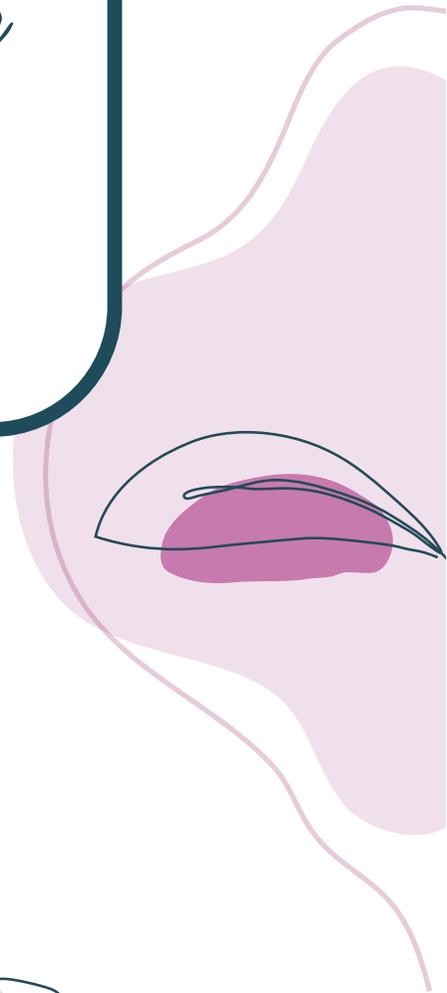
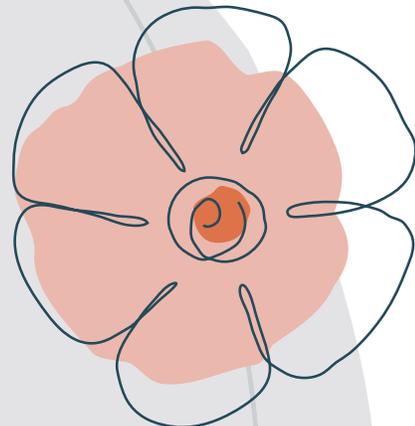
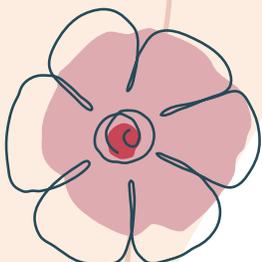
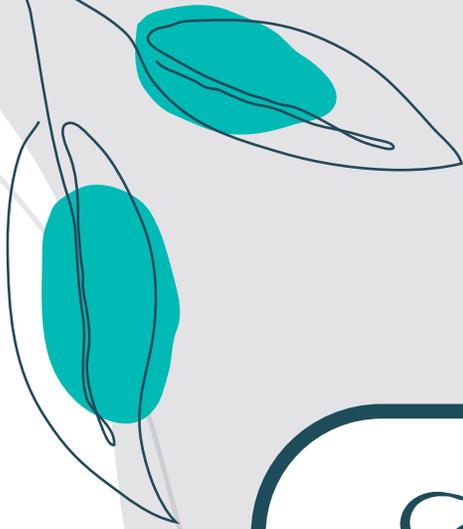


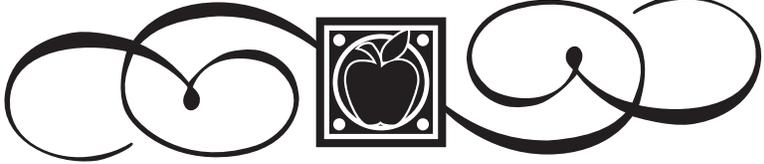
**Wichita Public Schools**  
Spring 2022

*Good Apple  
Award*





# Good Apple Award

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*The Wichita Public Schools Board of Education is proud to recognize the Spring 2022 Good Apple Award honorees and thank them for their dedication to our students and our district.*

*The Board established this award program 40 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](http://www.usd259.org/goodapple).*

## Districtwide Partner Good Apples

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

### THE COVID KANSAS WORKGROUP FOR KIDS

**Paul Teran, M.D., FAAP**

**Amy Seery, M.D., FAAP**

**Rebecca Reddy, M.D., FAAP**

**Kelli Netson, Ph.D.**

**Stephanie Kuhlmann, D.O., FAAP**

**Kari Harris, M.D., FAAP**

**Kimber Kasitz, BSN, RN, NCSN**

Creating a trusted safe school environment for students and staff is of paramount importance every day, and became even more critical during the pandemic. Members of the Kansas COVID Workgroup for Kids gave of their time freely in order to advise and guide district efforts during the last two difficult years. Our district is grateful for your leadership through adversity!

### THE WICHITA OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

**Josh Toepfer**

Electronic Technician

**Eric Metzger**

Forecaster

**Dustin Baca**

Electronic Technician

**Vanessa Pearce**

Forecaster

**Roger Martin**

Forecaster

**Rich Fallin**

Electronics Systems Analyst

**Ken Cook**

Meteorologist In Charge

**Kelly Butler**

Forecaster

**Jim Caruso**

Science and Operations Officer

**Mike Urban**

Information Technology Officer

**Janet Salazar**

Service Hydrologist

**Scott Smith**

Observation Program Leader

**Kimberly Sykora**

Administrative Support Assistant

**Kevin Darmofal**

Lead Forecaster

**Robb Lawson**

Lead Forecaster

**Mick McGuire**

Lead Forecaster

**Andy Kleinsasser**

Lead Forecaster

**Chris Jakub**

Forecaster

**Christian Williams**

Forecaster

**James Cuellar**

Forecaster

**Brad Ketcham**

Lead Forecaster

**Chance Hayes**

Warning Coordination

Meteorologist

The Wichita Office of the National Weather Service (NWS) provides an invaluable service to WPS. Having 24/7 access to NWS meteorologists and resources allows us to make the best decisions for our students, staff, and families. NWS staff is always very friendly and incredibly helpful. Thank you NWS!

## District One Good Apples

Adams Elementary School	<b>Julie Dewitt</b> Kindergarten Teacher	Julie Dewitt holds her Kindergarten students to high expectations, proving that they can achieve greatness with high structure and even higher expectations. Every student is empowered by Julie to ask questions, explore, and believe they can do anything they put their mind to.
	<b>PARA PROFESSIONALS TEAM</b> <b>Lisa Sandoval</b> <b>Lorena McClish</b> <b>Laura VanBurkleo</b> <b>Kaitlyn Bissell</b> <b>Shawntelle Johnston-Hutton</b> <b>Tiffani Bush</b> <b>Mark Krchnavy</b> <b>Jacqueline Murray</b> <b>Andy Dao</b> <b>Esteban Aguilar</b> <b>Victoria Monnier</b>	This team substituted in all grade levels, subjects and specials classes these past few years, often having to switch their schedules in a moment's notice. They support kids before school begins, and well after it ends each day. We appreciate all they do behind the scenes that keeps Adams running!
Brooks Center for STEM and the Arts Magnet Middle School	<b>Darcus Vernon</b> Paraeducator	Darcus has assumed the role of long-term substitute for our interrelated ELA classes. She stepped up to fill an unforeseen void without hesitation. Darcus is doing a wonderful job in maintaining the high expectations that we expect in the classroom. She is a team player.
	<b>Michelle Garrett</b> 6th Grade Math Teacher	Michelle has let her leadership light shine. She has done a fantastic job in assuming the Team Leader position for sixth grade second semester. Her classroom instruction is impressive and what she is doing with the team is matching that excellence. Our staff and students are elevating as a result.
	<b>Jennifer Perry</b> Nurse	Jennifer is Brooks' Phoenix. She is soaring high in her first year as a school nurse. She has withstood the onslaught of Covid testing and reporting, CST meetings, IEP meetings, dispensing medication, helping calm nerves and the list goes on. The best part--she does it with a smile.
Buckner Performing Arts and Science Magnet Elementary School	<b>Jennifer Robinson</b> Clerk	When thinking about giving your all to a building... Jennifer Robinson has done it. Her list includes volunteer, para, clerk, breakfast and lunch provider and creating the school yearbook just to name a few. JRob has created lasting relationships with the families at Buckner and that will be missed.

