

Recognition Ceremony – Part I



Broken Arrow Elementary – Robin and Terry Jacobsen

Robin and Terry have always been supportive, checking with teachers yearly to make sure supply needs are met. They also organize and provide for annual classroom parties.

Southwest Middle School – Chloe Mason

Chloe has been an amazing addition to the school garden team this year. She's an awesome role model to students and promotes school produce in local restaurants.

Deerfield Elementary – Melissa Jakmouj

A Deerfield parent for 12 years, Melissa has devoted COUNTLESS hours to the school community. There is no task that she has not had a hand in making a success!

Lawrence High School – Patricia Treff

As an employee and parent volunteer, Pat has worked with our journalism program and served on site council, Lion's Pride, as president/vice president, and orchestra boosters. Through her dedication, Lion's Pride awarded many scholarships and teacher grants.

USD 497 – Detective David Garcia, Lawrence Police Department

Det. Garcia has led digital citizenship presentations for students and their parents, ensuring they understand safety precautions, applicable laws and legal consequences.

South Middle School – Melanie and Bob Farney

Melanie and Bob lend helping hands to our Theatre/Drama Department. For 4 ½ years, they have worked with students and staff 3-4 hours every Saturday on school plays.

New York Elementary – Eric Jay

Eric has done many things, from delivering a dunk tank for the last day of school to serving as site council chair during discussions of possible school closings. This summer, he and his company, struct/restruct, facilitated completion of our garden shed.

West Middle School – Kristi Keefer

As chair of Parents of West (POW), Kristi supports our staff in a thoughtful and positive manner. A humble person, she never seeks attention for all that she does for our school.

Kennedy Elementary – Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club

For several years, Rotary has faithfully provided readers for a weekly before-school library time and funded book giveaways, classroom book collections and technology for the early childhood program. Their motto: Service Before Self, is a perfect match in supporting Kennedy PRIDE goals.

Free State High School – Cindy Johnson, Therapy Works

A great asset to our program, Cindy enables a senior to shadow a physical therapist, conducts tours with Pre-Med I students and participates in several all-school activities. She also attends many of our school events.

Liberty Memorial Central Middle School – Joe Novak, Elizabeth Kozleski, Mary Morningstar, Deb Griswold and Melinda Leko

Our 20-year partnership with KU's Professional Development School has been enhanced as KU faculty worked with our staff to provide a rich experience for college interns. The Special Education Department provided staff development, resources and opportunities to participate in research aimed at improving instruction for all students.

Prairie Park Elementary – Michael Stutz

As our "Top Dog," Michael co-founded our Watch D.O.G.S. program and promotes its importance by supervising our drop-off lane each morning. He's an active PTA member, serving on the executive committee two years. Thanks, Michael, for your support!

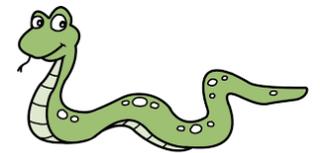
Lawrence College and Career Center – Tammy Bennett

Tammy established an internship program with the city of Lawrence for Law and Government students. She identifies city staff willing to help and works with teachers to develop the experience, improving student learning and reinforcing our design principles of hands-on, project-based learning and business and industry involvement.

Woodlawn Elementary – Matt Gilhousen and Dan Hughes

For the past three years, Matt, Tradewind Energy and its cycling team, in partnership with Dan and Sunflower Outdoor Bike Shop, have hosted bicycle safety fairs for students, teaching bicycle safety and offering obstacle courses, races and bike tuning.

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Hillcrest Elementary – Nancy O'Connor and Jim Lewis

Instrumental in the startup of our school gardens, Jim built the garden boxes and Nancy plants, weeds, educates students and enhances nutrition education by providing healthy treats, presentations and tours at The Merc.

Sunflower Elementary – Allene Schworm

An amazing asset, Allene is a jack-of-all-trades, getting whatever we need done, done well. She served as PTO president, room mom, on site council and helped with Family Fun Night, our 20th Birthday Party, carnival and countless committees and fundraisers.

Sunset Hill Elementary – Eliza Darmon

We have many shining stars in the constellation of volunteers at Sunset Hill, but Eliza's twinkle is ever-present. As PTO president, she worked tirelessly to promote our school community in a welcoming, productive and supportive manner. Her star never dims!

Lawrence Virtual School – Angie Mellema

Angie encourages and celebrates ALL families, attending numerous family gatherings, pouring her time and effort into an incredible graduation program and advocating for virtual education across Kansas. She demonstrates with staff and parents the same patience and perseverance she uses to educate her nine children at home.

Cordley Elementary – Brandy Ernsen

An integral part of our PTA and school community for years, Brandy has gone above and beyond by stepping in when we were without PTA officers and ensuring all beginning-of-the-year events continued. We appreciate her dedication and support!

Langston Hughes Elementary – Randy Glidewell

Randy has been our ultimate volunteer dad, serving as site council chair, our "Top Dog" for Watch D.O.G.S. and in his second term as PTO treasurer. He consistently steps in to volunteer, and always does so with a happy heart!

Quail Run Elementary – Kristie Hansen

It has been our pleasure teaching all eight of Kristie and Neil Hansen's children. Kristie has spent countless hours working behind-the-scenes supporting teachers and students.

Project Search – Janice Yost, Lawrence Memorial Hospital

Janice has supervised an intern for six years, developing a culture of acceptance in her department by assigning a variety of employees to participate in the mentoring process. She is kind, nurturing and caring, has high expectations and holds interns accountable.

Pinckney Elementary – Sandy Rickards

A retired teacher, Sandy volunteers in her grandson Adrian's classroom every week, working with kids on learning sight words and other skills needed in first grade. We are all lucky Adrian has such an amazing grandma!

Schwegler Elementary – Sheree Miller

Sheree consistently demonstrates support for our school by providing leadership of the school carnival for years and serving as a PTA officer and room mother. We celebrate her dedication and devotion to our school community.

THANK YOU to our 2016 Friends of Education, ALL school volunteers, presenters and event volunteers: Alex Hurt and Jazmyne McNair, LHS; Ben Gotto and Alex McMillen, FSHS; Charlotte Anderson, Julie Boyle, Janice Dunn, Janice Fullerton, Marcel Harmon, Kyle Hayden, Loron Hays, Coleen Martin, Jeff Plinsky and Kathy Robinson.



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