

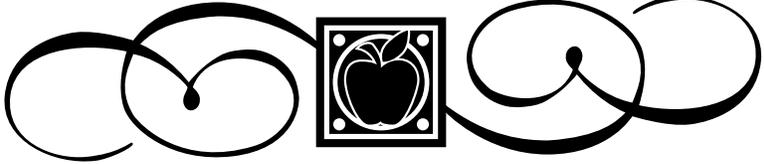


*Good Apple
Award*



Wichita Public Schools
Spring 2021

Good Apple Award

A decorative flourish consisting of two large, symmetrical scroll-like shapes on either side of a central square frame. Inside the square frame is a stylized apple with a stem and leaf.

The Wichita Public Schools Board of Education is proud to recognize the Spring 2021 Good Apple Award honorees and thank them for their dedication to our students and our district.

The Board established this award program 39 years ago and allows schools and administrative support centers to select and recognize employees, volunteers and partners who provide exemplary service and support our mission.

School principals provided these brief excerpts from their Good Apple recipients' nomination materials.

For more information about the Wichita Public Schools Good Apple Award program, visit www.usd259.org/goodapple.

Districtwide Partner Good Apples

The following Good Apples are being recognized for their work in support of the entire district.

Rob Dickson

Information Services and Technology
Chief Information Officer

Rob has done an amazing job staying student-focused throughout the pandemic. He created the opportunity for every student in 259 to have equitable access to devices and internet. Rob brought in new ed tech team leaders to enhance the district's PD. He is innovative and has a heart for kids!

Laurie Smith

Library Media Specialist
School Service Center

On behalf of the elementary librarians, we would like to recognize all the time, effort, and work that Laurie Smith has put forth for the librarians of 259. Laurie has been a shining example of how to adapt to the changing times. She has gone above and beyond to fully support us.

NUTRITION SERVICES LEADERSHIP TEAM

School Service Center

David Paul

Director

Grace Liss

Assistant Director

Kammie Anderson

Food Production Center Assistant Supervisor

David Crockett

Warehouse Tech Assistant

Jeff Falkner

Secondary Program Supervisor

Andrea Graham

Specialist, Dietitian

Karen Hanson

Finance & Technology Supervisor

Margueriette Hutchison

Secondary Program Assistant Supervisor

Richard Johnson

Warehouse & Delivery Supervisor

Adrea Katzenmeier

Elementary Program Supervisor

Julie Martin

Secondary Program Assistant Supervisor

Christian Miller

Food Production Center Supervisor

Kem Moore

Administrative Assistant

Vicki Schumacher

Technician

Andrew Terronez

Specialist, Chef

Lisa Wilkins

Financial Services Tech Assistant

Mary Wres

POS System Tech Assistant

This team was required to transition constantly throughout the pandemic to provide almost 3.35 million meals to Wichita area children. Their dedication to working the lengthy and changing schedules, while providing service with a smile, exemplifies their passion for their work and feeding kids.

DISTRICT COVID-19 VACCINATION TEAM

Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center

Kimber Kasitz

Director of Health, Homebound & Section 504 Services

Amanda Chance

Nurse, Senior High

Denise Diller

Amy Hampton

Nurses, Elementary

Shawn Nelson

Administrative Assistant

Jeanie Brenneman

Cindy Thorsell

Substitute Technicians

This team has worked tirelessly to rollout the distribution of Covid vaccines to WPS staff. Their system of surveying and scheduling employees was efficient and well thought out. At the point of service, everything runs smoothly from the scheduler, to the intake, to the vaccination itself.

District One Good Apples

Adams Elementary School

Esteban Aguilar
High Incidence Para

Wherever there’s a need, Esteban is always the first to jump in. This year he has substituted for all grades, in-person and remote, most often at a moment’s notice, never missing a beat. He is now supporting art, grades K-5, creating fun and engaging lessons and has developed a love of art in kids.

Mike Doom
Volunteer

When teachers were trying to navigate MSR, needing specific space to fit their computers, teaching materials, document camera & supplies, Mike Doom got busy. He built and donated 20 teacher desks with wheels that allow teachers to stand and easily move around. Thank you for your help and support!

Brooks Center for STEM and the Arts Magnet Middle School

Shemiqua Alvarez-Williams
Administrative Assistant

Shemiqua has become a shining beacon of excellence in her first year at Brooks. She has done outstanding in the distribution of Mifi’s, replacing Chromebooks, addressing calls about Teams log on issues, transportation needs, or other issues. Her positive attitude brings calm to the front office.

Sherry Silveous
Mixed Abilities Teacher

Sherry is doing incredible work in the Mixed Abilities classroom. Her students are always engaged and learning. As a direct result of her efforts, the students have shown incredible gains both academically and socially. Brooks is very fortunate to have her on staff.

East High School

Brenda Odgers
Department Chair

This past year, Brenda has gone above and beyond to meet the needs of our students with disabilities as well as the staff needs within the Special Ed department. She has juggled the demands of the IEP managers, paras and students in pursuit of an ever-changing target due to the Pandemic.

Gammon Elementary School	<p>MIXED ABILITIES K-2 TEAM Emma Schuette Mixed Abilities Teacher Angela Hubbard Jania Irving Josh Ornelas Mixed Abilities Paras</p>	<p>Our K-2 Mixed Abilities team at Gammon is amazing. Rather than seeing deficits in their students, this team chooses to see the potential in every student. They exhibit flexibility and problem-solving to ensure every child’s needs are met while receiving a quality education.</p>
	<p>Marlana Walker Second-Grade Teacher</p>	<p>Marla actively advocates for her students by offering additional help to student and family. Marlana voluntarily works through her lunch to build relationships with her students. Marlana is always available to her teammates and helps in any way that she can. She is a joy to work with.</p>
Gordon Parks Academy	<p>Kelly Baird Reading Interventionist</p>	<p>Kelly went above and beyond by doing whatever was needed for the success of all students this year. In January, we had to create another face-to-face classroom, she answered the call to teach a combination grade level class. She truly personifies patience, grace and flexibility!</p>
	<p>Janella Flynn Reading Interventionist</p>	<p>Our beloved JJ really stepped up to the plate and did whatever was needed for the success of all students this year. In January, we had to create another face-to-face classroom, she answered the call to teach a combination grade level class. GPA is truly a great place with her here!</p>
	<p>Alison Lebeda Instructional Coach</p>	<p>GPA would not have been able to get by without instructional coach, Alison! On top of providing extraordinary PD, she has helped in every way possible this year: subbing, problem-solving, providing tech support for staff, and so much more. Alison wears a super-hero cape to work every day!</p>
Information Services and Technology	<p>Cody Morris Product Support Technician</p>	<p>Cody is an outstanding resource with tremendous patience and positive attitude. He is continually pulled in multiple directions, but manages to keep up with the constant IT needs of multiple departments, even while staff worked remotely. His service is greatly appreciated. <i>Cody received his award from the School Service Center.</i></p>
Jackson Elementary School	<p>Jill Penna Fourth/Fifth-Grade Teacher</p>	<p>Jill not only does an outstanding job with her students, but she is a fantastic coworker. She is constantly finding innovative ways to support students’ learning and sharing her ideas with others. She intentionally develops relationships with her students and peers, offering support any way she can!</p>
	<p>Regina Roebuck Paraprofessional</p>	<p>Regina moved from a categorical classroom to support interrelated students this year and has embraced the change, striving daily to make connections and build relationships with some of our toughest students. She finds ways to meet each kid where they are, engage and encourage them to work hard!</p>