Buckner Performing Arts  
and Science Magnet  
Elementary School

**Catherine Clark**  
Reading Interventionist

Catherine is a master at reaching all students, academically and emotionally. She is an absolute leader, model, and inspiration for students and adults at Buckner. She challenges herself, is reflective, and empowers her students. Buckner is lucky to have had her in our corner for all these years.

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN  
TEAM**

**Ashley Hassall**  
Teacher

**Nicole Mankoski**  
Paraeducator

**Katie Maroney-Hays**  
Paraeducator

When thinking about teams at Buckner that truly work together, the Pre-K team jumps to the front of the list. Their specialty is creating an environment for these first-time learners that makes them feel comfortable, valued, and also has high expectations that lead to kid's success.

Dunbar Support Center

**Sarah Matos-Rivera**  
Spanish Translator

Sarah is an integral part of our district's translations team. She is professional and provides ongoing support to MES, Schools and the Spanish speaking families throughout WP. Sarah's positive attitude is just one of her many strengths, MES is lucky to have her.

**Sandy Brockel**  
Administrative Assistant  
for ECO Team

Sandy is an amazing assistant to our district's ECO team. She goes above and beyond to ensure that families of our youngest students (3 & 4 yr olds) are welcomed into our district and placed correctly. Sandy's positive, customer friendly attitude helps put families at ease as they enroll in WPS.

**FAMILY LITERACY**

**Maria Villalobos**  
Family Literacy Para Title  
Support

**Patricia Barlow**  
Family Literacy Sub  
Teacher

**Gloria Osorio**  
Family Literacy Para Title  
Support

**Kathy Rogers**  
Family Literacy Para Title  
Support

**Emma Najera**  
Family Literacy Program  
Assistant

**Jane Seely**  
Family Literacy Para Title  
Support

This Family Literacy team is AMAZING! Not only do they successfully implement our English classes to the parents of WPS, but they encourage our families to participate and learn about our culture while embedding day to day life skills through a variety of experiences. Great Teamwork!

East High School

**WICHITA EAST ADMIN  
DREAM TEAM**

**Michael Boykins**  
**Claudia Cooper**  
**Derrick Heckman**  
**Tom Perkins**  
**Randall Rogers**  
Assistant Principals

The Wichita East's Admin Dream Team has worked as a cohesive team for the past three years to lead the staff and students as East through an uncharted time in education. Their dedication to the East High Community and to each other makes this team like no other I have ever worked with.

Gordon Parks Academy

**Alicia Holland**  
Math Teacher

Ms. Holland builds relationships with students that are so impactful that they continue to reach out to her even when they leave the halls of GPA. She spends tireless hours tutoring students during school hours and after school hours. She is a great example of a teacher with passion for her craft.

**GPA PARAEDUCATORS**

**Nicole Veasey**  
Assistant Para  
**Avree Marshall**  
Assistant Para  
**D'Marcquiz Smith**  
Assistant Para  
**Janetta Whitfield**  
Paraeducator  
**Diana Green**  
Assistant Para  
**Frank McClain**  
Paraeducator  
**Arria Paschal**  
IR Para  
**Davia Turner**  
IR Para  
**Renata Bosgraaf**  
Pre-K Para  
**Glecia Robinson**  
Pre-K Para  
**Alena Horn**  
Assistant Para  
**Bailey Ayala**  
Paraeducator  
**Steven Dixon**  
Paraeducator

Our paraeducators team at GPA were instrumental to our success during the Covid Pandemic. They were flexible and cooperative in ways that helped maintain a positive learning environment at GPA. They worked as a team with our teachers for the continuity of student learning.

Information Services and  
Technology

**Ronda Schwab**  
Administrative Assistant

Ronda keeps IST running with assistance with the day-to-day tasks, reports, but most importantly our time sheets. Ronda Schwab is one of the kindest individuals around. She is always willing to step in and help if needed. Ronda is a key individual that supports all organization goals.

**PRODUCT SUPPORT  
TECH TEAM**

**Wayne Sumner**  
**Jerree Hicks**  
**Melvin Herring**  
**Cody Morris**  
**Eric Carlson**  
**Tim Gruenbacher**  
**Linda Wyatt**  
**Dennis Lingle**  
**Connie Carney**  
**Toby Taylor**  
**Donna Clark**  
**Keith Beadles**  
Product Support  
Technicians

Product Support masked up and went into the schools every day to get computers set up for students to use at home. They were bravely stationed at designated high schools to allow parents to come to the school and get the technology needed for the students to attend remote classes.

Jackson Elementary  
School

**Ashley Lange**  
Kindergarten Teacher

Ashley has grown tremendously this year as she works to refine her craft as a kindergarten teacher. She asks questions so that she may provide the best learning opportunities for students and receives feedback, acting on it to impact students in a positive way. Her students are shining this year!

**Aubrie McCoin**  
Special Education Teacher  
- ALS Program

Aubrie is a true blessing to our Jackson family! She seeks new, innovative ways to instruct her students including implementing the Alpha Knowledge routines in her classroom to provide equitable opportunities for her students. Her classroom is one of the happiest, most energetic places at Jackson!

**3RD GRADE TEAM**  
**Kelsey Manning**  
**Brentay Berry**  
**Ashley Sims**  
3rd Grade Teachers

The 3rd grade team at Jackson stepped up in a huge way to support another class when in need! Ms. Sims took on a 4th grade class while Ms. Berry and Ms. Manning each took on 1/2 of Ms. Sims' original 3rd grade class so learning could continue for them. Their flexibility was much appreciated by all!

Mueller Aerospace and  
Engineering Magnet

**Crystal Fowler**  
MTSS Facilitator

Ms. Fowler is ready and willing to help in ANY capacity! She can be found subbing in any class, covering the main office, and even helping in the health room. She shows up daily, ready to impact students and staff positively. We appreciate all that 'Flexible Fowler' does for Mueller!

Mueller Aerospace and Engineering Magnet	<b>Angie Nelson</b> MTSS Facilitator	Angie goes above and beyond to support the needs of all those at Mueller. There are not enough words to describe her passion for the work that she does. From coaching in person, via a podcast, and even with Girls on the Run, she is truly an asset to the Mueller team!
	<b>Rachel Veloza</b> Long-Term Sub	Ms Veloza is dedicated to the needs of her students and those she works with. She is engaging, yet structured, and provides high quality learning opportunities. She has a great working relationship with all stakeholders. It's because of her love of children, she is highly successful in this position.
School Service Center	<b>Bernie Hutchison</b> Crewperson, Garage	Bernie is consistently providing excellent customer service. He is patient & friendly and invaluable to our drivers. He is always ready & willing to help those who ask for his assistance.
	<b>Jacob Prater</b> Technician, Design and Construction	Jacob has demonstrated excellent internal & external customer service. He has made the intern program a very interesting and engaging experience for our students. They have done many hands-on activities from flying a drone to setting up and using a laser scanner.
	<b>Andrew Terronez</b> Chef, Nutrition Services	Andrew has been an advocate for WPS during supply chain disruptions by working with brokers, vendors & manufacturers to assure quality products for our students. He has built relationships with those entities to assure our students are a priority. He is an asset to our district.
	<b>Michael Thompson</b> Supervisor, Construction Projects	Michael did a fantastic job helping to facilitate the safe entrance main office remodel here at Hadley. He was terrific to work with, responsive to our request through the project and easy to communicate with. Michael was always professional and eager to support us in any way he could. <i>Michael received his award from Hadley Middle School.</i>
Spaght Science and Communications Magnet Elementary School	<b>Macarena Tapia Atha</b> Art Teacher	Mrs. Atha has brought Art Magic to Spaght! Mac weaves all core subjects into art & encourages every student to explore their unlimited creativity. She can even be found doing art projects with students during indoor recess. Our hallways & classrooms are colorful and bright thanks to her hard work!
	<b>Shamela Jackson</b> Behavior Interventionist	Ms. Jackson is a relationship builder & maintains high expectations for all Spaght students. She started a girl's group called LEAGUE. Ms. Jackson will help problem-solve any situation with positivity & grace. She is the epitome of TEAM player! We are blessed to have her at Spaght.

