

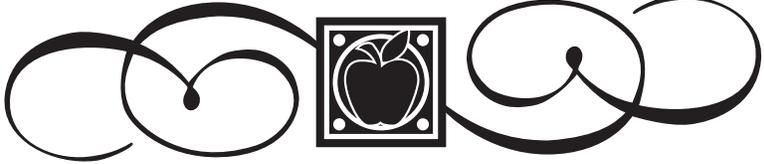


*Good Apple
Award*



Wichita Public Schools
December 2021

Good Apple Award



The Wichita Public Schools Board of Education is proud to recognize the December 2021 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.

Districtwide Partner Good Apples

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

WESLEY HEALTHCARE - STOP THE BLEED TRAINING TEAM

Aaron Sutton

Trauma Outreach & Injury Prevention
Coordinator

Thomas Donnay

To date, nearly 2,400 WPS staff have learned life saving techniques, completely free of charge, through Wesley's Stop the Bleed training. Supporting our long-term goal to prioritize safety, these professionals' passion for educating others shines throughout every step of the process.

District One Good Apples

Brooks Center for STEM
and the Arts Magnet
Middle School

BROOKS NUTRITION SERVICES

Ann Washington
Cafeteria Assistant
Manager

Arenetta Wooley
Cafeteria Manager

Helen Banks
Cafeteria Aide

Syeda Begum
Cafeteria Aide

Our Fantastic Four are not Marvel characters but real-life superheroes. They do an extraordinary job of serving students during our six lunch periods with a short turnaround time to clean and restock. We are blessed to have them supporting our students to have nourished bodies to achieve.

Jennifer Dirting
Paraeducator

Jennifer is the embodiment of the characteristic of a team player. She has transitioned extremely well into our 6th grade math vacancy position, serving as the long-term substitute. She is also the After-School Rec director and assistant girls track coach. Talented and just plain out awesome!!

Buckner Performing Arts
and Science Magnet
Elementary School

Amy Locke
Kindergarten Teacher

Amy's passion for kindergarten is contagious. Amy works to engage the students at their level with a variety of innovating techniques that allow students to reach their highest potential. Students arrive each day to an environment that sets the foundation for their future success in education.

Connor Burden
5th Grade Teacher

Mr. Burden is a relational master with the students. He works to get to the heart of what kids need and what tools they can use to succeed in a variety of situations. Whether you need assistance with your work in class or you need someone to listen to you...you can count on him to be there.

Rebecca Percy
2nd Grade Teacher

Rebecca is an amazing teacher who is dedicated to building relationships and reaching students on their level. She differentiates learning and has students engaged, having fun, smiling, and most importantly...learning. She cares for kids academically and emotionally.

East High School

Carmela Burandy
Math Teacher

Casey and Kelly Cotton (guardians) nominate Ms. Buranday for her excellent communication regarding their niece whom there were safety and academic concerns. She met with the student after school and on her own time to ensure academic and social and emotional success.

Michael Archibeque
Guest Assistant Principal

Mr. Archibeque's generosity is incredible. When Coleman's AP resigned suddenly, Mr. Archibeque graciously volunteered his time to help us out. He is well-loved at Coleman by both students and staff! We appreciate his knowledge and expertise he brings to Coleman! Thank you Arch! *Michael received his award from Coleman Middle School.*

Michelle Fields
Math Teacher

Ms. Field's coworker Carmela notes that Michelle's generosity of personal time towards her students, colleagues, her family and our community showcases not only an outstanding teacher, but an amazing person altogether.

Paula Horsky
Bookkeeper

The East High Admin Team is thankful for Paula who is hardworking, dependable, organized and makes ALL our jobs at East High easier. She has stepped up and been the Glue to this big Plane we fly everyday.

Gordon Parks Academy

Rhonda Newby
Administrative Assistant

Ms. Newby has been the Administrative Assistant at GPA since its conception. She is very knowledgeable and one of the best bookkeepers in the district. This year, our office staff has had vacancies and Ms. Newby has kept the office and the office duties on track. She makes a positive impact at GPA.

Joyce Focht Instructional Support Center

CJ Hodges
Security

CJ has been an integral part of the JFISC team over the last year. CJ wears many hats as he works security for a building that houses the hearing office, truancy, GearUp, as well as EI Academy. The epitome of a gentleman, CJ makes it a point to treat everyone with respect and kindness.

PD TEAM
Dyane Smokorowski
Coordinator of Digital Literacy
Joshua Ehret
Ed Tech
Tana Ruder
Ed Tech

Mid-semester changes to our staff left us without an instructional coach. Mrs. Smoke, Tana, and Josh jumped in to help us fill that void on top of all their other responsibilities in the district. We are thankful for their leadership, willingness to help, and thoughtfulness to our needs!

Richard Carlisle
Custodial

Rich is one of the hardest working people in the district. He takes pride in his job and our building; he always has a smile for our staff and our students. Adding 500 students to the building made his job more demanding, but he jumped in with us and makes EIA a great place to be!

Mueller Aerospace and
Engineering Discovery
Magnet Elementary
School

**MUELLER CHILD STUDY
TEAM**

Christine Campbell

KOSP Lisaison

Grace Irion

Psychologist

Laura Rose

Social Worker

Martine Bolton

Nurse

Nickell Reed

Counselor

Rebecca Brown

Speech-Language

Pathologist

Our Child Study Team at Mueller is AmAZInG! 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 also supporting administration tirelessly every day.

Jami Tabor

Administrative Assistant

Jami Tabor is talented and flexible in her position with systems in place that will allow her to be efficient in a busy environment. Mrs. Tabor is careful to put information and items in the right place and organized enough to retrieve it. We value her dedication to the staff and students of Mueller.

Vanita Washington

Administrative Assistant

Vanita Washington is talented and flexible in her position, which helps everyone on the team. Mrs. Washington looks for every opportunity to grow and learn in her role. We want to thank her for her hard work and dedication to the staff and students of Mueller.

