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Staff Name	Location/Role	Why are they a Model Mustang?
Alan Morrill	District Maintenance	Alan goes above and beyond to take care of others, he is always on the ball! He is positive and personable. Alan always offers a helping hand. He treats everyone with respect and kindness - if you get the chance to talk to Alan you will understand!! Be more like Alan! Thank you for everything.
Alexis Burnham	MHS East	Alexis joined us recently, and has seamlessly joined the team. She quickly understood the classroom, its routine and began building rapport with the students! She has great insight and is eager to help the kids and the classroom progress. Welcome aboard Alexis!
Bria Bourque	WES	Bria is not only an incredible educator but a wonderful role model to our students. She shows up each day with a smile ready to teach, run student helpers and be a dear colleague. She was on her feet for many hours during our recent holiday fair, running the student helper bake sale and helping with the 5th grade lunch. Bria is an outstanding human and being able to work with her and learn from her is such a wonderful thing. Thank you Bria for being such a wonderful person.
Cathy Poulin	AES	Cathy exemplifies what leadership is all about. Her hard work and dedication to students and staff is unwavering. On any given day, she wears many hats (Literally and figuratively, she loves to dress up for spirit days). Even on the hardest days, she still ensures that success, wellbeing and positivity is at the forefront. She deserves to be recognized for all she does! Cathy is on top of her students and staff in the best way possible - she is supportive and efficient. She goes above and beyond to ensure people are taken care of. AES recently had to quickly pull together a team meeting to best support a student, she made sure everyone had an opportunity to debrief and take care of themselves. She exemplifies a leadership role and compassion. She demonstrates such genuine compassion to both the students and the staff when difficult events in life occur.
Chris Lancaster	Transportation	Chris is a fantastic bus driver! He always has a smile on his face and the kids love riding his bus. He is fun and engaging and a great influence for all who ride with him. Thanks for being a rockstar Chris!!



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Chrissy Winn	Line	Chrissy is always looking for ways to boost staff morale in our building. In December she designed a whole competition around the holiday theme and staff worked in two teams completing fun and silly tasks to earn points. We had a lot of fun and it certainly made the month light hearted and less stressful. Chrissy not only runs a smooth front office, she has been a driving force in creating a positive school culture. Through her efficiency and determination, she has excelled at helping to turn what has been low morale in our school to one of fun and vibrancy. Over the holidays the atmosphere was one of joy, all through her efforts. Line School is fortunate to have such a creative powerhouse in our office!
Denise Moy	MHS East	Denise joined the East team at the end of the summer and has since become an amazing individual to have available. The cleanliness and appearance of the building is leaps and bounds above where it was in previous years and she is always willing to lend a hand where needed. Denise is such an asset to the building. She deserves recognition for her role in the operations of such a unique space.
Dorothy Haws	GT/District	Dorothy goes into numerous schools and when she's in our building there's an extra light that we miss when she's not here. I appreciate everything she does for our Gifted and Talented kiddos. She builds lovely connections and becomes a trusted adult for her students.
Emily Shopland	AES	I could say endless kind things about Emily! She is a positive, hard working and calming presence. She is always making an effort to acknowledge those around her and takes an interest in how they are doing/how she can offer support. She is someone you can count on!
Erin Hunter	AES	Erin is enthusiastic about supporting her students, as well as learning about the different aspects of her job. She is going above and beyond inquiring about different supports that we can offer. Keep up the great work Erin, you make it a joy to come to work on the days you are here at AES!
Gillian Kirk	WES	Gillian has been wearing two hats for the entire school year and even though she has passed the hat on she is diligently making sure both roles are filled. She is providing a wealth of information and assistance to her replacement and is persistent in making sure the students and staff have their needs met. Gillian is very nice, kind, and helpful.



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Hattie Pellegrino	MHS	Hattie is an inspiration to all that know her! She works hard to create lessons and activities to engage her students at all levels and she mentors every teacher she comes in contact with! Hattie goes above and beyond for the students and staff at MHS and we are so grateful to have her on our team!
Hilary Daigle	Lyman	Hilary has been an amazing addition to Lyman Elementary. Hilary makes all her students feel loved and cared for. She brings positivity and optimism into her classroom on a daily basis. She starts everyday with a smile and always puts her best foot forward. She uplifts others and makes coming to school fun for students and staff. She continuously and consistently fosters positive relationships with students. She is dedicated, hardworking, and reliable. We are lucky to have her as part of our team and her students are fortunate to have her!
Janel McCabe	Line	Janel always checks in with me before each Gym class to see if there is anything she needs to know to best support my PreK students during their time with her. She is always open to ideas and my students absolutely love going to class with her. She is also happy to lend a helping hand when she can, whether she is greeting students in the morning, helping to buckle PreK students on the bus, or jumping in to play a game or have a dance party with me little ones. Mrs. McCabe is definitely a Model Mustang!
Janis Peterson	PT/District	Janis exemplifies excellence in her role as a physical therapy provider. She consistently prioritizes the needs of her students, demonstrating her unwavering commitment as a strong advocate for their well-being. With well-honed skills and an extensive array of resources, Janis emerges as both a leader and a problem solver within her school teams. Her dedication not only uplifts those around her but also inspires a culture of support and collaboration.
Jess McCarthy	AES	Your dedication to your students and engagement in your class is inspiring! Jess is consistently going above and beyond for the students at all different levels in her room. Students know what the expectations are, and she provides consistency and care for each of them - She is so valued as a teacher and a friend.
Jess Tremblay	MMS	Jess always does everything she can to support students. She takes the brunt of a lot of issues and will always keep students' best interests in mind. Most of her work is done behind the scenes and she doesn't get the credit she deserves. She always looks for solutions to support teachers and students alike. I am lucky to work with her every day.