Jackson Elementary School	Jeremy Thomas Music Teacher	Jeremy is an outstanding music teacher but does so much more than teach music! While he strives to make learning fun, he also mentors struggling students, ensuring they feel safe and cared for. Any student at Jackson will tell you they absolutely love Mr. Thomas and think he's the "bee's knees!"
School Service Center	Michael Wares Security Officer	Officer Wares supports our goal of ensuring schools are trusted as safe places. He's an extremely valuable and trusted employee with a can do attitude. Directors and supervisors from multiple departments compliment Wares for providing excellent customer service throughout the ever changing pandemic.
Spaght Science and Communications Magnet Elementary School	IASIS CHRISTIAN CENTER Dr. William Vann Senior Pastor	Iasis Christian Center has been a significant support to our staff and students. The Center has helped with assisting our families with internet service, providing masks for our students, volunteering and meals for our staff. The donation effort from the Iasis Christian Center has been remarkable!
	SPAGHT PARAPROFESSIONALS Juanita Acosta Lili Berning Kandi Blue Felicia Bynum Perla Coyle Tiffany Garner Orpha Mora Hanna Nottingham Taneca Owens Lori Reynolds Gloria Sanders Debra Sellers Rosalind Smith Jennifer Turner Chelsea Waite Natalie Werner Paraprofessionals	Our paraprofessional team at Spaght is AWESOME! This flexible team has taken on new opportunities for teaching students in classrooms and has been a vital part to our success. Our paraprofessional team has been a positive force within our Spaght team and we would be lost without them.
Washington Accelerated Learning Elementary	Gabriella Collins Nurse	In what has been a most unique year due to COVID, Gabby has been a rock star! As our nurse, she has always made student and staff safety and health a priority but this year it required so much more of her. Each day brought a new challenge, and she tackled it with a positive attitude and a smile.

District Two Good Apples

Beech Elementary School	Pete Bastian Principal	Pete Bastian is exactly what you want in a boss/principal. His sense of humor, matched with his compassion, makes everyone feel special. As a leader, Pete encourages others to learn from their mistakes and is honest and transparent. You know he has your back and he inspires you to be your best.
	Brenda Willis Assistant Principal	As an assistant principal, Brenda Willis is a great team player and leader. She always has staff and students' best interests at heart and goes above and beyond to meet everyone's needs. Brenda is very quick to help out whenever she is needed and is very supportive of teachers and staff.
	BEECH DEVICE DEPLOYMENT TEAM Amber Janda Fifth-Grade Teacher and Site Technology Specialist Brenda Maldonado Sheila Roberts Kathryn Sargeant Administrative Assistants Kelsey Stehr Kindergarten Teacher and Site Technology Specialist Candice Sutton MTSS Facilitator	This team has done a wonderful job getting devices into the hands of our students in a timely manner. They have worked together trouble shooting tech issues, deploying devices, maintaining inventory and assisting families all in addition to performing their "regular" duties! Thanks Ladies!
Bostic Traditional Magnet Elementary	BOSTIC MIXED ABILITIES TEAM Misty Chenoweth Karla West Mixed Abilities Teachers Ronda Gilstrap Dana Hackney Aunessia Henderson Tanya Jones-Allen Paraeducators	Bostic Mixed Abilities Team is amazing! They lead the way in caring for our students with flexibility and patience. Thank you for the important work you do and the individualized focus you give our students. You make a big difference in the lives of our categorical learners!
Christa McAuliffe Academy	Rachel Chan Nurse	Rachel is exceptional in a normal year; this year she has demonstrated super human compassion and commitment in the face of extraordinary school safety challenges. Her smile is a constant reminder that things are going to be ok! CMA is not only more safe, but we are better because she serves here!
	Angela Masterson Elementary Teacher/Site Technology Specialist	The idea of moving 1 to 1 with technology is great in theory, making it happen is another matter. Angela has deployed, repaired, and work-ordered her way into and out of more technology jams than one can possibly imagine this year! From computer bags to projector bulbs, Angela does it all!

Christa McAuliffe
Academy

Lori Patton
Middle School Teacher/
Site Technology Specialist

Lori is our resident iPad expert all around ray of sunshine. She is quick to respond to staff needs and will support her colleagues even if it means dropping what she is doing to be of help to others. Her work in supporting our technology deployment has been a life saver.

Coleman Middle School

**COLEMAN'S BUILDING
LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Brian Anderson
Science Content Team
Leader

Wendi Appelhans
Seventh-Grade Co-Team
Leader

Catherine Arellano
AVID Co-Coordinator

Samuel Belsan
Eighth-Grade Co-Team
Leader

Jonathan Belsan
Social Studies Team
Leader, Seventh-Grade
Co-Team Leader, AVID
Co-Coordinator

Monica Chandler-Potts
Student Support Service
Administrative Liaison

Erin Comer
Exploratory Team Leader

Jennifer Garretson
ESOL Team Leader

Lindy Kralicek
ELA Content Team Leader,
Sixth-Grade Team Leader

Maricela Lopez
Eighth-Grade Co-Team
Leader, Math Content
Team Leader, Family
Engagement
Co-Coordinator

Jennifer Monaghan
MTSS Instructional Coach

Jennifer Peterson
Special Education Team
Leader

Stephanie Renfro
Data Leader, Site
Technology Specialist

Jane Vachal
Restorative Practice Team
Leader

Coleman's BLT is one in a million. They truly are servant leaders. They each remain strong for their teams and lend a helping hand whenever it's needed. They rise to the occasion every single day and are there for their teams to help solve a problem or just listen. They are very much appreciated!

Coleman Middle School	Kim Presley Counselor	Ms. Presley’s scheduling skillset is invaluable. She works tirelessly to ensure students are in the right classes and that our schedule is safe for all stakeholders. Despite the constant stressors from pivoting, she always perseveres and gets the job done. She truly is deserving of this award!
	Guadalupe Weixelman Math Teacher	She cares so much about her coworkers and students. She really shines with her students. Her students know how much she cares for them and she is able to create such great relationships. She has truly captured their hearts. Her former students still talk about how great she is as a teacher.
College Hill Elementary School	Deidre McCarty Fourth-Grade Teacher	Deidre has been instrumental in helping to put together our daily announcements and monthly assemblies via live Team events. All the while she has been a remote teacher, starting the year with a combined 4th/5th grade class. She is always available to help others with their remote teaching.
	Robert Poole Long Term Guest Teacher	Bob has been a fabulous guest teacher. He has worked several times through the years here and this year has been an interrelated teacher for the duration. Bob has a fantastic relationship with students and staff. He is creative in finding ways to help the students grow and learn.
	Paula Stanley Nurse	Paula is very conscientious and devoted to keeping students and staff safe. She is our go to person when we have questions about COVID protocol. Paula spends many hours calling families and even staff to explain the procedures to them. All of us at The Hill are grateful for the work that she does.
Hyde Int’l Studies/Comm. Magnet Elementary	Hanna Collins Librarian Substitute	In the middle of a difficult year, Hanna accepted a long-term position with an amazing attitude and willingness to learn about MSR, Know Your World and everything that goes with being a librarian. She’s shown her commitment to excellence and care for children throughout her time to Hyde.
	Sheena Ellis Substitute	Mrs. Ellis joined our team as a para, then a student-teacher, and now supports our school as a long term substitute. Sheena supports our school’s vision and is an incredible addition to our staff. She loves what she does, and we are so thankful she chose Hyde.
	Greta Siemens Art Teacher	This year Ms. Siemens volunteered to teach not only her art classes, she is teaching additional music, PE, and library classes, too. Greta has found her niche wearing so many hats, and she’s doing an amazing job at it! We are grateful for her and her positive outlook and willingness to help our kids.