School Service Center

Diane Gerdson

Financial Support

Technician

Diane is an expert at keeping budgets in check by ensuring all spending complies with BOE policy, grant guidelines and the best interest of the district as a whole. She has a knack for explaining "how to" and "why" with patience and humor. Her talent has been a tremendous asset to WPS!

Garth Brown

Technical Assistant

Garth's support, communication and desire to provide excellent customer service is phenomenal! He consistently gives 110% to everything he is tasked with. Garth thinks outside the box to create a better work environment and support system for the supply department and throughout district.

Penny McNeill

Administrative Assistant

Penny is the ultimate go-to person! Compassionate, trustworthy and helpful explain her, perfectly. She exceeds the expectations of her position to provide outstanding customer service to contractors, staff and community members. We can't thank her enough for her support.

School Service Center

**PRINT SHOP
MAGICIANS**

Bobby Flora

Machine Operator

Christina Lopez

Print Shop Manager

Curtis Smith

Print Shop Technician

Eric Strahler

Print Shop Technician

Frank Schoenecker

Machine Operator

Matt Johnson

Machine Operator

Melissa Pineda

Print Shop Technician

Todd Rogers

Print Shop Technician

Vince Huber

Print Shop Technician

The print shop team works so hard to make sure our print shop orders are absolutely beautiful! The amazing work with pennants, window clings, and signs have been marvelous! We appreciate their patience and amazing customer service. The team is so creative and dedicated. *This team received its award from Marshall Middle School.*

Spaght Science and
Communications Magnet
Elementary School

Andrea Dixon

Faith Builders

Faith Builders has been a tremendous support of the Spaght Family. They step in the gap & help provide shoes, uniforms, socks/underwear, supplies, snacks, holiday meals, transportation, meals for events...basically anything that our kids/families need. Thank you Faith Builders for your dedication!

Courtney Santore

Kindergarten Teacher

Courtney is a dedicated, model teacher who navigates her curriculum to help create memories for the students in her classroom. With a calm voice and gentle smile, she embraces any challenge that comes her way. Her love for her students shines in & out of the classroom.

Shelley Stauble

Interrelated Teacher

Ms. Shelley Stauble is Spaght's problem-solving queen! She is consistently increasing her knowledge to better serve students. She is an asset to the teams she works with by providing strategies, materials & ideas that supports students in reaching their full potential. Shelley makes Spaght Great!

District Two Good Apples

Beech Elementary School	Andrea Sander Kindergarten Teacher	Andrea is one of a kind. She has great classroom management, fabulous instructional routines and high expectations for her students. Andrea is always willing to implement whatever she needs to help students succeed. She positively impacts the lives of her students. Andrea is amazing!
	BEECH SECOND GRADE TEAM Joy Costello 2nd Grade Teacher Kelly Phillis 2nd Grade Teacher Taylor Shinn 2nd Grade Teacher	The Beech 2nd grade team is a phenomenal group of educators. They have been flexible and have adapted well during the past few years of difficult circumstances and changes within their team. They have remained positive and they are continually working to make Beech the best place for their students.
	Suzanne Fletcher School Nurse	Suzie has used her nursing skills and knowledge to implement some new building procedures which keep the building safer from illnesses. She has been instrumental in providing basic health items to our families. Suzie is a valued member of the building who works to support our students and families.
Bostic Traditional Magnet Elementary	Vicki Williams Administrative Assistant	Bostic Traditional Magnet is so grateful to have Vicki Williams as our Administrative Assistant. While her interruptions are continuous throughout the day, she has the amazing ability to make each individual feel like they are the most important person in the room. Thank you Vicki for all you do!
Coleman Middle School	Tonya Davis ELA Intervention Teacher	Tonya has contagious positive energy and pursues success for her students. She has gone above and beyond procuring donations to make things fun for students and staff. She tirelessly works to ensure students are motivated in her intervention classes. We're so glad you're on our team!
College Hill Elementary School	Brenna Prosser Paraprofessional	Brenna will take on just about any task. She has been a life saver this year in a kindergarten class. With the teacher out on maternity leave, Brenna just took over. She offered such great assistance to the several subs that taught in that classroom. Because of her the students stayed on track.

College Hill Elementary
School

CHILD STUDY TEAM

Holly Taylor
Speech Pathologist
Madison Orton
Psychologist
Meagan Schmidt
Speech Pathologist
Paula Stanley
Nurse
Shawna Peters
Counselor
Tahnoqua
Rutledge-Waterman
Social Worker

After several challenging months we all began a rather challenging school year. This team stepped up every single moment to help students and staff who were going through challenging times. Many, many things that they do aren't on their normal job description. College Hill is better because of them.

Sharetta Simmons
Paraprofessional

Sharetta is a fabulous co-teacher in an interrelated classroom. She knows the curriculum and what each student needs in order to be successful. Sharetta is an excellent teammate and always has a positive attitude. She stays calm and respectful when students act a bit challenging.

Hyde Int'l Studies/Comm.
Magnet Elementary

HYDE PTO
Beth Grimmert
Community Service
Projects
Gwen Ottenberg
2020-22 Vice-President
Jamie Smartt
2020-21 President
Meghan Dillard
2021-22 President
Robert Roswurm
2020-22 Treasurer
Tonya Baldwin
2020-22 Grant
Coordinator

Hyde's PTO is beyond measure by insuring that every staff and student need is provided for. They have remained positive and committed to their goals during a pandemic. We are so grateful for our parents and their outpouring of support.

Jason Ellis
Paraprofessional

Jason Ellis, although new to education, has the foresight to pitch in any where there's a need. He's invested in supporting and growing our students and is invaluable to our staff. Thank you Jason!

Jessica Barrientos
Administrative Assistant

It's our pleasure to nominate Jessica Barrientos, Administrative Assistant, for her willingness to help students, staff and parents with a cheerful smile and a kind word, creating a welcoming environment and excellent customer service for our Hyde community. Thank you Jessica!

Minneha Core Knowledge
Elementary School

**MINNEHA CUSTODIAL
TEAM**

Chris Pettis

Custodian

Danny Cortez

Head Custodian

James Jones

Night Lead

Sendy Villanueva

Custodian

The Custodial team at Minneha is amazing. This team works very hard to keep the school clean for the safety of our staff and students. They are friendly and support the mission here at Minneha. This team is always willing to go the extra mile.