Spaght Science and Communications Magnet Elementary School

**CHILD STUDY TEAM**  
**Sonja Holle**  
Speech Pathologist  
**Juan Coy Teni**  
Social Worker  
**Erica Klunder**  
Counselor  
**Erica Rumback**  
Psychologist  
**Charlessa Akers**  
Nurse

This extremely hard working CST has a hands-on, problem-solving, proactive and positive approach. They can be found in the hallway, classrooms or even outside meeting the needs of Spaght students. We are all better thanks to the efforts of this team.

Washington Accelerated Learning Elementary

**WASHINGTON PARAS**  
**Barbara Barrios**  
**Heather Berner**  
**Susana Cervantes-Perez**  
Paraprofessionals

Susy, Heather and Barb are total rock stars and kept us afloat this year whenever we did not get a sub! They never hesitate and are always willing to step in and however it is needed. We would not have made it through this year without them!

**District Two Good Apples**

Beech Elementary School

**Marla Webber**  
Paraeducator  
  
**Manuela Hernandez**  
Fourth Grade Teacher

Beech is lucky to have Marla Webber! She works with many kids on various skills. She fills gaps and provides extension activities. In addition, she has been called upon to support staff, monitoring lunch/recess duties, covering in classrooms, and supporting teachers during many other times.

Mrs. Hernandez is the most caring teacher. She works tirelessly to build a community of caring learners in her classroom, and she truly cares about what's best for kids. Mrs. Hernandez provides the support her students need. We are blessed to have Manuela Hernandez as a part of the Beech family.

**Kelsey Stehr**  
Kindergarten Teacher

Kelsey Stehr is an asset to Beech. Her classroom runs so well because of her structure and love for children. Mrs. Stehr is willing to learn new things and implement them. Her ability to problem-solve, engage students, and set high expectations makes her an outstanding kindergarten teacher.

Bostic Traditional Magnet Elementary

**BOSTIC TRADITIONAL MAGNET INTERRELATED TEAM**  
**Suzanne Dold**  
Paraeducator  
**Sharon Norden**  
Interrelated Teacher  
**Tracy Way**  
Paraeducator  
**Tim DeFore**  
Paraeducator  
**Maria Mason**  
Paraeducator  
**Natalie Sauer**  
Paraeducator

Bostic is so grateful for the help our Interrelated Team has given to all students throughout our school. They are experts at connecting with kids and helping them grow academically. Thank you Sharon, Tracy, Maria, Suzanne, Tim, and Natalie, for helping every student succeed at Bostic.

Coleman Middle School	<b>Megan Suderman</b> PBS Teacher	Ms. Suderman is in a selfless and challenging position in Special Education - PBS. Despite the challenges, she is motivated with a positive attitude, a sense of humor, and maintains a sense of responsibility to her students' learning. She is a highly respected role model to her colleagues.
	<b>Maricela Lopez</b> Math Teacher, Math Content Lead, Family Engagement Coordinator	Ms. Lopez works hard to support and advocate for all teachers, especially her math team. She strives to make her teams' innovative ideas come to life. As the Family Engagement Contact, she finds ways to get families involved. All her hard work betters Coleman and builds a valued community.
	<b>MERITRUST          CREDIT UNION          Karen Callaway          Ashley Newberry          Chris Wolgamott</b> Junior Achievement Presenters	The Meritrust Team taught financial/economic lessons at Coleman. They are committed to support our students. Their presentations are engaging, and the student connections are very meaningful. The team's commitment has enabled us to support our district's mission of helping our students be Future Ready!
College Hill Elementary School	<b>Denah Rusk</b> Mixed-Abilities Para Professional	Denah is a para-professional in one of our mixed abilities classrooms. She started in one room and was asked to move to the other classroom where there was a greater need. She went willingly and has made a huge difference in that classroom. Denah loves her students and is always patient with them.
	<b>Makenzie Reichenberger</b> Art Teacher	Makenzie does amazing projects with the students. She totally engages them each and every class. The students love working with clay and seeing their projects come out of the kiln. Makenzie spent spring break making t-shirts for staff members who asked for one. She was willing to give her time.
	<b>Alaynna Herring</b> Chick-Fil-A Marketing	Alaynna contacted College Hill in early January about sponsoring our school. It has been an amazing experience. Students and staff have received food and gift cards for food. Teachers were able to spend \$25 on Amazon. The company donated \$250 to our PTO. Alyanna has just been terrific.
Hyde Int'l Studies/Comm. Magnet Elementary	<b>Brianna Fibelkorn</b> 2nd Grade Teacher	Mrs. Fibelkorn commits time outside of the school day to create opportunities that build lasting relationships and benefit all students like our Running Club, After School Tutoring and our school's Annual Spelling Bee contest. She also spreads cheer amongst staff by organizing social events.
	<b>Lesley Rosenhoover</b> Latchkey	Lesley has been a great asset to our Latchkey program. She is a leader that is always ready to problem solve. She jumps in and helps where needed and she consistently takes initiative. She also builds meaningful relationships with the students and staff. We're lucky to have her on our team!

Minneha Core Knowledge Elementary School	<b>Tara Sander</b> 5th Grade Teacher	Tara is an amazing co-worker and a huge asset to the fifth grade team. She is knowledgeable about the grade level content and has many great ideas for projects that keep the students engaged. Tara expects great things from her students, helps them achieve their goals to reach their potential.
	<b>Wendi Turner</b> 4th Grade Teacher	Wendi is a goal-oriented teacher with a growth mindset. She comes up with new and innovative ways to keep her students engaged and learning. Wendi is an amazing teacher who works with both parents and students to establish a solid base of communication that encourages growth and success.
	<b>Felicia Driscoll</b> Pre-K Para	Felicia is always well organized and is actively engaged with all aspects of the Pre-K classroom. She goes above and beyond to create fun and educational activities. Felicia understands that to be effective, we must be a team and she is always ready to lend a hand when needed.
Price-Harris Communications Magnet Elementary	<b>Ginny Ellis</b> PTO President	Ginny took on her role as PTO president at the very start of the pandemic, and continued well past her tenure over the last two years to keep our families engaged and school staff supported. Despite the limited capacity for PTO to be directly involved, she has done more than anyone expected.
Robinson Middle School	<b>Lauren Coston</b> Instructional Coach	This staff member is an amazing team player and leader. Our school has run into some unusual obstacles this year and Lauren White has jumped right in without hesitation. She helps with anything she can without hesitation. She has been a vital part of our team!
	<b>Melissa Verbeckmoes</b> Technology Teacher	Mrs. Verbeckmoes is a problem solver. She uses her personal time to help plan and solve issues that arise. Lunch/recess not working smoothly? She comes up with a plan. Need to think outside of the box for master schedule? She's your person. She calmly addresses issues and helps provide solutions.
Seltzer Elementary School	<b>Jenny Schepis</b> 1st Grade Teacher	Jenny is an incredibly patient teacher, always striving to find ways to reach all students, always advocating for them. Jenny is also a kind and positive teammate, working continuously to support her team and always showing up to work with a smile and positive outlook.
Southeast High School	<b>GROUNDSKEEPING TEAM</b> <b>Jose Rodriguez Juarez</b> Assistant Groundskeeper <b>Kent Winkenwader</b> Head Groundskeeper	Kent & Jose are a "dynamic duo." They maintain the largest campus in the school district and they treat it like it's their own home. They keep everything neat and tidy on our campus and perform their duties in a humble, selfless, and efficient manner. We truly appreciate their work ethic!

