howe, a retired public school assistant superintendent. They have one son, Alexander, who married Amanda this summer. Alex teaches Physics and Engineering Technology at New Trier High School and Amanda is an English as a Second Language teacher in Wheaton. Unfortunately, Ms. Alzos has no pets. However, she is eagerly awaiting the arrival of her first grandchild.

Ms. Alzos declares, "It is my pleasure to be onboard with the fine staff and students at AGBMS!"