Kylie Beck

Pre-K Teacher

Kylie's skills in "flipping" a kid's day to be successful are nothing if not magical. She demonstrates calmness in the face of any situation, and chips away at problem behaviors like a master carver. Kylie will reach out and help any fellow educator to help a student be successful.

Price-Harris
Communications Magnet
Elementary

Jaimee Gwost

Substitute Teacher

Jaimee has contributed so much to our school, whether it be volunteering, substituting classes with little advance notice, or supporting our teachers through PTO. She is always willing to help out and does so with a positive attitude. We are so grateful to have her be a part of our school community.

Seltzer Elementary School

Jada Stringfield

Interrelated Teacher

Jada has handled the various challenges presented to her with grace and a positive attitude. She loves on the toughest students with the same level of compassion she shows other students. She is instrumental to the positive culture of our building and we are so thankful she is a part of our school.

FRONT OFFICE STAFF

Jana Brown-Terhune

Clerk

JoAnn Sparnroft-Ragatz

Secretary

Melanie Rice

Clerk

We are so fortunate that our community first sees our Office Staff when they enter the building. Warm greetings with smiles and kind words really set a wonderful tone for interaction with our students, families, and community. This team makes a positive difference in our days at Seltzer!

Southeast High School

Connie Redic

Assistant Principal

Connie Redic is an "Educational Force to Be Reckoned With." In her short time as an AP @ SEHS she forged relationships and improved the school's culture. We will miss her because she will be taking her talents to Curtis MS to become their new principal. You made an impact on SEHS and will be missed!

District Three Good Apples

Alvin E. Morris
Administrative Center

Caylin Loggins
Future Ready Advocate

Mr. Loggins, affectionately known as Mr. Cay, has been a wonderful addition at The Domes! He came on board as one of the new Future Ready Advocates and has already made a tremendous impact on our students and culture. We appreciate his mentorship to our Coleman students! Thank you Special Cay! *Caylin received his award from Coleman Middle School.*

Caylin Loggins
Future Ready Advocate

Dr. William Polite
Director, Equity &
Accountability

Larry Allen
Future Ready Advocate

Lavell Jackson
Future Ready Advocate

Mario Barnes
Future Ready Advocate

Michael Lewis
Future Ready Advocate

Minh-Chau Hughes
Future Ready Advocate

Odell Harris
Future Ready Advocate

Tony Johnson
Future Ready Advocate

Tyrone Berry
Future Ready Advocate

With all of the learning taking place in the schools and the great research-based training that came to the Advocates from William Polite and his vision, this program is making a huge impact on students all while building positive relationships with administration and staff.

Gina Wiedemann
Employee Benefits
Analyst

Gina's work over the last year supports all areas highlighted in the Good Apple award. Not only has she provided top notch customer service to our employees, but her service and work on the health plan is a critical retention tool in a year where staffing challenges have been present. She has been willing to put in extra time on a consistent basis to make sure district goals are realized.

Kory Gregg
Custodian

We have had many unexpected challenges this year and Kory's response is always, "I'll get it done." He is always quick to respond to critical matters while also working hard to address the needs of our building and its staff. Kory is very deserving of this award in recognition of his hard work, dedication and compassion.

Caldwell Elementary
School

Cameron Rhodes
Social Worker

This person fulfills not only his duties but many others around the building. His positive attitude and willingness to always be there for whatever is needed around the school is not unnoticed. He has come up with creative ways to help all students get their needs met at school. He is a blessing!

Caldwell Elementary School

DHH TEACHERS

Kimberly Enos

DHH Teacher

Megan Rittmiller

DHH Teacher

These teachers have consistently gone above and beyond their roles as Teachers of the Deaf not only at Caldwell but at other schools as well. They have also spent countless hours outside of the workday helping students and families in many ways.

Mwasiti Moore

Head Custodian

This fierce warrior protects and keeps the building in tip top shape. She is always there for students and staff no matter what the issue may be. With her head held high she has done more work than she signed up for at times. We know it has not been easy but we appreciate all the work you are doing.

Clark Elementary School

P.E. TEAM

Meredith McCoy

P.E. Teacher

Tracy Masterson

P.E. Teacher

Extreme gratitude is what a sub custodian felt for Tracy Masterson and Meredith McCoy, who supported him without giving it a second thought as they assisted with pulling down tables and setting up the gym for the lunch period to ensure that students would be ready to start their lunch on time.

Colvin Elementary School

**COLVIN
PARAPROFESSIONALS**

Anahi Maldonado

Title Paraprofessional

Candice Thompson

Mixed Ability

Paraprofessional

Christine Ford

Pre-K Paraprofessional

Debra Taylor

Interrelated

Paraprofessional

Elisha Snell

Interrelated

Paraprofessional

Heather Tucker

Title Paraprofessional

Jacqueline Garolla

Newcomer

Paraprofessional

Jessica Rodriguez

Student Support

Paraprofessional

Johana Esparaza

Title Paraprofessional

Karina Frausto

Mixed Ability

Paraprofessional

Katelin Scott

Student Support

Paraprofessional

Kathrine Newman

Pre-K Paraprofessional

The Colvin Paraprofessionals have helped our school in so many ways. Their flexibility, positivity, and hard work have helped us to educate all of our students during these challenging COVID 19 times. We appreciate them more than words can say. They are truly difference makers.

