



TCAPS Staff Appreciation, Monday, May 6, 2024

BLAIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Erica (Hernandez) became my child's teacher partway through the school year. She immediately reached out to establish a line of communication! She maintained that communication throughout the school year! She is kind, easy to collaborate with, and wants the best for our kid! We are thankful to work with her! - Sarah Otree

I want to thank **Mrs. Bonner** for all she has done for my daughter Amayla S. She has taught her so well, and says what a ray of sunshine she is in the classroom. I appreciate all the time she takes with her to make her into the strongest woman she can be. Education is so important, and we truly see that she understands that. So a huge thank you, and a lot of appreciation towards her. Not only with teaching, she is very personable as well. Thank you Mrs. Bonner! - Noel Magarian

CENTRAL GRADE SCHOOL

Lisa Flees, Thank you for being a good teacher and for helping students! - Rafael L.

Stacy Walston, Thank you for your patience and persistence with Quentin, for believing in his full potential and teaching him to believe in himself! It's been a great year for him. I appreciate all you do. - Lee Womack

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

We are so thankful for **Ms. Savannah's** kindness , warmth and support in the preschool class. She brightens my daughter's day. - Samantha Brown

Though **Mr. Ludka** was my daughter's teacher last year, he has helped foster a relationship that is still thriving. We are so impressed with the connection you have made, Mr. Ludka. You are one that she will remember for years to come. Best wishes on your retirement! - Shannon Cobb

CHERRY KNOLL

Our daughter Ella has such a love for reading and part of it is thanks to **Mrs. Wejrowski**, Cherry Knoll's Librarian. Ella visits the library daily to return books and check out more. We are so glad that she lets Ella check out books daily. Mrs. Wejrowski also did Battle of the Books this year and last year, and Ella of course participated and really enjoyed the experience! Ella is really going to miss Mrs. Wejrowski as she is moving onto middle school next year. Thank you again!! The Hentschel Family

Dear **Ms. Brown**, I had a great time this year in your class. It was so fun!! I love your techniques and how you have a great system of teaching. You always do fun things around the holidays or special dates. I like how you're very open and you tell us stories about your life like in social studies about the last 3 letters like .com, you told us how you don't want us to be just like 5th grade Ms. Brown and get all the wrong information. I'll always remember that when we have to do research in the future. It's also really cool how you make fun ways for the class to be good by not talking in the hallway and all that stuff. I always have fun doing lessons in all of the subjects. And when we do jobs, I always have fun thinking about what job would be the best. Thank you for everything you've done for me this year! From, Ella H. (one of the students in your first class)

COURTADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kchii miigwech to **Mr. Boyce** for always being an encouraging voice, and positive role model. - Angeline Antoine

Thanks to **Mrs. Helman** for creating a fun and challenging class for students to learn and thrive! Your experience and patience and love for the kids is evident. - Wendy VanderMeulen

Lauren Murray, Thank you for all that you do to help our daughter learn and grow. We've seen her grow so much this year! It's amazing to see her independence blossom, as well as see her learn to read and come home excited to share what she has learned during the school day. Thank you for your recommendation for her to join the Junior Kindergarten program. Thank you for seeing our daughter's potential and helping us help her growth, learning and success at school. I also appreciate your care in making sure she can safely participate in class by ensuring there are no food items in the classroom that contain nuts. Thank you for being a great teacher! Sincerely, Osetek Family

EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thank you **Mr. Howe** for being an incredible 7th grade principal. Our son and all of his classmates appreciate your support and encouragement on a daily basis. We appreciate your communication and guidance when discussing our son's academic goals. Thank you for all that you do! The Markwart Family

Mr. Deneen, What can we say...we are so happy for you, but you will surely be missed. We are so thankful for your commitment to the Trojan band program over the years. We are pretty new to the scene, but doesn't seem like we are going anywhere. Thank you for helping our son's love of music form to where it is now. And thank you for taking the time to talk us through instrument purchases, even if that had been 3 times already 😊 We have no doubt that your legacy will live on in these students and for so many years to come for the Trojan musicians. - Stephanie Wilson

EASTERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms. Richmond, Thank you so much for being such a bright light in my son Alasdair's day! He looks forward to seeing you in the mornings (and your cheery greeting and the way you offer your hand has made transitions so much smoother!) - Molly Campbell

We have been so grateful to **Deb Feaster** and **Shanna Girrback** for creating such a positive first experience with formal schooling for our son. It is evident that you value creating a strong community centered on students. Our son has built so much confidence in his abilities, has become so curious about the world around him, and we are so impressed by how much he has learned this year. This is a true testament to the environment you've created and your craft! Thank you! Brittany and Bryan Kay

