

WOODBRIDGE SCHOOL **D**ISTRICT

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Dear Beecher Community,

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with the entire Beecher Road School community that we are so proud to announce that Beecher Road School has been recognized as an **Apple Distinguished School for 2023–2026** for inspiring, imagining, and impacting teaching and learning through continuous innovation through the use of Apple technology. Beecher Road School was recognized by the Board of Education in October, and on November 21, 2023, students, staff, and dignitaries celebrated in style during a school assembly for Grades 4-6.

Apple Distinguished Schools are centers of innovation, leadership, and educational excellence. They use Apple technology to inspire creativity, collaboration and critical thinking in learning, teaching and the school environment, and have documented results of academic accomplishment.

This award is a tremendous credit to the hard work and dedication of all of our teachers and staff who creatively incorporate Apple technologies or products into the curriculum as well as a credit to the technology department who spearheaded our nomination. It is also a tribute to the Board of Education for their ongoing support of Apple products in the school budget. Most importantly, however, students at BRS should proudly recognize that their ideas, creativity, and collaboration are at the heart of this award.

The selection of Beecher Road School as an Apple Distinguished School spotlights one more example of the successful learning environment at our school. Beecher Road School is a truly special place that engages learners and showcases many diverse ways that learners achieve. Our learners develop and apply strategies for critical and creative thinking, engage in inquiry, make connections, and apply new understandings and skills in different contexts. We will continue to seek ways to grow these important life skills that support the *BOWA Portrait of the Graduate*.

Please see the "Apple Distinguished School" tab on our <u>website</u> to watch video examples of our students in action and learn more about how our school exemplifies the Woodbridge District vision, "We will empower and inspire leaders for the future who will positively impact our world."

With pride,

Vonda J. Tencza Superintendent