**COLVIN
PARAPROFESSIONALS
(CONTINUED)**

Katlin Amos

Interrelated
Paraprofessional

Kim Beltran

Title Paraprofessional

Kimberly Hernandez

Mixed Ability
Paraprofessional

Kyle Smith

Student Support
Paraprofessional

Laura Claros

Pre-K Paraprofessional

Liliana Mares

Title Paraprofessional

Linda Cress

Interrelated
Paraprofessional

Lindsey Mardock

Mixed Ability
Paraprofessional

Lizabeth Salazar

Mixed Ability
Paraprofessional

Marisol Ramirez

Mixed Ability
Paraprofessional

Nicole Moss

Title Paraprofessional

Patricia Vazquez

Newcomer
Paraprofessional

Shaniza Ramirez

Title Paraprofessional

Shelli Stutey

Pre-K Paraprofessional

Tiarra Gutierrez

Title Paraprofessional

Vee Vongsena

Title Paraprofessional

Victor Rizo

Title Paraprofessional

Wayne Helgenberger

Interrelated
Paraprofessional

Yvette Garcia

Interrelated
Paraprofessional

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Curtis Middle School	<p>MTSS FACILITATORS Alexandra Martin Math Instructional Coach Laurel Visser ELA Instructional Coach</p>	<p>Laurel and Ally have done an amazing job leading our staff in professional learning and supporting teachers in their classrooms. They continue to go above and beyond to help our staff and students with the sub shortage we have this year by writing lesson plans, grading, and subbing.</p>
	<p>Annette Hollimon Administrative Assistant</p>	<p>Annette is an asset to Curtis staff, students, and families. She goes above and beyond her duties to make sure others needs are being met. She is willing to step in and help wherever there is a need. We are truly blessed to have such an AMAZING administrative assistant.</p>
Gardiner Elementary School	<p>SPECIALS TEAM Ashley Christ Art Teacher Brian Willis Physical Education Teacher Cheyenne Jacobs Physical Education Teacher Elizabeth Tackett Library Teacher Joel Rosario Lopez Vocal Music Teacher Misti Rohde Vocal Music Teacher</p>	<p>The Specials Teams at Gardiner is recognized for their outstanding effort in bringing special events to Gardiner to keep our students engaged in our community. They also have done an amazing job achieving student learning during the pandemic and through its restrictions. Thunder-ful job, team!</p>
	<p>Chelsea Smith-McKinney Behavioral Health School Liaison</p>	<p>Chelsea is always eager to offer her help and support. She is a team player and her positive attitude is contagious. She has great rapport with so many students and offers them a safe space to regulate. Chelsea is committed to supporting students and staff and it is a privilege to work alongside her!</p>
	<p>Traci Chambers 1st Grade Teacher</p>	<p>Traci always works hard to meet all of her kids' needs, while being flexible with changes that come her way. Her first graders rise to the high expectations provided to succeed for both academics and behavior in her classroom while she maintains strong relationships with each student. Traci Rocks!</p>
Griffith Elementary School	<p>SUPPORT TEAM Cassandra Carrington Paraprofessional Lilly Haydon Paraprofessional Miranda Jones Paraprofessional Staci Lynch ESOL Teacher Tammy Lockwood ESOL Teacher</p>	<p>Time and time again staff members have been asked to step in as a substitute. These ladies are professional, dependable, and flexible. They have walked into classrooms and assume teaching roles with a smile. Without them, stress would mount and learning would suffer. You are appreciated by all.</p>

Harry Street Elementary School

Ashley Welsh
Kindergarten Teacher

Ashley is a champion for our students and staff. Her classroom is filled with love, learning, engagement, and high expectations. Students in Ashley's care achieve at high levels both academically and socially. Our staff family can depend on Ashley to provide support, laughter, and useful strategies.

Dawn Gibson
School Nurse

Dawn is outstanding! Her nursing expertise, guidance, and service to our entire school community during the past 2 years has been remarkable. Dawn's compassionate communication while upholding essential protocols has provided high levels of support to both our families and staff.

Kim Treat
ESOL Teacher

Flexible, dependable, dedicated and a team player are just a few words that describe Kim. Kim takes care of the students she serves like they are her own. She provides high levels of quality instruction that allow students to learn, share, read, write, and develop critical reading skills.

Jardine STEM and Career Exploration Magnet Middle Academy

JARDINE TEAM
Barry Glover
Teacher
Brian Hoy
Barber

When Mr. Glover noticed a young man who did not want to take his hood down because he had a haircut that kids were teasing him about, he took action. He called his barber Brian Hoy, who came to Jardine and cut his hair. This has had a tremendously positive impact on this young man.

Jennifer Angell
Teacher

Jennifer Angell is an excellent teacher and supervisor at Jardine. She always has engaging activities for her students, regularly incorporating technology and centers in her classroom. In addition, she does both morning and afternoon bus supervision as well as recess every day.

Stephen Cummins
STS

Mr. Cummins is a first year STS in a VILS building. With all of the extra technology we have in our building this year, it is safe to say that he is one of our busiest staff members. Even with a steep learning curve, Mr. Cummins has exceeded any reasonable expectations we could have had for him.

Jefferson Elementary School

FOOD SERVICE AIDES
Constance Hadnot
Food Service Aide
Twylin Smith
Food Service Aide

Twylin & Constance do so much more than just serve lunch & breakfast to the students at Jefferson each day. They get to know all the students & are a consistent friendly face. They take time to learn the students names & engage in conversation with them all while making sure 350 plus meals are served.

Jennifer Maier
Speech Clinician

Jenny's always lending a hand. She's the first to volunteer if coverage's needed somewhere, if a student's struggling, if there's a technology issue, if there's a fundraiser, if there's a family event, or something just needs planning. We are so fortunate to have her as part of the Jefferson team!