Minneha Core Knowledge Elementary School	Angelique Badgett Second-Grade Teacher	Angelique models the true understanding of standards and spends countless hours creating lessons and assignments that are standard and scaled based for students. She inspires her students to learn through core knowledge rich project based lessons that are rigorous and engaging.
	Deb Fagg First-Grade Teacher	Deb Fagg goes above and beyond for her students with no hesitation. She makes every moment teachable whether it be to teach kindness, self-help or academics. She builds a strong classroom community and instills values and practices that will make students successful problem solvers for life.
Price-Harris Communications Magnet Elementary	Kirby Daetwiler Fifth-Grade Teacher	Mr. Daetwiler has the ability to connect with quiet students who may otherwise go unnoticed. He uses his knowledge, personal interests, and often his own lunchtime to forge relationships with students and create a unique culture of acceptance and inclusivity.
	Sharla Hamilton Prekindergarten Paraeducator	Sharla is quick to volunteer help to any staff, assist with projects around the building and works extra hours beyond her contract time to the benefit of everyone here. She created tons of academic materials, assists with bulletin boards, and continuously learns to improve her students' experiences.
	Amy Kuttler ESOL Paraeducator	Amy is an all-around team player who is willing to step up to any challenge, even if it is outside of her normal duties. Her hard work ethic is valued and she gives unconditional commitment to students and staff. We are honored to have Amy part of our team!
Robinson Middle School	Kitty Wilson Mixed Abilities Teacher	"Miss Kitty" has been the one teacher with kids all year long. She has led her team of paras and support staff to provide a safe, caring, and intellectually challenging environment for some of our students with the most special of needs. She is an inspiration to all of us.
Seltzer Elementary School	Sara Batchelder 5th-Grade Teacher	Sara has taken on the role of STS this year and hasn't looked back! She has gone out of her way to meet the needs of our staff as we have had to learn new computers and TEAMS! Sara beautifully organized and oversaw the deployment of devices for every Seltzer student. Sara is truly dynamic!
	Annie Friend 4th-Grade Teacher	Annie has taken on the role of STS this year and has knocked it out of the park! She organized and oversaw deployment of hundreds of devices. She has patiently been there for the Seltzer staff as we have needed her in our learning of this new Microsoft Teams world! Annie is truly amazing!

Seltzer Elementary School	Robin West Nurse	Robin is a dynamic school nurse! Robin has worked tirelessly this school year meeting the demands of Covid. She is committed to the health and safety of our students and staff. The Seltzer staff is forever grateful for her hard work this year in keeping the Seltzer community safe!
Southeast High School	CREDIT UNION OF AMERICA Shelley Morehead Construction Manager	Shelley Morehead with Credit Union of America is an outstanding community partner. Through her hard work and expertise, Southeast High School gratefully welcomed a Keeper of the Plains in February of 2021. We are thankful to Shelley and CU of A for this generous donation to beautify our campus.
	SIMPSON CONSTRUCTION SERVICES Eric Sherman Project Manager	Southeast is extremely grateful to Simpson Construction and Eric Sherman for their generous donation of the foundation for our Keeper of the Plains. In the freezing cold, Eric helped us select the perfect location then excavated, built the mold, poured the concrete, and installed our Keeper.
	Rachel Smith Interrelated Math Teacher	Rachel Smith's passion and dedication for students, staff, and Southeast is superior. She knows all 40+ bus drivers by name, is always willing to work with her fellow special education teachers to provide help and support, and forms amazing bonds with students inside and outside of the classroom.

District Three Good Apples

Alvin E. Morris Administrative Center	Nicole Heizelman Employee Health and Disability Technician	Nicole has become an expert in COVID: data collection, quarantine protocols, the FFCRA process and the District's decision to continue like benefits beyond the December 2020 expiration. She has been at the COVID forefront in implementing best practices and also balancing her regular workload.
	Patrick "PJ" Reilly Teaching Specialist, Career and Technical Education	PJ played an important role in the district's launch of the Airbus Flying Challenge and Future Ready Center. This exciting program will allow students to build and fly in a two-seat airplane that will eventually be sold. PJ invested countless hours behind the scenes ensuring things went smoothly.
Anderson Elementary School	Penny Blattner Instructional Coach	Mrs. Blattner serves in many capacities at Anderson. On top of her normal duties of facilitating PD, coaching teachers, and working with students, she has helped lead conferences during teacher absences, taught in classrooms, and prepared lesson plans for long-term substitutes on multiple occasions.
	Gina Pearch Behavior Specialist	Ms. Pearce helps meet the various academic & behavioral needs of our students. She can be found facilitating restorative circles, sensory integration, as well as academic interventions with students. The growth of each student is evident due to her efforts.

Caldwell Elementary School	Morgan Friesen Third-Grade Teacher	Ms. Friesen has surpassed all the expectations a parent could have for a teacher. She is the type of teacher that leaves a positive mark on a student for a lifetime. Ms. Friesen, we thank you for being an amazing teacher and an overall kind soul to every single child in your classroom.
	Jasmine Jackson Fifth-Grade Teacher	There are few teachers who better exemplify the process of forging meaningful relationships with their students as Jasmine Jackson. This year I have watched those skills transform high flight, high incident, low performance students into excellent young minds. Her kids love to be in her class!
	Sheila Marcellus Kindergarten Teacher	Sheila is a wonderful colleague at Caldwell. She has stepped up to teach different grade levels for each semester this year to help the changing numbers in Kindergarten and 1st grade. Sheila never hesitates to jump in and give her all to the Caldwell community. Thank you, Sheila, for all you do!
Clark Elementary School	Meredith McCoy Physical Education Teacher	Meredith's support for students and staff reflects in her great attitude and willingness to help. Her creativity has made this year and this new style of learning and teaching less stressful and balanced. Her lessons are simple, easy to follow, and balanced between fitness, standards and skills.
	Tracy O'Dell Second-Grade Teacher	Tracy is truly an asset to our grade level team. She has been an essential member in creating engaging and effective online resources and lessons for our remote students. Tracy has been positive, creative and dedicated to finding solutions to best support students.
	Melinda Ross First-Grade Teacher	Ms. Ross supports, appreciates and mentors teachers. She purchases supplies to motivate and engage students' learning. Through encouragement, the students and parents are in front of the computer participating in every lesson. Even with the stress and challenges facing us, Ms. Ross brings a smile!
Colvin Elementary School	Jamie Crawford 4th-Grade Teacher	Jamie is the type of teacher that has the "gift" of teaching, the ability to truly light up the classroom with inspiration, and this is rare. She is a dedicated educator who constantly works to improve her teaching skills, while connecting with students, colleagues, and their families.
	Bailey Gutzmer 4th-Grade Teacher	Bailey's attention to detail and knowledge of learning is elite. She takes time to get to know all her students and uses that information to provide the best for them. She keeps communication open with families, always tries to find solutions to improve, and serves our building proudly.

