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## A Most Unusual Parting Gift

Mike Riley, retired language arts teacher at Timberlane, with his parting gift to the school: a larger-than-life-sized, chainsaw carving of the school mascot, the timber wolf.

Riley, who spent half of his 32 ½ years in Hopewell Valley at the middle school, commissioned the wolf as a gift to the school community for "everything they did for me over the years." The wolf, carved from poplar and standing sentry today in the school main lobby, was carved by Artisans of the Valley, a Hopewell Township custom furniture company co-owned by former Riley student Eric Saperstein.

Riley is shown here with 8th graders David Kilstein, far left, and Tom Hageman.



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