Jefferson Elementary School	<p>Vilma Cortez De Miranda Special Education Paraprofessional/Para Learning Loss High Incidence</p>	<p>Vilma’s heart beats Jefferson! Before she was staff, she was an involved parent. Our Spanish speaking families & staff hold her in the highest regard! She’s built great relationships with families & they seek her assistance. She often helps with school activities. It wouldn’t be the same without her!</p>
Linwood Elementary School	<p>Kathleen Modellmog 1st Grade Teacher</p>	<p>Mrs. Modellmog volunteered to help lead varsity tutoring this year. Mrs. Modellmog formed relationships with students and families and worked tirelessly to motivate and inspire learners to show up each day and do their best. Families have recognized the great impact and requested to be participate.</p>
	<p>Kelly McDonough 4th Grade Teacher</p>	<p>Mrs. McDonough volunteered to help lead the varsity tutor program at Linwood this year. Students have benefited greatly and parents have recognized the significant benefit. Mrs. McDonough motivates and inspires learners to show up each day and do their best.</p>
	<p>Paula Wertz Nurse</p>	<p>Nurse Paula has taken on a tremendous responsibility this year with COVID testing needs. Paula shows up early to test students or staff to ensure a safe learning environment is maintained. Nurse Paula has also volunteered and assisted other schools that need assistance with COVID testing.</p>
Mead Middle School	<p>Abigail Myril Semple Mixed Abilities Teacher</p>	<p>Abby Semple is the passionately dedicated leader of Mead’s mixed abilities program. She is a relentless problem solver, seizing every opportunity to integrate her students into Mead’s larger student body. She’s intensely committed to her kids & their success. Abby puts her whole heart into her work.</p>
	<p>Samantha Bongartz Math Teacher</p>	<p>Mead’s 2nd year educator, Samantha Bongartz exhibits teaching competencies well beyond her years. She’s astute with SRG, creates intentionally planned lessons, makes effective use of tech in the classroom & practices effective bell to bell engagement. Samantha is a consistent & positive team member.</p>

District Four Good Apples

Allison Traditional Magnet Middle School	<p>COVID SUPPORT TEAM</p> <p>Carolyn Alcocer Registrar</p> <p>Kimberly Kanngiesser Nurse</p> <p>Kris Kontny Secretary/Bookkeeper</p>	<p>Covid protocol brought daily testing to our world instantly. This team made our students & staff overall health & wellness top priority during a time others may have perceived a crisis. Ensuring effective communication, remaining calm & steady with the nose swabs, this team is invaluable! Thank you!</p>
Cessna Elementary School	<p>Madison Andrews Paraprofessional</p> <p>Kameron Russell Paraprofessional</p> <p>Renee Vanscyoc Substitute Teacher</p>	<p>Madison has the patience of a saint; my kids & I adore her. She's risen to the occasion this year & taken on many new experiences that showcase her talent as a future teacher. She does this with grace & ease. Her bravery & willingness to navigate new challenges & experiences makes her one of a kind!</p> <p>Her willingness to help with kids during tough times has been a tremendous asset. She continues to build meaningful relationships with kids & always sees the positive in them. Kam is one of the kindness, patient, friendliest & always has a smile. Her laughter & positivity is contagious!</p> <p>Renee is more than a sub to us. She's at Cessna every day to support our students and staff. When she subs for specials or other staff positions she goes above and beyond the daily duties. She supports on radio calls, help in the lunch room or at recess, just jumps in! She is one of us! We love you!</p>
Cleaveland Traditional Magnet Elementary School	<p>IR Team</p> <p>Dana Evans IR Paraprofessional</p> <p>Erika Bates-Lytle IR Paraprofessional</p> <p>German Rodriguez IR Paraprofessional</p> <p>Kathleen Loesing IR Paraprofessional</p> <p>Taylor Buford IR Teacher</p> <p>Yolanda Salvatierra IR Paraprofessional</p>	<p>The IR team has been beyond dependable and flexible these past two years in filling any and all needs within the building. They have been a tremendous help in being willing to support classrooms and students in our building. They have given our students a consistent face and we are so thankful!</p>
Enders Leadership and Community Service Magnet	<p>Alyssa Hollinger Kindergarten Teacher</p>	<p>Ms. Alyssa has been an amazing teacher throughout my children's careers at Enders. She goes above & beyond, doing whatever it takes to help each of her students find success. She made my children feel so successful & loved while in her room. I am so thankful for all she has done for my Enders Owls.</p>

Enders Leadership and Community Service Magnet	<p>Caitlin Linck Mixed Abilities Teacher</p>	<p>Caitlin brings a considerate & thoughtful approach to our MA program. Caitlin presumes competence & sets high expectations. With her encouragement, her students rise to the occasion. She is a tireless advocate for her students & all our Enders Staff. She is a stellar team player & inclusion queen!</p>
Enterprise Elementary School	<p>ENTERPRISE CUSTODIAL TEAM Brent Underwood Night Custodian Michael Holt Head Custodian</p>	<p>Mike and Brent are to be celebrated for their hard work in keeping Enterprise spotless and safe from germs over the past 1.5 years of Covid. They work tirelessly, without complaint, and always with a smile on their face. They are called on to complete the dirtiest jobs and rush to get it done!</p>
	<p>Julie Jamis Nurse</p>	<p>Nurse Julie is busy during a normal year, but these last few years dealing with Covid has seen added paperwork, documentation, protocols, contact tracing, and countless testing. This is all done with grace and flexibility! Her professionalism and knowledge has been valued and appreciated!</p>
Kelly Liberal Arts Academy	<p>Denise Hudson Title I Para</p>	<p>Denise has been an important team member at Kelly Elementary. Denise has been asked to go above and beyond her daily duties to help fill in other roles. She is always willing to help whenever she is asked. Having people like Denise helps to make Kelly a great school!</p>
	<p>Lori Cook Title I Para</p>	<p>Lori has been an important team member at Kelly Elementary. Lori has been asked to go above and beyond her daily duties to help fill in other roles. She is always willing to help whenever she is asked. Having people like Lori helps to make Kelly a great school!</p>
	<p>Vanessa Harris Bus Driver</p>	<p>Vanessa Harris demonstrates the following characteristic traits: calm, consistent, respectful, patient and kind. She is the type of person who is easy to make connections with people! She has done just that with the students on her bus and the staff here at Kelly Liberal Arts Academy. Thank you!</p>
South High School	<p>Kalyn Waller ELA Teacher</p>	<p>I am honored to nominate Kalyn Waller for the Good Apple Award. Mrs. Waller has been at South High for the past 8 years. Kalyn always keeps the best interest of the students in mind. She holds students accountable with firm and fair expectations, connecting with all her students. We appreciate her!</p>
	<p>Merle Shofner ELA Teacher</p>	<p>I am honored to nominate Merle Shofner for the Good Apple Award. Mr. Shofner has been at South High for the past 13 years. Mr. Shofner does a phenomenal job within our ELA department, positively impacting students on a daily basis. He is a true team player and a valued member of our Titan family!</p>