Colvin Elementary School	Gary Osborne Night Lead Custodian	Gary is the best custodian a school could ask for. He does his regular duties and then some. He is always there to lend a helping hand and always with a smile. He takes every task, no matter how small, seriously and puts pride in all he does. Our building is a safe and clean place because of him.
Curtis Middle School	Rosie Donohoe Librarian	Throughout this challenging year, Rosie has stepped up to help whenever needed. Whether it is computer deployment, helping students with technology, administering the KELPA test, offering books online, or helping categorical students on Wednesday afternoons, Rosie has graciously done it all.
	Kerry Haley Nurse	During a pandemic you want team members who understand the mission and who are ready to step up to do what is needed to help. Kerry has been lockstep in tracking, notifying, and keeping a million balls in the air all at once when it comes to COVID! Our hats are off to her for keeping us safe!
	Miriam Rodriguez Paraprofessional	Who has a cheerful smile, is always willing to help and continually works to challenge her students while accommodating their needs? Miriam, that's who! She is a fan favorite with teachers and students alike! Thank you for being a positive leader with everyone you work with! You are indeed a good apple.
Gardiner Elementary School	Owen Berry Relief Custodian	This guy is one of one. They threw the mold away when they made Owen. He takes ENORMOUS pride in his work and has been one of the best custodians Gardiner has ever had. Although he is a relief custodian, he treats the staff and students like we are HIS school. He is like the Mike Trout of Gardiner!
	Terin Johnson First-Grade Teacher	Terin makes a huge difference for the Gardiner community. In just her second year, Terin demonstrates leadership, perseverance, and wisdom for her first graders and teammates. Her remote classroom has become a learning powerhouse through a special blend of high expectations, love, and kindness!
	Audra Krueger Fourth-Grade Teacher	Audra is a 1st year teacher that has a kind heart and loving soul for each and every student and coworker in her classroom. A DCTA semi-finalist, Audra always finds a way to keep her diverse group of students engaged, motivated and learning. Gardiner is very lucky to have an amazing teacher like her!

Griffith Elementary School

MSR TEACHERS

Jennifer Birdsall
Fourth-Grade Teacher
Cherylyn Bohannon
Third-Grade Teacher
Megan Chamberlain
First-Grade Teacher
Kathryn Janzen
Art Teacher
Cassandra Mann
Second-Grade Teacher
Ada May
Music Teacher
Dana Moore
Kindergarten Teacher
Tiffany Nguyen
Physical Education
Teacher
Joanne Povall
Interrelated Teacher
Grace Rucker
Fifth-Grade Teacher
Donna Wilson
Librarian

Griffith MSR teachers have faced unprecedented times and challenges this year. They have demonstrated their commitment to public education and students are safer and more connected due to their efforts. They have shown a willingness to confront the unknown with patience and a positive attitude.

Harry Street Elementary
School

HARRY SPECIALS TEAM

Noelle Beougher
Christine Moose
Music Teachers
Shane Mitchell
Jackie Tabor
Physical Education
Teachers
Monica Morris
Art Teacher
Jessica Schmidt
Library Teacher

The specials team at Harry Street is the definition of cohesive. They are each other's and the school's greatest cheerleaders. They stay positive and try to lift the entire staff up when they sense they are needing a boost. They are always willing to step in, when we need an extra hand.

Courtney Maddux
Third-Grade Teacher

Courtney is constantly assessing herself and looking for ways to hone her art of teaching. She sees every challenge as an opportunity for growth as a person and as a teacher. She regularly acts as a sounding board, a leader, and a cheerleader for the entire staff of Harry Street.

Lori Pierce
First-Grade Teacher

Lori is an exceptional teacher. She is constantly pushing her students to depths unknown. She always has a smile on her face and shows her students tons of love and compassion. She has worked quickly and efficiently this year to maximize instruction to positively impact student growth.

Jardine STEM and Career
Exploration Magnet
Middle Academy

**JARDINE CAFETERIA
TEAM**

Arenetta Wooley
Cafeteria Supervisor
Elvia Figueroa Loera
Rosa Hermosillo
Karla Morales
Cafeteria Aides

Being new to Jardine, Ms. Arenetta and her crew have done a fabulous job adjusting to a new building with grace and smiles. They have truly become a part of our Jardine family. We appreciate their hard work providing meals to our students, families and staff. Thank you for all you do!

Angelica Hileman
Substitute Teacher

Angelica Hileman has become a true member of the Jardine family. As a long-term substitute teacher, she joined our ELL team this school year. Her commitment to her students and her team is evident as Angelica often goes above and beyond the call of duty. Jardine is proud to call her one of our own.

Jefferson Elementary
School

Chelcie Haase
School Nurse

Chelcie is the example of a dedicated nurse. COVID made this a trying year. Chelcie continues to advocate, care and educate staff, students and families on how to stay safe and healthy. She's always "on call," and is actively involved in giving COVID vaccines to WPS staff and the community.

Kim Sanborn
Intervention Teacher/First
Grade Teacher

Kim gives 100% of herself to Jefferson every day! Kim jumped into 1st grade this year with a few days' notice. She has embraced all this year's challenges along the way with a smile on her face. She has high expectations, her students feel safe, and she holds them accountable with so much grace.

Cierra Sauls
School Counselor

Cierra is a wonderful person to work with and is known by all as a trusted adult! My students always say she is helpful, nice, listens, is trustworthy and has fun lessons she brings into the classroom. She's a positive upbeat person when it is needed most and is always willing to lend a helpful hand.

Linwood Elementary
School

Lori Fonken
Paraeducator, Special
Education High Incidence

Lori donates her personal time and resources to make sure the students get what they need to be successful. Lori works endlessly behind the scenes to make sure students are successful. Lori continuously seeks lessons and resource to help students learn a concept when they are struggling.

Tiffani Knowles
Fifth-Grade Teacher

Tiffani teaches a fifth-grade class and creates a learning environment that is high energy and caring. It really shows how much her students trust her that she shows them true care. She often has innovative ideas not only for her class but for the staff as well.

**LINWOOD VOCAL MUSIC
TEAM**

Persis Lugalía
Lynn Reynolds
Vocal Music Teachers

Due to the pandemic and the different ways we must teach now, Lynn and Persis have done an excellent job in finding lessons that are adaptable online to teach their music standards. They have great relationships with their students and are always looking for new ways to teach their music lessons.