## District Three Good Apples

Alvin E. Morris  
Administrative Center

**Shawn Chastain**  
Fine Arts Executive  
Coordinator

Shawn has proven time and again his dedication not only to his job of overseeing all fine arts programs in the district, but to the greater vision and mission of our district, all while providing great customer service and advocating for the arts. He is a consummate professional and truly exemplifies the work of the WPS Strategic Plan, ensuring all students and staff are empowered to dream, believe and achieve.

**Connie Mailcoat**  
Elementary Math  
Curriculum Coach

Connie is very worthy of recognition as a Good Apple Award nominee. She is a team player, trusted by everyone she works with and is one of the most knowledgeable people in our department. She single handedly takes care of the majority of decisions, tasks and projects that involve elementary math curriculum, professional development and math instruction for over 1,300 elementary teachers!

**Susan Adams**  
Professional  
Development Plan  
Technician

Susan Adams is an invaluable member in the Curriculum and Instruction department but is also invaluable to our entire district. You will not find a more ready and willing team member!

Caldwell Elementary  
School

**Johnna Egan**  
Librarian

Johnna's library is the glue that holds this school together. Our students are lucky to have the privilege of using her beautiful library and exploring the world through piles of good books. Johnna's organization and knowledge of all things books is off the charts and we're all lucky to have her.

**Jennifer Mesa-Johnson**  
Music Teacher

No one at Caldwell cares more about her students than Jenni. She deeply loves each student so much that she feels what they feel and as a result always knows what to say to brighten a day. I want Jenni to know that she is appreciated, and her efforts have been noticed!

**Gabby Jarvis**  
Music Teacher

Gabby is a motivated teacher who works tirelessly to do what's best for kids. On multiple occasions I have seen her take time to show a kid that she loves them and would do whatever it takes to help them. She even jokes she'd be happy to bring them home with her if needed! And I bet she would!

Clark Elementary School

**Kathy Morris**  
Tutor

Kathy Morris has been a tutor at Clark Elementary for three years. She faithfully comes every week for two hours to work with several of our fourth grade students as they learn sight words, vocabulary words, and other reading skills. She enjoys helping our students grow in their love for reading.

**Mark Murphy**  
Tutor

Mark Murphy has been a tutor at Clark Elementary for two years. He faithfully comes every week to work with three of our fifth grade students as they learn their vocabulary words, sight words, and reading comprehension. He enjoys helping our students grow in their love for learning.

Clark Elementary School	<b>Mitzi Jones</b> Interrelated Teacher	Mitzi Jones is stellar when it comes to making learning fun and exciting for students! She is creative and well-planned, making each student feel special. She also does an excellent job at celebrating our school on social media with all the wonderful things happening at Clark!
Colvin Elementary School	<b>Lauren Roman</b> 1st Grade Teacher	Since Lauren arrived at Colvin 3 years ago, she has been a shining star to the entire Colvin community. I have had the privilege of having my child in her classroom and I know firsthand how much she cares for all of her students and the support she gives each one of them to be successful in school.
	<b>Brooke Senseman</b> 2nd Grade Teacher	Brooke is an outstanding teacher. One step inside her classroom and you will find excited students who truly love their teacher. She has developed a classroom of positivity, rigor, support, relationships and love. In addition to being an excellent teacher, Brooke is a great teammate to all of our staff.
	<b>Sybil Kaspar</b> Interrelated Teacher	Sybil Kaspar has served Colvin Elementary School and the Plainview Community for 25 years. She has given unselfishly of her time and resources to support students and her colleagues. Her efforts have had a positive impact on hundreds of people. We are blessed to have her on our team.
Curtis Middle School	<b>Brenda Satterlee</b> Start on Time Truancy Clerk	Brenda is a consistent contributor to our support staff. She saw a need to engage our truant and frequently late students and volunteered for new duties to improve overall student attendance. Her daily positive attitude makes the day of most people she encounters.
	<b>Cassie Rice</b> PANDO Rep	Cassie has a can do/whatever you need attitude. She supports our school through the PANDO Initiative but takes on other needs as they arise. She counsels and consoles students and is a vital piece of our community outreach efforts. She goes above and beyond and is so appreciated.
Gardiner Elementary School	<b>Anna Miller</b> Paraeducator	Anna is new to Gardiner this year and has spread her wings into an amazing Thunderbird! When students are absent, she offers to help with a class, recess or in the cafeteria. She advocates for herself to ensure she is following district curricula and protocols with fidelity. Anna is a rock star!!
	<b>Marce Cobb</b> ESOL Teacher	Marce is willing to jump in and help as needed if it is best for kids. She models being a Thunderbird for the community by exemplifying each character trait we teach students. Teachers seek her advice as a trusted colleague that will advocate for staff or students as needed. Gardiner loves Marce!!
	<b>Michelle Stone</b> Paraeducator	Michelle is honored for her many years of service to Gardiner. She supports her students academically in small groups and wears many other hats around the building. She steps up to assist anywhere she is needed with a positive attitude and can excel in any role she is asked to do. She is amazing!

Griffith Elementary School	<b>Angelica Cerros</b> Cafeteria Head Server	Angelica is a great asset to Griffith. She is always smiling, friendly, and ready to help. She enjoys talking with students as they get their lunches. Angelica has spent a lot of time helping subs learn the job and keeps our serving area and food service line clean and of high standards.
	<b>Pat Slattery</b> PBS Para	Pat is impressive with his adaptability and calm demeanor. His ability to build relationships of trust and understanding among students and staff is unmatched. He also exceeds in teaching academics and holding students to a high learning standard. Pat has become essential to the PBS team!
Harry Street Elementary School	<b>Patricia Brown</b> Behavior Interventionist	Patricia is willing to step into any situation and does it with a positive attitude. She is always willing to help and is always solution focused. She cares about students and staff and has been able to build positive relationships with so many over the course of the year.
	<b>Tierany Seigal</b> Para Title Instructional Support	Tierany is a team player. She is always willing to step up to the plate when she is needed in any situation. Her positive attitude and willingness to find a student centered solution is truly admirable. Tierany easily builds lasting and meaningful relationships with students and staff.
	<b>Leslie Lukens</b> 2nd Grade Teacher	Leslie exemplifies the qualities of an amazing teacher, leader, and co-worker. She works hard to ensure that her team is collaborative and prepared for instruction. Leslie also works hard to make sure that every student's needs are met or exceeded. Leslie is a teacher that makes a lasting impact.
Jardine STEM and Career Exploration Magnet Middle Academy	<b>Jonathan Nichols</b> ELA Teacher	Mr. Nichols is an excellent language arts teacher at Jardine and a great team member. He is always ready to help a colleague. This year he coached our NAL team to the playoffs, and because of his example and leadership, his team was given the sportsmanship award.
	<b>Matthew Bortnick</b> Counselor	Unique, quirky, considerate, funny, and overall a wonderfully kind human being! Mr. Bortnick has a unique way of connecting with students who are struggling, reserved, or quiet. He has the ability to make them feel safe, confident, and heard. He's truly a blessing to have at Jardine!
Jefferson Elementary School	<b>Adrienne Parry</b> Special Education Teacher - Intermediate	Adrienne provides services for some of our neediest students with a smile. She's reflective and is always looking for creative ways to reach her students. She's willing to try new things and searches for accommodations that will benefit her students. Through it all she's always positive & upbeat.
	<b>Nizhoni Miller</b> 2nd Grade Teacher	Nizhoni has a big heart and cares deeply for the success of each of her students. She is a reflective teacher and is always looking for ways to meet her students where they are. She is willing to try new things to benefit her students. Her students know how much she cares for them.