LONG LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Alicia Key, Thank you for all the support you give us. You go above and beyond for us with all you do to accommodate Grace's learning. We appreciate you so very much! - Katelyn Carlisle

My Kindergartener loves **Mr. Mead**. She is an introverted and cautious 5 year old. Mr. Mead has helped her break out of her shell, she talks about him all the time. Thank you, Mr. Mead! - Kaylee Lovejoy

SILVER LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ashley Alvey, Thank you for coming to Silver Lake this year! You picked up a classroom of 2nd graders half-way through the year and I can't express how grateful we are. You show an amazing ability to connect with students to get the best out of them. - Stacy Percy

Danielle Frick is a kind, caring, and dedicated teacher who has made this school year such a wonderful year for my Kindergartener. She goes above and beyond to make learning such a fun and engaging experience for my child. I also work with Danielle and see how much she truly loves her students and the immense impact she makes each day. Her students know they

are important and loved and my child has truly blossomed in her classroom. Thank you Ms. Frick for all you do each day. We appreciate you so very much! - Katie Koths

TCAPS MONTESSORI

My son started the school year with an interest in history and science and **Mr. Oxley** and **Miss Bonnie** have gone above and beyond to foster this into passions. From take-home projects to research challenges and lots of book suggestions, my son has thrived and has been engaged all year! He loves school and we love his school! - Maia Turek

Looping with our teachers is just one example of the magic of Montessori philosophy. **Mrs. Alicia Olson** has been a part of our family for the last 6 years, and as our youngest prepares to step up to first grade, our family is left with bitter-sweet emotions. Our girls thrived under your guidance and learned to love school, and to lean into challenges, in part because they loved you and knew you'd help them succeed. Thank you, Alicia! Love, The Hanley Family

Mrs. Angie Ballmer has created a classroom environment that has allowed our oldest daughter the opportunity to explore her curiosities and grow as a leader. Our daughter loves being part of a mixed-ages classroom where she is able to learn alongside older peers and act as a role model for her younger classmates. Thank you, Angie, for creating a safe and supportive classroom community where our daughter loves to come each day! Love, The Hanley Family

Tracy Rucker - I have known you for many, many years as a teacher at our school, but this year you took on the big role as being our head of school and opening our new building. I have admired you for a very long time but working side by side with you in our office has been a dream come true. Thank you for all you do and for being a kind, fair and respected boss. ❤️ Liz Sievers

TRAVERSE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Thank you **Mrs. Rokos** for all you do for the students and families. I could go on and on, but I will just say this....the kids love you, the staff love you, we love you!! You are AMAZING!! Thank you so much for EVERYTHING! You are the glue! - Stephanie Wilson

Mrs. Beamish, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the incredible support and guidance you have provided our child this year. Your patience, encouragement, and dedication have made all the difference in Goran's progress. Thank you for being an amazing teacher. Warmly, Bridges

Mr. Kay, Thank you for your amazing commitment to our school, staff, children, and the PTO. It is clear that you care about each and every person that walks in that building. We love all the amazing traditions you have started and look forward to hearing about the successes long after we have moved on from elementary! #weareone - Stephanie Wilson

WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thank you to the **WMS 6th grade teachers!** Our daughter's transition to middle school has been seamless thanks to all the relationships you've built with your students. We appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you for caring for students in such a beautiful way. And thanks to **Mr. Ranger** and **Mrs. Nowka** for leading the pack. - Kate and Jeff Heydlauff

Kathryn Baumann, Thank you for all your hard work you do every single day for these children! On top of your daily work to keep things flowing you always go above and beyond and make it all happen. You are amazing and we are lucky to have you guide our kids to help make them better humans! ❤️ Chrissi Martin

WEST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

To pole vault **Coach Danny**, You are so dedicated!!!

Melissa Dean, Heather Stanek, Amanda Polk, Jason Seekamp, Courtney Fransico, Malissa Gorasko, & Amy Frost, Thank you for going the extra mile with our students. You are always willing to be a team player and help wherever needed. You support some of our most vulnerable students. They can come to you as their trusted adult because they know you care. Staff rely on you. West Senior High is a great school because of your extra efforts! - Genevieve Minor

WESTWOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sarah Beckwith, Thank you for all of your help. You're a great teacher! - Karoline

Mrs. Burch is simply amazing. Both of my kids have been lucky enough to have her as their music teacher. Mrs. Burch is a kind, patient, caring, passionate, and very skilled teacher. - Mary Lane

WILLOW HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Oleson has been an angel to us with our son in Junior Kindergarten! Her willingness to listen, try new things, communicate with us, and absolutely love our son has been the biggest blessing! We are so grateful for who she is and the impact she has had on our baby! - Sally Smartsy

Julie Phend and Lisa Forton, You rock at your jobs. Thank you for all you do for the parents and children at Willow Hill. - Katie Kroupa