District Four Good Apples

Allison Traditional Magnet Middle School	Susie Fisher Social Studies Teacher	She is the educator who always sees the best in a student, who always knows the important details of their lives and who will have them achieving more than you ever thought possible. She has an unerring ability to see through an issue to the root of the problem, so staff benefit from her gifts too.
	Kelli Rappard English Language Arts Teacher	She excels at planning meaningful lessons and differentiates for student's needs and interests. Not to mention she makes all class time fun while holding students accountable in her coffee shop style classroom. She builds strong relationships and students have something to look forward to each day.
	Janet Richardson Paraeducator	She is a strong advocate for students! She works endlessly on building relationships and collaborating with staff to meet the needs of students. She holds students to a higher standard because she works to draw out their true potential. She always has the student's best interest at heart!
Cessna Elementary School	Josh Drouhard Physical Education Teacher	Josh was a wonderful addition to the Cessna family last year. He took PE teacher to a new level by being the Remote PE Teacher. Josh keeps up his enthusiasm for the remote kids and works very hard not to reuse the same lessons over. It is so fun to hear him teaching kids from his office!
	FIRST MENNONITE BROTHERS CHURCH Rhonda Heerey	First Mennonite Brethren Church runs a well-attended Bible Club (pre-COVID). During COVID they have found ways to continue their kids ministry at Cessna through the mail! They go above and beyond for our staff - kind gifts, conference dinners, you name it! Our staff are so appreciative!
	Taralynn Washington Special Education Teacher	Taralynn is committed to going above & beyond IEP minutes, making sure students are successful & treated with dignity & respect. She's a wonderful teammate; always contributing to discussions & giving ideas for the classroom. Thank you for being a part of Cessna & making it a better place for all!
Enders Leadership and Community Service Magnet	Ashlie Dennis MTSS Facilitator	Ashlie is a champion for all teachers. She goes above and beyond to support and encourage staff as they design plans to support and nurture our Enders Leaders. Through diving into targeted standards and exploring best practices, she helps our students soar! We are thankful for her passion and expertise.
	Michelle Hardy Special Education Paraprofessional	Michelle is a fantastic asset to our Enders Team. She has a strong commitment to student learning and growth, as well as unwavering compassion and patience when working with children. It is a blessing to have someone in our classroom who can provide a sense of stability and certainty for our students.

Enders Leadership and Community Service Magnet	Caitlin Linck Mixed Abilities Teacher	Caitlin brings an enormous amount of knowledge, expertise and know how. She incorporates innovative ideas and resources into her classroom and provides her students with dynamic academic, social, behavioral, and life skills experiences. Her students have grown leaps and bounds due to her dedication.
Franklin Elementary School	Robert Tinker Interrelated Teacher	Bob is a connector! He mentors students and is a big picture thinker, working to help kids be successful...not just in school, but in life. He cares about students and their academic, social, and emotional wellbeing. He advocates for the needs of students and thinks outside the box to seek solutions
	Curtis Wilson Second-Grade Teacher	Curtis Wilson is an amazing teacher who makes wonderful connections with students, staff, and parents. During the full remote shutdown due to COVID, Curtis drove to the Franklin parking lot EVERY day to use the WIFI so that he could continue to connect with families and access his PD sessions.
Hamilton Middle School	HAMILTON COUNSELING CREW Leigh Kasper Kendra Luna Counselors	Leigh Kasper and Kendra Luna developed our Remote Royalty Program to increase student engagement during remote instruction. We have teachers getting pied, slimed, and wearing mascot costumes all in the name of student achievement! These ladies bring energy, laughter, and fun to Hamilton.
	Samantha (Sami) Rieschick ELA Teacher	Sami is a great teacher who works diligently to get to know her students and learn how to support them. She keeps learning fun and goes above and beyond to communicate with parents, students, and advocacy teachers how to help students to be successful. She bring so much joy to Hamilton!
Kelly Liberal Arts Academy	Deborah Rockhoff Paraprofessional	Deb is a new member of the Kelly family this year but has quickly become a significant part. She is kind, considerate, relatable and extremely positive. She goes above and beyond to meet students' needs. We are lucky to have Deb on our team.
	Melissa Wait Kindergarten Teacher	Melissa Wait is a fabulous teacher who always puts her students' needs above her own. Due to many changes this year, Melissa was willing to step outside her comfort zone and teach remotely. She continues to support her team even though she is teaching remotely and we are so grateful!
	Melissa Zimmerman STS Para	Melissa has been outstanding this year by going above and beyond her normal workday for students, staff, and families troubleshooting technology needs. Melissa has become an expert when it comes to tackling impossible tasks with a positive attitude. We are so grateful to have her on our team.

South High School	<p>SOUTH INTERVENTION SPECIALISTS Daniel Alonso Hernandez Robert Lacy Hank Lawski Thsombe Phillips Intervention Specialists</p>	<p>Student success drives this team. Their goal is to make sure students have everything they need to perform academically- from home visits, providing class materials, and they take the time to build relationships that our students need to be successful. Failure is not an option at South!</p>
	<p>Roy Fox Automotive-Collison Repair Teacher</p>	<p>Roy scraped and prodded all available resources to make his program into one of the best auto body programs. He acquired industry-recognized equipment and facilities from a mixing booth to a full functioning spray booth. He has given online students one of the best online learning experiences available.</p>
	<p>Mallory Padilla Social Worker</p>	<p>Mallory is always there to support the South Community. She demonstrates good ethical practices and has a caring spirit witnessed by all. She encourages mutual trust and support between staff by helping as needed. She always wants our SPED department to be the best and works to help achieve that goal.</p>
Truesdell Middle School	<p>Brandi Bookout Site Technology Specialist/Library Clerk</p>	<p>Ms. Bookout has been truly amazing this year. Her expertise with technology, organization, and hard work have helped all staff, students and families stay connected this school year. We appreciate all that she does.</p>
West High School	<p>MASTER SCHEDULE TEAM Christie Ramsey Assistant Principal Claudia Griffith Head Counselor Ashley Lyons Sheneta Ross Jill Terhune Counselors Amanda Stephenson Registrar</p>	<p>This group of professionals worked their magic to create, schedule and manage the master schedule through all the ins and outs of the COVID pandemic. A high school master schedule is complex to begin with but to create one for face-to-face and one for remote in a condensed time frame is amazing.</p>
	<p>Scott Kersten Site Technology Specialist</p>	<p>This has been a tough year on all site technology specialists as they have had to remove inventory, add inventory, check out computers to staff and students, repair computers and continually monitor all the normal tech demands. Scott shows up every day and we appreciate his dedication to West High!</p>
	<p>Jacob Wilken Journalism</p>	<p>Mr. Wilken has lead his students to new places during this pandemic. He has found unique ways for his student journalists to reach out to the West community sharing all types of helpful information. Mr. Wilken is a wonderful mentor, advocate and passionate educator and we are glad he is a Pioneer.</p>

Woodman Elementary School

Evelyn Lopez
ESOL Para

Evelyn is an invaluable asset to our Woodman Family. She works hard to support all teachers and students, and helps to build relationships with families by translating for our Spanish speaking families. We couldn't do it without her.