Truesdell Middle School

**TRUESDELL
PARAEDUCATOR TEAM**

Alex Jarchow

8th Grade Para

Antoine Sexton

6th Grade Para

Cindy Murphy

8th Grade Para

Corissa Cisneroz

6th Grade Para

Dorothy Dennison

7th Grade Para

Eleasha Kelley

7th Grade Para

Ethan Brittain

8th Grade Para

Karina Lemus

6th Grade Para

Katherine Mitchell

7th Grade Para

Racheal Martin

7th Grade Para

Radona Lada

8th Grade Para

Rosalba Fajardo

7th Grade Para

Ruby Fajardo

8th Grade Para

Tonya Snow

8th Grade Para

Our paraeducators are the best. They are flexible, reliable and good at what they do. They have had to sub for us a lot the last couple of years and they do so willingly with smiles on. We appreciate everything they do for our school.

West High School

Angela Armstrong
Nurse

Angela is a devoted and hard working nurse whose mission is to support the students of West High School. She has been asked to do the unimaginable over the past year and a half and continues to show up every day to serve. The Pioneer community thanks her for all that she has successfully managed.

Deirdre Vickers
Nurse Assistant

Deirdre has been a rock during this unprecedented pandemic. She shows up every day ready to help students and support her nurse. Her ability to handle the workload is impressive and to do so with her mild mannered approach is special. The Pioneer community is lucky to have her serving our students.

West High School

WEST HIGH CUSTODIAL TEAM

Billy McPherson

Head Custodian

David Anderson

Custodian

Ivan Ruvalcaba Sandoval

Custodian

James Maxwell

Custodian

Juan Hernandez Del-Toro

Custodian

Siaedha Clark

Custodian

Tracy Williams

Night Lead Custodian

Our custodial crew has stepped up and taken on the challenge of keeping touch points and classrooms as safe as possible. The ability of the team to adapt to the ever changing landscape has been impressive. West is a better place due to this team's dedication. We are Pioneer proud of this team.

White Elementary School

WHITE ELEMENTARY PARAS

Amaya McCray

Paraprofessional

April Curry

Paraprofessional

Cherise Giesy

Paraprofessional

Deborah Reed-Johnson

Paraprofessional

Emani Wilder

Paraprofessional

Fatisha Smith

Paraprofessional

Jaden Nussbaum

Paraprofessional

Megan Booze

Paraprofessional

Mickayla Murphy

Paraprofessional

Miranda McDonald

Paraprofessional

Patricia LaViolette

Paraprofessional

Shaylah Neloms

Paraprofessional

Summer Lacy

Paraprofessional

Talika McCray

Paraprofessional

Tiffany Cribbs

Paraprofessional

Tina Sturges

Paraprofessional

When we think of our paras at White Elementary the word "superhero" comes to mind. They may not wear capes, but they have saved the day many times! Our paras offer support in a number of ways. We're especially thankful for their willingness to substitute when teachers are absent. We love our paras!

White Elementary School	Rhiannon Dvorak Nurse Assistant	Ms. Rhi is more than a Nurse's Assistant; she is a member of the White Elementary family. She has helped lighten the load for our Nurse and has made the Nurse's office a warm and welcoming place. We appreciate Ms. Rhi and everything she does for White Elementary!
	Tamara Harper School Nurse	If we could choose one word to describe Nurse Harper it would be AMAZING! She has worked diligently to support staff, students, and families. We know her job has become more strenuous over the past few years. However, she remains steady, patient, and professional.
Woodman Elementary School	Colleen Killgore Teacher	Colleen has grown so much as a teacher and continues to learn and try new things every day. She does her best to make every one of her kinder kids feel special and loved. She makes kindergarten fun for everyone (even the other adults in the room). Her willingness to help and support others is amazing.
	Peter Roenne Volunteer Site Contact	Peter has far exceeded all expectations for recruiting volunteers at Woodman. He is organized, friendly, efficient and creative. He is always happy and eager to help staff in any way! He has been a true blessing for our school and we want to know that he is appreciated! Thank you Peter!
	Wanda Wilson Powe Art Teacher	Wanda is a master at helping her students value their creativity and imagination. She teaches them to experiment and express themselves with different textures and mediums. The finished products are masterpieces and she has turned the Woodman halls into an Art Gallery!

District Five Good Apples

Benton Elementary School

BENTON PRE-K STAFF
Alexandria Garcia
Pre-K Classroom Teacher
Lori Owings-Below
Pre-K Paraprofessional
Margaret Ferb
Pre-K Paraprofessional

Our Benton Pre-K teacher and paras exemplify all the great qualities of an educational team. These three are committed to collaboration, teamwork, and doing what it takes to make a student's first experience with school and learning the best it can be.

Nicole DeMoure
Academic Life Skills Teacher

As an Academic Life Skills teacher, Nicole DeMoure demonstrates a high level of caring and committed professionalism by providing quality learning and whole-child support to each of her student's unique and demanding needs each day. Her experience is relied upon by many, and we are grateful for her!

Susanna Killgore
Behavior Interventionist

Susie Killgore has brought committed care to her new role as Behavior Interventionist. She is a true natural with her thoughtful approach to working with students and staff to resolve conflict, build relationships, and restore balance between social-emotional issues and learning. Thank you, Ms. Killgore

Kensler Elementary School

Molly Green
1st Grade Teacher

Molly truly makes her classroom a home for students and has positive relations with all her students, families and staff. Her lessons are thoughtful, relevant and fun for students. Thanks for all you do for Kensler each day!

Lawrence Elementary School

Johnna Glaser
Social Worker

Johnna has jumped in this year & tackled any task with a positive attitude. She builds trust with each student & works hard to ensure they feel supported. She strives to create an environment where students feel safe & secure. Johnna also supports staff when they come to her with student needs.

Kelly Gleeson
Administrative Assistant

Let's just call her superwoman! She is invaluable and counted on for so many reasons. Always with a smile underneath her mask, and a good attitude, we could not do what we do every single day without Kelly! She has taken on many new roles recently & is very appreciated!

