



When we come into school the floors are clean, the trash is taken out and the tables are clean all thanks to our custodial staff. I was able to sit down with Deb Tejral to see what the job entails.

According to Tejral, the biggest change is not being able to see family and friends. Specifically because of Covid, she stayed home a lot which is not something she normally does. She was able to get a lot of stuff done at home, and was nice to be able to catch up. Another big change is the extra things at work to make sure that the kids stay safe.

Tejral appreciates when students pick up things. When they see something laying on the floor. It is nice when trying to keep the rooms picked up. Lastly, it helps when students try not to make a mess in the lunchroom.

The hardest part of Tejral's job is the bathrooms. Covid has not affected or made her job that much harder. She has to follow the students and wipe the door knobs down and light switches. They were doing this before, but now they have to do it more often.

The easiest part of the job is seeing the kids. Saying hello to a kid and seeing that kid smile just makes the day. Not all the children have the best home life and if she can let them know that someone is thinking of them it makes it worth coming to school everyday. Tejral loves watching the students mature and grow.

Some of what she would change is the look of some of the classrooms. To freshen them up adds a little color and make things look more personal. This helps make sure that the kids want to be here and not think of it as a jail. She also would want to change the kid's attitude. Sometimes the respect the kids don't have for the staff needs some work.