Mikayla Stoffel
Para

Mikayla has helped teachers both in face-to face-classes and remote classes but is unique to specials. She has been available to cover in emergency situations with the lack of subs and does a great job. Students love her and her positive presence in the classroom and she instantly puts others at ease

Brianna Woodruff
Para

Brianna has many hats in the building. She builds strong relationships with students, she is kind and compassionate, hardworking, supportive of adults, and will do anything that is asked of her, She is amazing and we are glad to have her at Woodman!

District Five Good Apples

Benton Elementary School

Anna Briones
Interrelated Teacher

Miss Anna is an exemplary special education teacher who demonstrates the utmost patience and love toward her students, even in the most challenging of circumstances. She sees the potential in all her kids and is committed to helping them make progress into the people she knows they can be.

Amy Ledy
Physical Education Teacher

Amy Ledy is an outstanding physical ed teacher not only committed to a quality experience for all students but just as committed to assisting our entire building with her caring leadership skills. Ms. Ledy is always willing to step in, help others, create and problem solve for the good of everyone.

Vianca Neal
Administrative Assistant

Vianca Neal puts top notch customer service into every interaction, phone call and a variety of other demanding needs asked of our front office. This year has brought many changes and challenges to her role and she has handled each day with grit, quality work and a beautiful smile on her face.

Black Traditional Magnet Elementary School

INTERRELATED TEACHERS
Kelly Base-Simpson
Second/Third-Grade
Maria Boceso
Kindergarten/First Grade
Michelle Harger-West
Fourth/Fifth-Grade

The Interrelated Team at Black Traditional Magnet has been outstanding through their work with students on-site and online. Maria, Kelly and Michelle have stepped up to assist colleagues with questions, cover classes, compile supporting data and always keep students first. Thank you, team!

Peggy Glass
Head Custodian

Peggy Glass is an amazing building manager! She works diligently to maintain a safe and clean environment for all students, staff and community members. Peggy has exceeded the expectations during a global pandemic in keeping us all healthy. Her dedication is top-notch, we love having you at BTM!

Hadley Middle School	Melissa Baysinger Mixed Abilities Teacher	Melissa goes above and beyond as the Special Ed team lead. She invests time and energy to help all SPED teachers and CST members have what they need to do the best job for kids. Melissa has a huge heart for students and advocates and does everything in her power to provide the best education for ALL.
	HADLEY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL TEAM Beau Bedore Kim O'Reilly Assistant Principals	Beau and Kim are a dynamic duo. They have really stepped up during this pandemic and provided leadership and levity to make students and staff feel comfortable during these changing times. They have brought joy and enthusiasm to the morning announcement videos and students and staff enjoy their humor!
	Marsha Salerno Librarian	Ms. Salerno has dedicated 30 years of service to WPS. She has worked diligently to ensure that student literacy is at the forefront of everyone's minds. She is always warm, welcoming and ready to help students through her role as a librarian. Ms. Salerno will be missed as she moves into retirement.
Kensler Elementary School	Michelle Johnson Site Technology Specialist	As our building STS, Michelle worked countless hours making sure staff and students had access to technology throughout the regular school year as well as during pivoting learning models. We appreciate all of her hard work!
	Denise McHugh Paraprofessional	From co-teaching in remote and in person classes to delivering supplies to students. She has done it all this year while learning the new technology as well as taking college courses herself. Thanks for all you do for Kensler students!
Lawrence Elementary School	Becky Fargo Reading Intervention	With 5th grade MSR numbers in the 30's we called on Becky to teach a second 5th grade class. Nervous at first, (being the Reading Intervention teacher), she took on the challenge and has accomplished things this year she doubted she could do. Love your positive attitude and outstanding effort.
	Michael Johnson ESOL Teacher	Flexible, dependable, dedicated, passionate about kids is how Michael is described by his colleagues. From ESOL teacher, to substitute teacher to K/1 combo teacher he has done it all this year with a smile on his face focused on what is best for kids. Blessed he is on team Lawrence!
	Ann Oliver Social Worker	Thank you, Ann, for your patience, the valuable connections you have with our families, sharing your view points and thoughts during difficult conversations or meetings. Your calm presence is appreciated as is you dedication to Lawrence. So glad you are on team Lawrence!

Mayberry Cultural and Fine Arts Magnet Middle School

SEL CURRICULUM TEAM
Allison Carson
Social Emotional Learning Curriculum Team Lead
Alexandra Brasko
Alexandra Carbajal
Lauren Coston
Samantha Vohs
Social Emotional Learning Curriculum Team

This team has made amazing lessons for Advocacy class! The teachers have raved about these lessons and the kids have loved them! This team has helped take additional planning stress off of the teachers and also supported the students social emotional health! We are so grateful for all their work!

McCollom Elementary School

Jamie Mude
Speech Pathologist

Jamie has been inspiring in her resolve all throughout the pandemic. She is fun, patient, and kind and always makes herself available to others. Jamie brings joy to her colleagues' faces. She spends time getting to know and understand all of her students she sees. She is a role model to all!

Paula Scheuffele
Nurse

Nurse Paula Scheuffele has a heart of gold! She has gone over and beyond to support our staff, students and families to ensure they are safe and healthy. She is very thorough and regularly checks in on everyone's well-being. She is often heard saying, "I love what I do, Do what I love."

Megan Spencer
Kindergarten/First-Grade MySchool Remote Teacher

Megan works diligently to ensure the success of her K/1 MSR Class. They have all been progressing joyfully, even with such a wide continuum of needs. She is a dynamic educator who spreads positivity each day.

Northwest High School

MIXED ABILITIES AND IN-TRANSIT PROGRAM PARAPROFESSIONAL TEAM
Miknedric Harper
Leonard Jackson
Deron Johnson
Lori Listerman
Deborah Lyons
Yalonda Manning
Beth Mills
Kara Robeson
Jonatan Sevilla Romero
Ronnie Shaffer
Stacy Trager
Kaylee Weldon
Kiohana Williams
Paraprofessionals

Adaptable: that's the best way to describe Northwest's para team that works with our highest need students. They've dealt with new technology, new students, a new learning style, and off-and-on remote learning. Regardless of the challenge, this team accepts it with unmatched compassion and dedication.

Ron Russell
English Teacher, Head Wrestling Coach, Head Track Coach, Assistant Cross Country Coach

As Northwest's do-everything teacher/coach, Ron Russell stepped up yet again to take over the wrestling program after the sudden passing of long-time colleague/head wrestling coach, Eric Prichard. Russell's dedication, selflessness and amazing work ethic impacts lives beyond their time as Grizzlies.