Mowes Alamin
Custodian

Mowes is always smiling, he loves his job, loves the students and loves helping the staff. He takes pride in the cleanliness of the building and is always willing to assist where ever he is needed. Hardworking, happy, flexible, dependable are all words that describe Mowes. So glad he is at Lawrence.

Mayberry Cultural and Fine Arts Magnet Middle School

Monica Fouch
School Nurse

Nurse Monica Fouch has been strong through all the extra work COVID has brought her way. She not only tends to student's individual health needs, she has also spent an exceedingly amount of time contract tracing and daily testing to help keep everyone safe.

McCollom Elementary School

Reva Hood
5th Grade Teacher and
Latchkey Director

Reva Hood is an awesome teacher who enhances student learning through unique activities in the classroom. She has exceptional rapport with her students, families and the community that last a lifetime. She models positive leadership and creativity as Latchkey Director and teacher-in-charge.

Sherrie Smith
Interrelated Teacher

Sherrie Smith is a kind, caring support to students, staff and families. She shows mutual trust, risk taking and support each day. She is always available to help and a natural selfless leader. She utilizes a positive proactive approach to support others in her various roles as a leader.

Northwest High School

Lisa Hambelton
Mel Hambelton Ford
Dealer Principal

Lisa Hambelton and Mel Hambelton Ford have been supporting Northwest High School for years. They have supported our athletic programs along with DECA, YE, Project Graduation, Grizzly Pride Booster Club, and our Early College Academy. Thank you, Mel Hambelton Ford, for all your support.

**GRIZZLY PRIDE
BOOSTER CLUB
Todd & Cris Carter**
Grizzly Pride

Todd & Cris Carter have taken on leadership in countless roles in Grizzly Pride booster club over the past decade. Their efforts coordinating numerous parent volunteers & fundraising efforts are felt throughout the Grizzly Community. As their last child graduates, their contributions will be missed.

Peterson Elementary School

**PETERSON'S ELITE
PARAPROFESSIONAL
TEAM**
Angie Becker
Paraprofessional
Brooke Belt
Paraprofessional
Casey Whitney
Paraprofessional
Christine Philips-Straight
Paraprofessional
Kat Lovings
Paraprofessional
Kimberly VanNess
Paraprofessional
Laurie McDonald
Paraprofessional
Megan Ackeret
Paraprofessional
Patricia Renteria
Paraprofessional
Trisha Voshell
Paraprofessional
Victoria Brown
Paraprofessional

Our paraprofessional team has been incredibly flexible and willing to adapt daily. Members of the team go out of their way to substitute teach, cover lunch duty, teach an additional small group, among a million other tasks to create and sustain a positive learning environment for our students.

Peterson Elementary
School

Lori Henning
School Counselor

Lori is an outstanding resource for staff and students at Peterson. She is trusted and valued by our Peterson community. She is positive and upbeat and goes above and beyond to meet the diverse needs on campus.

Matthew Phillips
Behavior Interventionist

Matt has been a wonderful addition to Peterson. His positive attitude and willingness to do whatever it takes to set students up for success at school is extraordinary. He has intentionally built relationships with students, families, and his colleagues to offer support in any way he can.

Wilbur Middle School

Schane Anderson
Sedgwick County Zoo
School Coordinator

Schane Anderson and the Sedgwick County Zoo are great partners. She works diligently to make sure STEM education is a high priority and ensures that her community outreach involves students, parents, and local schools. She is an active member of the PTA. Thanks Schane for your support at Wilbur.

Tami Van Steenburg
7th Grade Math Teacher

Tami is an amazing math teacher who has overcome so many obstacles. She shows up every day and never complains. We appreciate Tami for her perseverance, dedication and amazing grit. Thank you Tami for all you do at Wilbur.

District Six Good Apples

Chisholm Trail Elementary School	Deirdre Schlotfeldt Nurse	No one had to deal with more changes and Covid restrictions than her. She always works with a smile, even as she swabs someone for Covid. She treats everyone with ultimate respect, works tirelessly, and never complains. She is amazing and we thank her for her work and love for our CTE family!
	Miranda Ring 1st Grade Teacher	Miranda is a fantastic teacher, who loves each one of her students. She rolls with the punches she's faced with, never complaining. She has spent countless hours of her own plan time to assist with her students during specials. The world needs more dedicated and loving teachers like Miranda!
	Nathan Bengtson P.E. Teacher	Coming from teaching high school, Nathan has seamlessly joined the ranks of elementary school with ease. He goes above and beyond for our students. CTE is so grateful to have such an amazing PE teacher. Thank you Nathan for your supportive and positive attitude!
Cloud Elementary School	READING INTERVENTION TEAM Brent Lembke Reading Intervention Teacher	The Reading Intervention Team is relentless in not only supporting students in the classroom, but also supporting the teachers! All are masters at making connections with kids. They step in to cover for teachers when needed without complaint. Cloud is truly lucky to have such a dedicated team!
	Danielle Retana Reading Intervention Para	
	Jason Felihkatubbe Reading Intervention Para	
	Shannon Vontress Reading Intervention Para	
	Brittany Pugh Pre-K Teacher	
	Shawn Johnson Behavior Support Technician	Mr. J has been a great addition to Cloud! He makes a point of getting to know all students to welcome, encourage them and check on their learning. He works hard to build relationships with students and inspires them to be their best self. We are thankful to have him here at Cloud!
Earhart Environmental Magnet Elementary	Joseph Beyrle School Nurse	Joseph has worked tirelessly to keep our students, staff and school community as safe as possible during the pandemic. Joseph is very dedicated to his work and continuously puts the wellbeing of others ahead of his needs. Joseph is a terrific colleague and a great friend.

Earhart Environmental
Magnet Elementary

Karen Beam
Paraeducator

Karen is the prime example of an individual that is here for the right reason. Kids always come first in her actions and the way she carries herself. Karen always looks for the positive in each situation and strives to provide our students with the support that they may need.