Jefferson Elementary  
School

**Rachel Trombley**  
School Social Worker

Rachel is a consistent trusted resource for both our parents and students. In addition to her social work duties, she gathers data for FBA's, problem solves for both behavior and academic concerns, and is a major part of the glue that holds our Child Study Team together.

Linwood Elementary  
School

**Lorraine Ditch**  
Paraeducator

Mrs. D is relentlessly positive. Everyone room she walks into the students and adults are excited to see her. Mrs. D makes students and staff feel supported and is willing to do whatever is needed to find student success. Mrs. D elevates the culture of Linwood every day.

**Jaden Batchman**  
Paraeducator

Throughout the school year Jaden has displayed an ability to work with all students in all settings. Jaden has contributed to student improvement with attendance, after school programs and in special and regular education settings. Due to this students adore her and experience success.

**WICHITA FIRST CHURCH  
OF THE NAZARENE  
Wichita First Church of  
the Nazarene  
Congregation  
Scott Marshall  
Lead Pastor  
Aaron VanStrien  
Kids Pastor**

First Church of the Nazarene has been amazing for Linwood. Each year, the church reaches out to the school to find out what the needs of our community are. First Church has donated school supplies and supported families in need during challenging times. Students, staff and families are grateful.

## District Four Good Apples

Allison Traditional Magnet Middle School	<b>Laura Knolla</b> Mathematics Teacher	Laura celebrates success at Allison! Through enhancing our school-wide SOAR system, championing equity work amongst students and staff, and judging NAL matches, Laura creates and streamlines electronic methods to make recognition easier for others. It is true, Laura values positives over corrections.
Cessna Elementary School	<b>Crystal Murrill</b> Volunteer	Crystal comes to Cessna multiple times a week to support with anything that is needed. She makes copies for teachers, organizes books, works with kids. Cessna is so appreciative to her for helping make this school a brighter place. Thank you Crystal for all you do and continue to do for Cessna!
	<b>MERCY HILL</b> <b>Jason Hutsell</b> Pastor <b>Hannah Hutsell</b> Church Member	Mercy Hill adopted Cessna this year, it's been a perfect partnership. Each month gifts are brought to our staff, such a treat! During conferences members provided dinner to our tired and busy teachers. They also adopted a family for Christmas and provided a truck load of gifts and necessities.
Cleaveland Traditional Magnet Elementary	<b>Jessie Lopez</b> MA Teacher	Jessie has persevered over many challenges this year. She is always willing to step outside of her classrooms to support students and teachers throughout the building, even when her load is already overwhelming. She consistently does everything possible for the success of the kids.
	<b>Jolie Sharon</b> Volunteer	Jolie has helped recreate "Helping Hands" in our building and is beyond reliable each week in helping teachers and staff get ahead. She is a great team player and takes the initiative to go above and beyond the role of a volunteer. She helps students, staff and other families with anything needed!
Enders Leadership and Community Service Magnet	<b>Courtney McGaughey</b> PE Teacher	Ms. Courtney has a heart for ALL students! She brings energy & passion to her work and finds greatness in all of our Enders Leaders. She is an advocate for our Mixed Abilities students and works diligently to build meaningful relationships, meeting students where they are & helping them shine!
	<b>ENDERS CUSTODIAL TEAM</b> <b>Terry Rains</b> Head Custodian <b>David Zimmerman</b> Night Custodian	Mr. Terry & Mr. Dave play an integral role in our Enders Family. They keep our school beautifully safe & clean, positively interact with all students & even take out a book to read across Enders. The relationships they have built across our Enders Family is a admirable. We love our Custodians!

Enterprise Elementary School	<b>Lorenza Rios</b> ESOL Para	Lorenza works with ESOL students and is our translator “on call” at any given moment. She has developed relationships with parents over the years and works tirelessly to ensure communication between the school and families is effective and transparent.
Franklin Elementary School	<b>Christopher Brown</b> Mixed Abilities Teacher	Mr. Chris has high expectations for the students at Franklin; he lifts them up and keeps it real. He is always willing to lend a hand and builds strong relationships with students and families. He is our building Equity Champion, and there is no one who is a more fierce advocate for all than Chris.
	<b>Donell Howard</b> School Nurse	The past three years of pandemic have been trying for all in education. Nurse Howard has risen to the challenge time and time again. She has worked hard to establish routines and procedures to keep us safe and lives out her “firm but fair” outlook on life in all she does for our staff and students.
Hamilton Middle School	<b>Mario Carter</b> Security Officer	Officer Carter is a tremendous asset to the Hamilton MS community. He is approachable, trustworthy and connects with our community in a way that has been greatly needed. Officer Carter has had a tremendous impact by helping to create a positive school environment - he adds Jam to the Ham!
	<b>Jammie Onchoke</b> Administrative Assistant	Jammie stepped into a role with a seamless transition when it was vacated earlier in the year. Her positive attitude, caring demeanor, and excellent customer service keeps our Student Support Center running smoothly. She cares about the kids and never gets rattled - she is an outstanding role model!
	<b>PARAPROFESSIONAL PROS</b> <b>Shomika Taylor-Winfrey</b> <b>JayLynn Tacorda</b> <b>Nancy Massu</b> <b>Abigail Chavez-Ramos</b> Paraprofessionals	These ladies have gone above and beyond the role of a paraprofessional. They have a “CAN DO” attitude with every task presented, a positive disposition, and are outstanding models/mentors for our students.
Kelly Liberal Arts Academy	<b>Sally Loehr</b> Library Media Specialist	Sally is strongly dedicated to the success of our school. She supports our building in a variety of ways and works diligently to be supportive of students and staff. Her high structure and relationally-based library program allows our students to feel safe and cared for. We appreciate you, Sally!
	<b>Melody Stanberry</b> Art Teacher	Melody is a strong example of a staff member who works hard to build relationships with students. She greets students by name, works hard to get to know students individually, and seeks resources to better support them. She takes on many roles in support of our school community. Thank you, Melody!