OK Elementary School	<p>Nicolle Herman Categorical Mixed Abilities - Elementary</p>	<p>Mrs. Herman is cherished and valued by her students on a daily basis. Her cheerful persistence and determination is astounding. Students absolutely love school and are growing in leaps and bounds due to Mrs. Herman’s determination. We truly appreciate the heroic and loving sacrifice she displays.</p>
	<p>Ronda Hutchinson School Nurse</p>	<p>Nurse Ronda is calm and confident as she works to keep students and staff healthy, safe and ready to learn! She puts in countless hours to ensure that parents and staff have the most updated information needed so children can continue to learn. We love and appreciate Nurse Ronda!</p>
	<p>Afton Lopez Administrative Assistant</p>	<p>Afton willingly took on the new challenge and responsibilities of administrative assistant. Learning her responsibilities as bookkeeper has been complicated at times, but she has overcome the challenge! Her performance, perseverance, flexibility and kindness towards others is evident and valued.</p>
Peterson Elementary School	<p>Tiffany Burkholder First-Grade Teacher</p>	<p>Tiffany is a dedicated educator. She ensures that her plans and their implementation meet the needs of all of her students. Tiffany also met the technology needs of all the staff and students at Peterson this year. She would help troubleshoot with parents with tech before referring to the help line.</p>
	<p>Jenna White Speech Language Pathologist</p>	<p>Jenna not only meets the needs of her speech language students but also takes the initiative to help problem solve around student behavior. She willingly shares and creates resources in order to set students up for success in the classroom.</p>
	<p>Judy Zimbelman Volunteer</p>	<p>Judy is dedicated to the success of Peterson students. She helped create and sustain a tutoring program for students this year at West Heights United Methodist Church.</p>
Wilbur Middle School	<p>Tim Elsen Eighth-Grade Science Teacher</p>	<p>Tim exemplifies what a dedicated teacher is all about. He is so innovative and amazing in his instruction. He is a leader at Wilbur and is respected by all. He is our Science Olympiad coach, recycling sponsor, E-gaming club sponsor, and team leader. We appreciate Tim for all his hard work.</p>
	<p>GRACEPOINT CHURCH Terry Johnson Pastor</p>	<p>We want to thank Pastor Terry Johnson of Gracepoint Church for his partnership with Wilbur Middle School. He has been so generous with donations to help Wilbur with supplies for our students and staff. He has also provided the Wilbur staff with lunches...thanks, Terry for your wonderful support.</p>

District Six Good Apples

Cloud Elementary School	Laura Broadfoot Kindergarten/First Grade MySchool Remote	Laura has shown grace, flexibility and tenacity this year. She has taught remotely and taken on a combo class mid-year. Regardless of the challenges, she has shown her huge heart for kids by always putting them first. Anyone would be lucky to have Laura in their sphere! She is amazing!
	Becky Janssen Librarian	Becky has improved our library in immeasurable ways! She incorporates grade level SRGs during her lessons, shares her love of books with students, and communicates and collaborates with teachers. When Becky walks through the door, the students say, "Yes! It's library time!" What could be better?
	James Quillen Kindergarten Teacher	James creates fun, engaging lessons while maintaining a calm classroom environment. He creates authentic relationships with each student and seeks ways to grow professionally to impact them. He is devoted to engaging families through his role as FE Coordinator. James makes us #CloudProud!
Earhart Environmental Magnet Elementary	Megan Belisle Kindergarten/First Grade MySchool Remote Instructor	Megan has willingly taken on a K/1 MSR class and embraced the ups and downs that comes with it. She spends countless hours to ensure all of her students are successful while also sharing ideas with her teammates. Thank you for the positive impact you have made on the Earhart staff and students.
	Randy McVay Physical Education Specialist	Mr. McVay has done a fantastic job of utilizing limited space creatively to keep our kids active and engaged during PE. Even with the restrictions this year, the kids still look forward to PE, love the activities he comes up with, and continue to work hard and have a great time in his class.
	Carol Young Paraeducator	Carol Young is the para that you need in all classrooms; inside and out. Her positive energy, laugh and love for teaching make her a huge asset. Carol co-teaches with ease and she brings so much life to lessons (even math)! Earhart's campus is stunning because of her green thumb and tireless effort.
Heights High School	Tania Brown Data Leader	Tania has worked tirelessly around highly restrictive criteria to make sure all students and staff are protected and safe throughout assessments this year. Tania has an incredible ability to see the big picture of all school systems.
	Matthew Kelly Digital Media Instructor	Since the beginning of athletics during the pandemic, Matt has been at every varsity event and tournament held at Heights, streaming and commentating the events. He has put together Network TV quality broadcasts that have garnered attention from fans across the State. He makes us WPS Proud.

Heights High School	Brandi Zirkel Nurse	Brandi has spent this year contacting parents/students about immunizations, COVID reports, contact tracing, keeping up with changing protocols, and staff communication. Brandi helps everyone in need even outside the school day and never misses a day of work. Brandi is simply amazing.
Horace Mann Dual Language Magnet	Leury Balcacer First-Grade MySchool Remote Teacher	Leury Balcacer, new to our school, took on the extreme challenge of teaching our 1st grade MSR students. She not only succeeded, she excelled. She formed meaningful relationships with her students through a screen, and has them eating out of her hand daily. They absolutely love her, and so do we!
	Kimberly Brocks Library Media Specialist	As Horace Mann’s librarian, Kimberly has done an outstanding job engaging students and families in the love of reading. Although she was unable to do all she’s done before COVID, she never ceased to show how much she cares for her students and promotes the love of literacy. We love and recognize her!
	Janet Ralston Middle School Interrelated Teacher	Janet exhibits dedication, commitment, success and charisma. Her contagious caring personality has made such a difference with our struggling students. She motivates her students to read, learn and never gives up on them. She lovingly goes the extra mile daily to help her co-workers and students.
Marshall Middle School	THE JUDSON’S Emily Judson Brandon Judson Marshall Parents	The Judson’s are great supporters of Marshall Middle School. The Judson’s bring treats to the building for the staff. They provide refreshments for Parent/Teacher Conferences. They also provide snacks and dinner for enrollment and the first and last week of school. They truly care for the staff.
North High School	Stephanie Carson Science Teacher	Stephanie puts all her time and effort into building the success of the Aviation Pathway. She has big goals for the program and works hard to make sure they are accomplished. She spends countless hours to make a difference in our students’ lives. She is an inspirational and motivating teacher!
	Marcillene Dover Science Teacher	Marcillene goes out of her way to help others. This year she provided multiple professional learning sessions for staff, made herself available to assist teachers and students before/ after school and during lunch, and has been an amazing mentor for new teachers sharing all of her ideas and lessons.