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Jill Richards	Lyman	Jill possesses a deep passion for teaching, particularly when it comes to helping students develop their reading skills. Her commitment to education is evident in her continuous search for innovative strategies to support learners who face challenges in their reading journey. Jill is not only dedicated to her craft but also works diligently to create a nurturing and effective learning environment. By staying informed about the latest educational techniques and resources, she is able to provide personalized support that meets the diverse needs of her students. Her relentless efforts and unwavering dedication make a significant impact on the lives of those she teaches, truly embodying the essence of a devoted educator.
Joe Abbiati	Line	Joe never hesitates to give diverse and fun experiences to my PreK students whether he is demonstrating the sounds of his saxophone after we learn about woodwind instruments or creating movement opportunities during class. My students love going to Music Class with Joe, even if most of them are unable to correctly pronounce his name.
Karen Ellsworth	WES	Karen is an exceptional teacher who goes above and beyond for her students. She builds lasting relationships that are impressive. Karen spends countless hours before and after school dedicated to preparation. She always brings a smile to the faces around her and a warm hug for her colleagues when needed. She is simply amazing!
Karen Lizotte	Lyman	Karen works very hard each day to provide the best support for her students. She creates relationships with her students which is essential to their trust and communication with her. She is an advocate for her students and is able to recognize their needs. She is a skilled teacher and brings many years of knowledge to the table. Karen is willing to help out when needed, incredibly flexible and is well respected by her colleagues. I am very grateful to have her as a colleague.
Katie Townsend	Lyman	Katie is always level headed even in the midst of chaos. She navigates her way through so calmly. She has shown her professionalism in so many ways. She often takes on projects and will do what is needed without any complaints. She has assisted many staff members in helping those who struggle with technology. She is fair and listens to her students. She advocates for those who need it most. It is a pleasure to work with Katie!
Liane Renaud	MHS	Liane legitimately always has an answer for any question, helps anyone who needs it, acts as a bridge between all different departments and does it all with kindness and patience.



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Lowansa Tompkins	MHS	Lowansa fosters meaningful connections with students.
Lyn Norton	Transportation	Lyn is a huge asset to our crew. She is very empathetic, listens and when the going gets tough, she is the calm that is needed. Keep smiling, Lyn! We appreciate you!
Meghan Hobson	Shapleigh	Meghan has returned to Shapleigh this year and picked up right where she left off after two years home with her little girl. She is an inspiration to students and staff on a daily basis and is always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needs it. Meghan has a heart of gold and is someone who will put a smile on your face. Our little school and district are fortunate to have her back where she belongs!!
Mike DiBurro	Operations	Mike has jumped into a leadership role due to a long term staffing outage, and has been super responsive, positive, and a "yes" man always! We are lucky to have you, Mike.
Mike Knaup	Operations	Mike has been as flexible as we hope for, working in custodial when needed, contributing to a cleanup of Alfred's walking path, and always provides quality service. Thank you Mike!
Nancy Grose	Teacher of the Deaf/District	She is always professional and conducts herself in a way that is positive and caring for her students. She is pleasant to work with, and also is always able to provide important information to those who work with her students. She always has a smile and an encouraging word.
Nora Lantagne	Special Services	Nora is a systems minded, student first, goal oriented leader. She works tirelessly (and endlessly) to make sure the Special Services members, students and programs needs are met and attended to. She is a progressive and proactive in her support and is intentionally minded around needs versus wants. I am in awe of her given all the roles she is filling currently.
Pete Langevin	AES	Pete is respected by all staff and students at AES for his hard work, dedication and care of our building. Aside from maintaining our school, he has formed personal connections with our school community and is constantly there to lend a helping hand. His can-do attitude and perseverance inspires me. :)
Peyton Dukas	Line	Peyton goes above and beyond to ensure that her classroom is a safe space for her students and that their needs are met. She has demonstrated exceptional skills in relationship building, making connections with her students and coworkers alike. Her caring nature shines through in her interactions, where she consistently offers support and encouragement to those around her.



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Rick May	Operations	Rick began in the grounds department at the beginning of December and has jumped in full throttle. He spent a lot of time at Shapleigh beautifying the grounds as we take advantage of minimal snow, helped spruce up the walking path in Alfred, and has added another high-quality individual to the grounds side of operations. Thank you Rick!
Sarah Mehlhorn	Shapleigh	Sarah is such a positive, happy, and thoughtful addition to our team! She cares deeply about our learners and works diligently to ensure they have the resources and experiences they need to grow. The staff and students in Shapleigh are very fortunate to have her!
Sean Falasca	MHS East	Sean knows his students and is always ready to give suggestions to help with their success as well as our classroom struggles.
Stephanie Letellier	Line	Stephanie goes above and beyond on most days. She is often pulled in many different directions. I have often thought over the years how lucky Line School is to have her. If she is not stocking the closet with food and materials, she is running the kindness team to showcase the power of student involvement and leadership. This on top of meetings with kids daily who need her for guidance and or self regulation. Every time I look in on her sitting at her office desk, I see her making a thousand phone calls to parents, community members, and professionals in her field and or running friendship groups so that students can just "get along with each other". I am astounded by her energy and self service to Line school and am so in awe of her ability to put a smile on her face or let out her signature laugh. She is a friend when you need her, an ear when you need to vent or let off steam, and a force to behold. Thank you for standing next to us everyday to support us and help us with all of our students.
Theresa LaPage	AES	Theresa is kind, patient, and incredibly hard working. She goes above and beyond all the time to ensure she has the most up-to-date knowledge of instructional practices to support her students. She is always prepared and is a huge asset to our team as well as a pleasure to work with. Thank you Theresa!
Tina Stearns	Transportation	Always a positive thinker, ready to help in any situation, and always smiling to brighten your day!