South High School	<p><b>Keldon Pucket</b> Math Teacher</p>	<p>Keldon is a true team player at Wichita South High School. As one of our Algebra 1 and 3 teachers, Keldon sees a wide range of math skill in this classroom. He is patient, flexible, and connects with all his students. You can also see him at all our home extra-curricular events as our ticket manager.</p>
	<p><b>Michele Magie</b> Senior Learning Center</p>	<p>Michele leads our seniors in the learning center. She has great knowledge with Edgenuity, is extremely detailed and organized, and makes consistent efforts to connect with seniors parents and students daily. She encourages, supports, and connects with all our seniors.</p>
	<p><b>Heidi Dreiling</b> English Teacher</p>	<p>Heidi challenges all her students to succeed in her English 2, English 3, and Sophomore Literacy Intervention classes. She has been a consistent, positive voice in our ELA department the past 10 years. She is also willing to take on new tasks and roles, such as leading on our 504 team.</p>
Truesdell Middle School	<p><b>Sherry Martin</b> Administrative Assistant</p>	<p>Sherry can do and will do anything to make Truesdell Middle School successful. She is a hard worker, dependable, caring and knows everything. Thank you Sherry for making Truesdell a great place to work!</p>
West High School	<p><b>Brenda Barber</b> Administrative Assistant</p>	<p>Brenda is a tireless worker and this year added a second administrator to her responsibilities. She met this head on and continues to shine all while working to complete her degree, allowing her to enter the transition-to-teaching program. Way to go Brenda!</p>
	<p><b>Tim McCarty</b> Security Officer</p>	<p>Tim became a security officer at West in 2005 and has been a fixture at West since then. He knows the staff, students and parents of West, allowing him to maintain a safe learning environment. Whether a hug or a kind ear, Tim is always there for his Pioneers. We appreciate you Tim!</p>

## District Five Good Apples

Benton Elementary School

**Pamela Hutchison**  
Kindergarten Teacher

Pam is a positive role model for her students as well as staff. She is always smiling and has an inviting and caring demeanor. Her students know that she loves them through the warmth and love she demonstrates for them every day while also ensuring that their academic and behavioral needs are met.

**Dominik Andrewjeski**  
Head Custodian

Dom is pretty darn special to us! His wit, his willingness, and his care are cherished and appreciated by the entire Benton family. No matter what is asked, planned or on the fly, Dom is ready to jump in and support the building's needs. We sparkle more, smile more, and are safer because of Dom!

**Beth Thummel**  
Para Professional

Beth is an outstanding teammate, a friend to everyone, and an amazing role model for our students. She's always working to ensure that students are taken care of in a variety of ways and helps provide the best learning environment. Her care and generosity extends to all our Bobcats. She's the best!

Black Traditional Magnet Elementary School

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PARAS  
Stephen Lincoln  
Jennifer Frey  
Crystal Belt  
Kassidy Blevins  
Serresa Boswell  
Anastasia Taylor**

Our paraeducators have modeled the definitions of flexibility, relationship building, classroom leadership and so much more at BTM this year. They are the exemplar of truly knowing students at all grade levels which positively impact student academics, behavior and culture. We appreciate you!

Dodge Literacy Magnet Elementary School

**Alyssa Fischer**  
School Psychologist

Mrs. Fischer works with teachers to support students struggling both academically and behaviorally. She works with students to teach them skills, provide breaks, and complete interventions. Mrs. Fischer is an integral part of Building Leadership Team and a trusted resource at Dodge Literacy Magnet.

**Shalyn Nguyen**  
Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Nguyen makes every day fun and a positive experience for her students. She is intentional with planning and instructional strategies that guarantee success for all students. We are thankful that she joined our staff this year.

**PARA PROFESSIONAL  
TEAM  
Mackenzie Webb  
Anglea Steeby  
Fallon Riddiough  
Angela Shields  
Nicole Larson  
Madison Thill  
Kaci Bruner**

This team has worked tirelessly to support our building during these challenging times of COVID. Their dedication, flexibility, and commitment to Dodge is second to none. They have gone above and beyond in covering vacancies and providing exceptional support for students and staff.

Hadley Middle School

**HADLEY SUPERSTAR  
PARAPROFESSIONALS!**

**Jeremy Fisher**

MA Para

**Jaclyn Linares**

PBS Para

**Rajiv Foster**

ISS Para

**Alyse Tackitt**

IR Para

**Leanne Buche**

MA Para

**Marty Ortiz**

IR Para

**Tiffany Whitson**

IR Para

**Michael Patton**

Intervention Para

**Cierra Marshall-Gonzales**

IR Para

**Selah Tafolla**

IR Para

**Deanna Chase Kuder**

Para Sped Low Incidence

The Hadley Para team is absolutely remarkable! We would not have been able to function this school year without them. They all come with a positive attitude always willing to help and fill in wherever they can to support kids. The Paras are always professional and build relationships with kids.

Mayberry Cultural and  
Fine Arts Magnet Middle  
School

**Athena Fereq**

English Teacher

Athena has been a constant source of inspiration for those around her to do better and has the qualifications of a veteran. She can always turn a negative experience into an opportunity to grow. She has been the great example of what growth mindset looks like, and there is no candidate this year with better qualifications for this award.

**Eric Johnston**

Assistant Principal

Eric Johnston is such a good Vice Principal and knows how to handle situations in ways that show that he has many years of experience. He knows how to handle children and talk to them correctly to prevent future complications. Lastly, he knows how to do his job, he does it with such experience and class. He has been in the 259 district for many years. He is the kind of Vice Principal I would want to see in my child's school.

**Panya Amphone**

Orchestra and Choir  
Teacher

Mr. Panya Amphone is so amazing with the students and the parents and I feel he is very deserving of this award. He goes above and beyond for the kids and is an amazing teacher.  
- From Mayberry Parents

McCollom Elementary  
School

**Reed Bishop**

Music Teacher

Reed demonstrates service to students and staff each day. He builds strong relationships with students and encourages a love for music through String Club. He assists colleagues daily. He plans and delivers AVID assemblies and high quality inservice sessions. He is a positive role model!

McCollom Elementary School	<b>Haley Holland</b> Mixed Abilities Teacher	Haley is a kind and caring teacher who puts her whole heart into her work. She goes above and beyond, ensuring students' interests are intertwined into individual learning. She creates a family atmosphere with the adults in her rooms and is always ready to take action to help the school!
	<b>Gary Scherer</b> PE Teacher	Gary is an asset to our school. He builds strong relationships with students, assists with safety patrol, and creates sports tournaments for kids. He is always there for his colleagues and makes others strive to do better.
Northwest High School	<b>Ashley Carpenter</b> Administrative Assistant	The shortage of substitutes was difficult for all schools, and Northwest was no different. Luckily, NW had Ashley Carpenter assuring that every classroom had coverage. Ashley's dedication prevented students from missing valuable class time as NWHS never had to combine classes into one large setting.
	<b>Shari Lewis</b> School Volunteer	Shari Lewis has been involved with NWHS since 2005. Despite her last child graduating in 2015, she continues to help with the Booster Club concession stand at Northwest events. Shari ensures the concession stand is stocked, runs smoothly and has been a big help to the athletic department.
OK Elementary School	<b>Jennifer Martin</b> Kindergarten Teacher	Jennifer is a perfect example of a Kindergarten teacher. She works hard to balance the social emotional needs of her students with the need to teach them their letters and sounds. Her goal is to have all her students ready for first grade while teaching them how to be friends in their classroom.
	<b>Jamie Allison</b> Principal	Jamie Allison, Principal at OK Elementary, for the Good Apple Award for spring 2022, is an obvious choice. With 60 staff members and over 300 students, Jamie has established a warm and welcoming building culture while seamlessly ensuring district objectives and student learning are top priorities.
	<b>ABOVE AND BEYOND TEAM</b> <b>Demarla Martinez</b> PE Teacher <b>Ashlei Matthews</b> 4th Grade Teacher <b>Ashely CowleyDean</b> 3rd Grade Teacher <b>Diana Jones</b> 1st Grade Teacher <b>Lisa Smith</b> 2nd Grade Teacher	These teachers have gone above and beyond, for our students. They arrive early to do math tutoring, work late to set schedules for community members to read with our students who need just a little more or meet during their lunch break to work on social emotional needs of our kids. Above and Beyond!