North High School	<p>NORTH HIGH CUSTODIAL TEAM Ricardo Cervantes Martinez Head Custodian Chris Portlock Night Lead Custodian Arturo Chairez Ana Sabas Francisco Sanchez Jonathan Von Fange Dwayne Walker Custodians</p>	<p>Our custodians do a great job supporting students and staff with our needs to have a safe and clean environment. They help with events and always lend a helping hand to any staff/student. Our custodians work hard all the time but have worked harder during COVID. We are lucky to have such a great team!</p>
Northeast Magnet High School	<p>Mary Alice Barger English Teacher</p>	<p>Mary Alice Barger has set the bar for online learning at our school. She is exceptionally creative and has managed to build outstanding relationships with students, including those who have never attended Northeast Magnet in person.</p>
	<p>Jennifer DeHoet Teacher</p>	<p>Ms. DeHoet is a tireless advocate for her students. Her depth of knowledge of them allows her to tailor every interaction to meet their personalized needs. Ms. DeHoet has high expectations of her students, and she consistently and lovingly mentors them to achieve great success.</p>
	<p>Lee Moore Night Lead Custodian</p>	<p>As our Night Lead Custodian, Mr. Moore is a vital asset to our building. He takes pride in his work and builds excellent relationships with staff. He also is great with the students of Northeast Magnet. We are very fortunate to have such a great team member on our staff.</p>
Park Elementary School	<p>Jennifer Roman Kindergarten Teacher</p>	<p>A parent nominated Mrs. Roman because she did a phenomenal job of communicating with them and challenging their son to continue to grow and set goals for improvement where needed. They say that they are the lucky winners this year by having Mrs. Roman as their son's remarkable teacher.</p>
Pleasant Valley Elementary School	<p>Christina Singer Kindergarten</p>	<p>Mrs. Singer is not only a gifted educator as demonstrated in her classroom; she is an amazing collaborator. She consistently reaches out to other professionals to problem solve, brainstorm, and provide resources for her students. Mrs. Singer is always looking for new ways to support her students.</p>
Pleasant Valley Middle School	<p>Dawn Befort Social Worker</p>	<p>Dawn Befort is a true hero at Pleasant Valley Middle School. No matter what the challenge or barrier is, Dawn always seems to find a way to provide the support our students and families need. We are very lucky to have her on our team and we don't know what we would do without her.</p>

Pleasant Valley Middle School

Jessica Trivisonno
Para

Jessica Trivisonno has been a fantastic addition to the Pleasant Valley Middle School staff. She jumped right in from the very first day of school. The support she provides both students and staff is truly amazing. Every teacher in the building wants Ms. Trivisonno to be their para.

Stucky Middle School

BLACK HISTORY MONTH TEAM
Gary Cooper
Social Studies Teacher
Aarian Tipton
Behavioral Health School Liaison

Aarion and Gary were instrumental in the organization and coordinating of activities for Black History Month at Stucky. Students took virtual field trips, created posters and music, researched historical events and famous African Americans. Student final projects show how engaged they were!

Heather Probbasco
Exploratory Teacher

Heather has gone above and beyond to make sure students feel welcome at Stucky. She works hard to make sure she has engaging lessons that are not only fun, but academic. A parent stated she appreciates that her son feels cared for and at ease because of the relationships Heather has built.

Woodland Health/Wellness Magnet Elementary

Jeff Arellano
Physical Education Teacher, Site Technology Specialist

New to the Pack, Jeff jumped right in without hesitation! He immediately began promoting our school's magnet theme, ensuring active play for students, teaching F2F/MSR, and taking on the enormous task this year of STS! He is a true rock star and we are thankful for his passion, expertise and positivity.

WOODLAND PARAPROFESSIONAL TEAM

Raegan Bailey
Assistant
Paraprofessional,
Special Education

Kayla Ferguson
Assistant
Paraprofessional, Title

Scott Griffitts
Paraprofessional

Barb Kucera
Paraprofessional, PREK

Mayra Lopez-Anima
Miriam Nunez Trejo
Assistant

Paraprofessionals, LRE

Eloisa Nunez
Paraprofessional, ESOL

Teresa Pennington

Jennifer Prekopa
Paraprofessionals, Special Education

This team has shown extreme professionalism this year in unprecedented circumstances. They have all put student-first no matter what the situation. Through all the challenges, they have persevered with a growth mindset and a positive outlook. They are trustworthy, supportive, and inspiring!

Woodland Health/
Wellness Magnet
Elementary

Marci Balevre
Kindergarten Teacher, Site
Technology Specialist

Marci is such a go-getter! She took on the massive task of STS this year and deployed resources to help ensure our students and families were prepared for remote learning. That in addition to teaching a My School Remote Kindergarten class this year makes her a true hero! Marci is amazing!

District At-Large Good Apples

Chester Lewis Academic
Learning Center | Wichita
Alternative High School

CHRISTMAS BAG TEAM
Amy Alvarez
College Career
Coordinator
Marcia Hansen
Special Education Teacher
Jan Mead
Amy Rishell
Science Teachers
Virginia Quincy
English Teacher
Dave Scherrer
Career and Technical
Education Teacher
Tiffany Springob
Nurse

While all staff participated with donations of cash, prizes, candy, clothing, personal items, blankets, socks and food for EACH student at Chester Lewis for the first Christmas Bag Event, these folks spearheaded the idea and lead the efforts to make it happen for the students and families.

Jake Baca
In School Suspension Para

While working in these unprecedented times it takes all hands on deck to make things happen! Jake has embraced this attitude and work effort by adjusting his “normal” responsibilities to help out around the building including subbing for teachers, tutoring and mentoring as well.

Dunlap Transition Campus
at Chisholm

Kevin Landis
Para

Kevin Landis is an exceptional para, mentor and counselor. He is a person of immense compassion and sensitivity to the needs of those with disabilities. Kevin personifies the Good Apple, and we are lucky to have him every day.

Kevin Loss
Teacher

Kevin has been unflinching in his resolve all throughout the pandemic. He is fun, patient, and humble. He makes himself available to others. He spends time outside of his day to make every effort to keep up with instructional strategies so he can use it in his classroom.

Thomas Szambecki
Teacher

Tom believes that all students can achieve their dreams of gaining meaningful and productive employment. Over the last five years, he has played a major role in USD 259’s Project SEARCH program where he has helped countless young people transition to a life of independence and success.

Greiffenstein-Wells
Alternative School

Tresea Armitage
Interrelated

Ms. Armitage’s student said, “I think Ms. Armitage is a Good Apple because she gives us chances. She is always patient. She makes it easy to learn. She believes in her students. She tells me it’s okay to be myself.”

Greiffenstein-Wells Alternative School	Carla Whitt Para Special Education High Incidence	Carla walks in every single day with a smile on her face and a positive attitude. She prioritizes our students' well-being and individual growth. Carla is a great role model for our students and staff members. She shows grace, consistency, and patience each and every day.
	GREIFFENSTEIN-WELLS THERAPY TEAM Erin Blow Barbara DeVries Regina Fairbank Tralana Jones Social Workers Amy Glendening Specialist Danielle White Counselor	The Therapy Team has put therapeutic interventions in place in all classrooms, with all students, several times each day. These include such activities as breathing, stretching, and restorative circles. The team has helped students to learn the skills they need to self-regulate and be successful!
Joyce Focht Instructional Support Center	Michele Azzarito Clerical VI	Michele is the first person you meet at ISC, and she is a wonderful and joyful person for all of our clients and families to meet. She helps so many different departments and does all of it with a smile. Our building is grateful for her commitment and continued support of all things 259.
	Ronda Schwab Clerical, Education Imagine Academy	Ronda is a wonderful employee of the district that has jumped in and helped our school-EIA-as the assessment and data coordinator. With the huge increase in numbers, and small staffing size, testing is laborious at all 13 grade levels. Her help and time has been invaluable!
Little Early Childhood Education Center	Tina Doering Special Education Teacher	Tina is a teacher extraordinaire! She flawlessly teaches both in-person and remote students every day. She is an extremely patient and positive teacher and works hard to make sure everyone in her room learns and is successful. We appreciate all the 'Little' ways she makes a BIG difference.



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