Molli Brinda
Secretary

Molli has recently taken on the role of secretary where she continues model how to “wear many hats” well as she multitasks the many responsibilities that she has been assigned. She continues to do this while continuing to build positive relationships with our students, staff and school community.

Heights High School

Anglea Hutton
Administrative Assistant -
Guest Teacher
Coordinator

Angela is our, “Air Traffic Controller” for Guest Teacher coordination. She greets our Guest Teachers with a cheerful demeanor while implementing an organized and coherent system to communicate the teachers lessons and student needs while getting our Guest Teachers to the proper classroom.

Marjorie Hecox
Para Sped Low Incidence

Marjorie enthusiastically works with speech staff to make sure a non-verbal student has the communication supports she needs at school. She has taken on this responsibility with positivity and love for this student. Thank you, Marjorie for working hard to help give this student a voice.

Rhiannon Miller
Social Worker

Rhiannon Miller has a presence with everyone around her that is warm, inviting, and makes you feel like you are the only person in the group with her attentiveness and attention to detail. She is an amazing Social Worker, but it is her intangibles that makes us WSProud to honor her as a Good Apple.

Horace Mann Dual
Language Magnet

Adrian Padilla
Behavior Support
Paraprofessional

Our school community would like to recognize Adrian Padilla for his work as our Behavior Support Para. Mr. Padilla is our resident ISS para, but when he doesn't have students scheduled in ISS, he is regularly called on to help regulate students in and out of the classroom; he is flexible and has a growth mindset. Mr. Padilla goes out of his way to be at your service as best as he can. He is truly an asset to Horace Mann.

**HORACE MANN DUAL
LANGUAGE MAGNET
PTO**

Claudia Tovar Morales
PTO Vice President

Fernanda Belton
Active Member

Janea Alonso
PTO Secretary

Jazmine Hernandez
PTO President

Rosario Raymundo
PTO Treasurer

Horace Mann wouldn't be the same without our PTO. This group of individuals work to organize monthly meetings where staff and parents plan cultural family night events that bring our community closer together. They also manage school wide fundraisers that allow us to do things we otherwise couldn't. This year, their focus is on school beautification and renovating our Outdoor Learning Center. We are thankful to have a generous dedicated PTO Team that gives so much without asking for anything in return.

North High School	HEALTH ROOM STAFF Carmina Suter Nurse Katie Canaday Health Room Assistant	The health room is always busy but even more with the extra challenges this year. Our health room staff handles these demands with professionalism, consistency, and an undeniable skill that keeps all North students, safe, healthy, and ready to learn. We appreciate everything they do!
	Hannah Kelderman Science Teacher	Hannah is constantly looking at ways to improve staff and student's experiences at North. She has invested much of her time developing programs and looking for new opportunities for our students. Hannah puts forth her best effort to make North High a great place to work and learn!
Pleasant Valley Elementary School	Danielle Jaso-Grimm Nurse	During the early months of the first semester, we were hit hard with Covid and close contact cases. This resulted in many hours of contact tracing, daily Covid testing, and paperwork. Through it all, Nurse Danielle persevered dedicated to keeping students and staff safe at PVE.
	OFFICE STAFF Kenia Robledo Administrative Assistant Kristina Vazquez Administrative Assistant	Kenia and Kristina are committed to making customer service their top priority. They make sure that everyone is treated kindly and respectfully. They also make the office inviting with their seasonal decorating or monthly themes. Both ladies do their best to make all stakeholders feel welcome.
Pleasant Valley Middle School	Diana Santillan Counselor	Diana Santillan is a 1st year counselor at PVMS and she is absolutely AMAZING! She works so well with both kids and staff. No matter what the need is, she jumps right in and helps our people find a resolution. We are very lucky to have Ms. D on our team!
	Matt Whitford Custodian	The night-lead custodian, Matt Whitford, needs to be recognized for the work he has done since taking this position at PVMS. Matt's work ethic is outstanding and he is someone that we can always rely on. It is so reassuring to know that our building is in good hands every night because of Matt.
Woodland Health/Wellness Magnet Elementary	Veronica Scherer Nurse	Veronica has been doing a fantastic job at keeping staff and students safe and healthy. On top of all the daily functions of a school nurse, she has helped make sure we are healthy by providing tests, contact tracing, phone calls and resources for so many students and families. Thank you Veronica!

District At-Large Good Apples

Dunlap Transition Campus at Chisholm	Brenda Alonzo Classroom Teacher	She is responsible, organized, and keeps her students' best interest at heart. The students are engaged and have fun projects to complete, all with rigor and evidence of student's high-level achievement.
	Christine Giroux Physical Therapist	She has great patience, empathy, and professionalism. She has been willing to adjust her schedule many times to accommodate the staff to make sure they are confidently trained. She is a very good resource and a enjoy working with!
	Natalie Crowell Paraprofessional at Project Search	Natalie exhibits many outstanding qualities as a professional. She has demonstrated an amazing work ethic as being totally devoted to the students. She is cheerful, a good communicator and an excellent role model.
Greiffenstein-Wells Alternative Middle School	Carlin Whitten Behavior Technician	Carlin aids in students' success by identifying students who need additional support and building relationships to work toward their goals. Carlin is always willing to step in and help in any way needed for the benefit of our school. Carlin provides data collection and feedback to the Behavior Team.
	Donna Pinaire Director of Bread of Life	This year our school has partnered with Bread of Life. Donna has welcomed our students, built relationships, and taught our students valuable skills. As director of Bread of Life, Donna clearly has a heart to help the community. She shows this same heart in working with our students.
	Scott McFarlane Para Sped High Incidence	Scott is always engaged with kids. Whether it's one on one or in a group, he's always busy. Scott is upbeat, happy, and positive. Scott encourages and praises students for doing well. Scott is always ready to help out where needed.
Sowers Alternative High School	Alize Garcia SPED High Incidence Paraprofessional	Her level or care and dedication to the students and staff at Sowers is second to none. Her ability to build relationships with challenging students is something that sets her apart, and her positive attitude brings joy to the environment of Sowers every single day.



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