Peterson Elementary  
School

**Lori Sell**  
5th Grade Teacher

Lori is a dedicated educator who inspires everyone who crosses her path. She is always willing to go the extra mile to support her colleagues or students. Lori is a valued member of our team! Thank you for all you do.

**Bethany Cranston**  
Instructional Coach

Bethany is a dedicated and passionate coach who goes the extra mile for her teachers at Peterson. She always has a positive attitude and a smile on her face.

**OFFICE TEAM**  
**Sharon Shine**  
Administrative Assistant  
**Amy Demel**  
Administrative Assistant  
**Deborah Calvert**  
Clerical Support

The Peterson office team is the first friendly face that greets our guests in the office. They also ensure that our records and books are accurate while meeting the needs of teachers, students, and families.

Wilbur Middle School

**WILBUR NATIONAL  
ACADEMIC LEAGUE  
COACHES**  
**Traci Thomas Weiford**  
Gifted Teacher  
**Tanner Conrad**  
7th Grade Math Teacher

Tanner and Traci are Wilbur's NAL coaches. Tanner was an assistant coach for 3 years and head coach the last 3 years. Traci has been Tanner's assistant the last 3 years. Under their tutelage, Wilbur has 2 City League Championships and qualified for Nationals both years. Thanks for your dedication.

**Alan Gales**  
In-School Support  
Paraprofessional

Alan has been exemplary as our in-school support teacher. He builds relationships with some very challenging students, helping them with their class work and also helping them to make better choices. He is our cross country coach and is an assistant track coach. We are very thankful for Alan Gales!

## District Six Good Apples

Chisholm Trail Elementary School	<b>Tia Allen</b> 2nd Grade Teacher	Tia's fun loving spirit makes coming to work fun and creates a great fun working environment. She is an innovating teacher that goes above and beyond to build relationships with her students and make everyone of them feel heard and accepted. She takes time to teach and model empathy every day.
	<b>Bethany Chegwiddden</b> Counselor	Bethany comes to work every day with a smile and always has everyone laughing. She had to hit the ground running this year and has never complained. Her positive attitude, patience and compassion is what our staff and students need this year. We are so grateful to have her as our school counselor.
	<b>OFFICE STAFF</b> <b>Andrea Booth</b> <b>Liliana Ruiz</b> <b>Lisa Klein</b> Administrative Assistants	The ladies in the office go above and beyond to help. There have been several occasions this year when staff have been absent and they have stepped up to fill in and help cover in order for things to run smoothly. They make students, families, staff and visitors feel welcome.
Cloud Elementary School	<b>Lindsay Lehr</b> Speech Language Pathologist	Lindsay joined our school and quickly jumped into her new role. She worked closely with teachers to serve students. She is positive and kind. She works incredibly hard to meet the needs of students and identify those who may need services. She is approachable and a wonderful addition to our school!
	<b>Ashley Sherwood</b> Kindergarten Teacher	Ashley exemplifies what a Good Apple teacher is. She has pushed through hardship. She works hard, is determined to grow and is always the first to sign up for new learning, initiatives and opportunities to collaborate. Her students know that she will not give up on them. She is amazing!
	<b>Hannah Weller</b> ESOL Teacher	Hannah took over a 1st grade classroom for a teacher who was out. She wanted to provide the stability that the students needed. She maintained teaching students while also doing KELPA testing. She sees a need and is there. She is selfless and gives to her colleagues and students. She ROCKS!
Earhart Environmental Magnet Elementary	<b>Faith Seely</b> Earhart Latchkey Classified Group Leader	Miss Seely LOVES students and her job! We are so thankful for her positivity and work ethic. You can always find Faith with a lot of students that just want to be wherever she is at all times. Faith is punctual (She rocks the 6:30AM shift like a champ!), kind, funny and creative. We adore her!
	<b>Bill Paulson</b> Grandparent Volunteer/ HOF Disc Golfer	The energy and consistency that Mr. Paulson brings to our afterschool Disc Golf Club has only enhanced our program. He is quick to jump in and lead groups as the students hone their throwing skills so that one day they can be just like him - a Hall of Fame Disc Golfer! Thank you Mr. Paulson!

Heights High School	<b>Matthew Kelly</b> Interim Athletic Director	Matt immediately changed his career path this year when the need arose at Heights to help a fellow colleague. Matt stepped in as our Interim Athletic Director while facilitating his classroom guest teacher and doing Athletic Director duties. We are thankful for his energy and support.
	<b>Jazmine Crowder</b> Clerk	Jazmine is the friendly smile and friendly voice guests see and hear when entering the main office at Heights High School. Her enthusiasm is contagious and we are WSProud that this Heights Alumni has chosen to continue making Heights a better place.
	<b>SECURITY TEAM</b> <b>Shane Murray</b> <b>Gary Vetaw</b> <b>Dane Myers</b> <b>Shannon Wilson</b> Security	Heights High has the fortune of having a top tier security team. This is a new team at Heights and have exceeded all expectations. Constantly visible and creating relationships with students and adults. They are security, educators, mentors, and friends wrapped in a uniform and a smile.
Horace Mann Dual Language Magnet	<b>Amelia Borjon</b> 3rd Grade Teacher/ Tutoring Coordinator	Despite the challenges the 3rd grade team has faced, Amelia has stepped up to take on the role of Tutoring Coordinator. Her efforts to develop and sustain a targeted tutoring program with our talented staff has been nothing short of impressive. Our students are lucky to have her and this program.
	<b>Danielle Rangel</b> Instructional Coach	Danielle's leadership has been welcomed with open arms. She works and learns alongside our teachers and always goes out of her way to make their lives a little easier. Her sense of humor, ability to gauge the pulse of her team, and then plan meaningful opportunities has greatly impacted her team.
	<b>Lila Madison</b> Long-Term Guest Teacher	Lila chose Horace Mann to be her home this year. Without any obligation, she has covered multiple long term positions since the first day of school. Lila has covered each class successfully like the true professional she is. Lila continues to deliver daily and we are beyond thankful.
Isely Traditional Magnet Elementary School	<b>Lindsey Vopat</b> Nurse	Lindsey has gone above and beyond to keep the health and well being of our students and staff as her #1 goal. The countless hours that she has spent counseling, advising, and following up on all of us is astonishing! All of this is done with a smile on her face, even through adversity.
	<b>Tyler Cating</b> Safety Support Para	Tyler's presence within the building is visible daily and he is greatly missed when he is gone. He goes above and beyond to assist staff to ensure student success daily. He is continuously seeking feedback and exploring innovative ways to keep students engaged, regulated, and an Isely All Star.

Marshall Middle School	<b>Margarita Castillo</b> Attendance Clerk	Margarita wears many hats, making her more than an attendance clerk. She covers for the Bookkeeper and Registrar in their absences. Margarita is also the lead transportation person, and regularly contacts parents for transportation and meetings. She does all of this with a smile and good attitude.
	<b>Angie Erway</b> Counselor	Angie is a wonderful counselor and Family Engagement Coordinator that works hard to meet the many social emotional needs of our students, staff, and families. She is exemplary at understanding the master schedule and making sure students are in the correct classes. We would be lost without her.
McLean Science/Tech Magnet Elementary	<b>Patty Rhode</b> Substitute Teacher	Patty is not just a sub in our building - she is a teacher! She works endless hours to make things good for our students and McLean. She seeks out additional resources for kids to be successful and researches ideas to have the best knowledge possible to teach our little ones. We are grateful for her!
	<b>Ramon Martinez</b> Custodian	Mr. Ramon is beloved by all because of his incredible dedication to the students, staff, and families of McLean. He has worked double shifts on a regular basis to help us maintain a school we can all be proud of. Not only does our building stay clean, but we have a lot of FUN with him too!
	<b>PARA SUB CLUB</b> <b>Courtney Holloway</b> <b>Ian Stevens</b> <b>Brandon Phillips</b> Paraprofessionals	Our Para Sub Club has a special team name, for a bunch of team players! These amazing professionals stepped up and helped our students when we needed them the most. They were teaching classes, continuing their own work, and helping McLean stay afloat during our 2022 sub shortage! We love you all!
North High School	<b>Sandra Sanchez</b> Pando Student Support Advocate	Sandra genuinely cares for the wellbeing of our North High students. She looks for every opportunity to provide assistance to our students and families. Students get the much needed support, relieving stress in their lives, letting them focus on their education. Sandra is greatly appreciated!
	<b>Claudia Reyes</b> ESOL Teacher	Mrs. Reyes takes care of the students she serves like they are her own. She makes our newcomers feel welcomed here at North. She is thoughtful & patient with the students. She has provided the much needed support to her students & has created positive impacts in their lives. We are thankful for her!
	<b>Oswaldo Valverde</b> ESOL Paraeducator	Mr. Valverde has created meaningful relationships with our newcomers at North. He has assisted them in their transition to a new environment by making them feel welcomed and supported. The students are confident they can go to Oswaldo whenever they need assistance. He is a great asset to North!

Northeast Magnet High School

**HEALTH ROOM TEAM**  
**Mary Wiseman**  
Nurse  
**Kedetra Nero**  
Health Room Assistant

Our health room team is second to none. In a year that has tested us, both Mary and Kedetra have been rock solid in support of students, staff, and families. The pressure and stress would have broken lesser women, but these two showed up everyday determined to keep us safe and healthy.

Pleasant Valley Elementary School

**Kassandra Duvall**  
Parent Volunteer

Rain or snow. Hot or cold. Kassandra is responsible for keeping PVE morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up running smoothly. She places the cones that guide the traffic through the parking lot and out onto the street. Every day without fail, the cones are in place.

**Selina Contrerras**  
Parent Volunteer

Rain or snow. Hot or cold. Selina is responsible for keeping PVE morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up running smoothly. She places the cones that guide the traffic through the parking lot and out onto the street. Every day without fail, the cones are in place.

**Suzanne Broddle**  
Reading Interventionist

Suzanne stepped out of her role as reading interventionist to fill in for a teacher on medical leave. She spent many late nights and weekends planning quality instruction. She tackled report cards and conferences with ease. PVE was lucky to have a her fill in for a last minute situation.

Pleasant Valley Middle School

**Malais Franco**  
Pando Student Support Advocate

Malais Franco does an amazing job of supporting PVMS students/families. She helps them with school supplies, basic needs, and organizes lunch groups. Ms. Franco created a school store where students can "cash in" ABCs of Success tickets they get from teachers for prizes and it is a smashing success!

**NEWCOMERS/ESOL2 TEAM**  
**Mireya Ziad**  
Newcomers Teacher  
**Shana Balton**  
ESOL2 Teacher

Ms. Ziad and Ms. Balton make up our Newcomers/ESOL2 Team at PVMS. The kids in their program absolutely LOVE them and they work so hard in their classrooms. At the end of every quarter, they always have a list of students who are ready to move up to the next level on the ESOL continuum!

Stucky Middle School

**Grady Phillips**  
Head Custodian

Grady is a wonderful head custodian. Our halls sparkle and lockers gleam due to Grady and his team. Grady has pride in his work and he passes this on to those around him. Grady also builds positive relationships with students and staff, making Stucky a great place to be! Thank you Grady!

**Gary Cooper**  
Social Studies Teacher

Gary is a fantastic leader! He supports Stucky's goals, builds trust and supports his team members. He organized our 5th Grade Visitation and reached out to form a girls group this year. He also coaches. Gary builds relationships with both staff and students, especially our toughest kids. Thanks!

**NUTRITION SERVICES  
TEAM**

**Cicely Scott**  
Cafeteria Manager

**Piet Fang Voo**  
Aid

**Lisa Stanford**  
Nutrition Services Lead

**Mildred Morckel**  
Aid

**Phachann Stotts**  
Aid

This group of ladies is the best! Under Renee's leadership, they have received zero violations, rocked breakfast on a cart, served lovely lunches and a super snack in the ASP. They are so positive and celebrate each other on a daily basis with birthday lunches, laughs and smiles. Thank you all!

Woodland Health/  
Wellness Magnet  
Elementary

**Rachel Eber**  
Paraprofessional

Rachel has gone above and beyond as a para this year. She never hesitates to jump in where she is needed, and always offers a helping hand where she can. She puts the students first always, and helps not only students on her caseload, but any student who is in need of help.

**OFFICE STAFF**  
**Caly Lopez Parga**  
Administrative Assistant  
**Priscila Galaviz-Ramoz**  
Book Keeper

Caly and Priscila are incredible assets to Woodland! They take care of all the behind-the-scenes items and do great work so that the teachers can teach. We are incredibly lucky to have both of them on our staff and want to say thank you for all of the hard work!

## District At-Large Good Apples

Chester Lewis Academic Learning Center	<b>HOMEROOM ADVOCACY TEAM</b> <b>Amy Alvarez</b> College and Career Coordinator <b>Amy Rishell</b> Science Teacher <b>Ryan Anderson</b> CTE Teacher <b>Holly Smith</b> Social Worker <b>Danea Cramer</b> Counselor	The Homeroom Team has transformed the educational experience for all students at Chester Lewis through advocacy. This teams prepares all lessons for teachers so that students are exposed to SEL content, CKH strategies, and Xello completion in an organized and fun way revolutionizing the culture.
Dunlap Transition Campus at Chisholm	<b>Chris Nichols</b> Project SEARCH Instructor  <b>Darlene Uncapher</b> Custodian	Chris is a Project SEARCH Instructor for WPS. She goes above and beyond for the students. Chris prepares them to be more independent and lays the framework for post-secondary success by teaching them essential life skills and vocational skills for integrated employment. She is an asset to WPS.  I recommend Darlene Uncapher for the Good Apple. Darlene builds relationships with staff and our students. Our students adore her and know how hard she works. Darlene proves she is not only a well-respected custodian, but an integral part of our staff that provides love and humor to our students.
Levy Special Education Center	<b>ADAPTED MUSIC TEAM</b> <b>Rebecca Gobel</b> <b>Bryonna Koppenhaver</b> Adapted Music Teachers	Becca and Bryonna display a true heart of caring for the students at Levy. They always have smiles and words of encouragement for the students. They are creative in finding ways for Levy’s students to learn musical concepts. They also help wherever needed throughout the school.
Sowers Alternative High School	<b>Wyatt Cobb</b> Paraeducator  <b>Joylee Ritchie</b> Food Service Aide  <b>David Hapner</b> Counselor	We can always count on Mr. Cobb to challenge and engage our students. He has high expectations of every student and motivates them to achieve beyond what they themselves believe they can do. His ability to cultivate relationships and encourage student success is unparalleled.  Joy is highly organized, dependable, and consistent in her dedication to the nutritional needs of our students. She is always prepared to serve students, even if they are late and miss the breakfast or lunch window. It’s clear Joy has respect and compassion for the students she serves.  “Hap” has been an integral part in all aspects of student success at Sowers for many years. His determination to create the best environment possible for all students is clear through his actions. Over his years here and with the district, he has impacted countless lives for the better.



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