

# *"We're Wild About Our Friends"*

2022 American Education Week Friends of Education Reception, 4 p.m.



## ***Langston Hughes Elementary – Cathy Voss***

Cathy subs and is involved with all students and activities. Our PTO Treasurer, she is "the face" of our parent-teacher organization and goes out of her way to support students, staff, and families. Our team is lucky to have Cathy's support!

## ***Deerfield Elementary – Angela Wilson***

Our PTO President through a couple of tough years, Angela navigated COVID rules while planning events to bring our community together. Her creativity and thinking outside the "COVID" box helped provide a sense of continuity.

## ***West Middle School – Ashley Dorssom***

A critical member in reviving the Parents of West Warhawks (POWW) group and increasing its presence and parent engagement, Ashley is working with our POWW sponsor to improve our LEAP partnerships. She also serves as a Site Council team member.

## ***Woodlawn Elementary – Tiffany Gurs***

You rarely meet a person so selfless, hardworking, and committed to doing whatever it takes to support students and staff. Tiffany gives her energy to others. Thank you for loving us with your laughter, time, and energy!

## ***Broken Arrow Elementary – Kaelyn McCall***

Kaelyn cares deeply for our school and shares our vision that every child is embraced, celebrated, and challenged. A strong advocate, she serves as PTA President, and supports Marathon Club, FRED book distribution, Book Fair, and manages the PTA's Facebook page.

## ***Billy Mills Middle School – Jessica Wollesen, First State Bank and Trust***

Prior to serving as our Cougar Parent Organization president, Jessica served the Prairie Park PTA, and now, Lawrence High's Lion's Pride! Active with the Junior Achievement advisory board and its bowl-a-thon, she and First State are generous with their support.

## ***Kennedy Early Childhood Center – Amanda Carboun, River City Church***

River City Church has answered a need by providing school supplies to Kennedy students. As Children's Director, Amanda leads that drive and organizes meals for teachers during conferences and Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you for your support!

## ***New York Elementary – Mary Adams***

An amazing support for staff before, and during the pandemic when we could not welcome volunteers into the building, Mary organized volunteers from Connect Church to "adopt" every staff member and shower us with treats, gifts, and encouragement.

## ***Lawrence High School – Mary Harrison and Amy Phalen***

Mary and Amy have held Lion's Pride together for a number of years, including coordinating clothing sales and supporting our students. They also are champions for our teachers and the important work going on in our classrooms.

## ***Liberty Memorial Central Middle School – Ethan Sperle, Free City Church***

Ethan is a pastor at Free City Church, which meets weekly in our building. We can count on Ethan and FCC to support us in any way we ask – providing meals for staff during conferences and special treats to celebrate and appreciate us. Thank you, Ethan and FCC!

## ***Pinckney Elementary – Sherry Tamerius***

Pinckney should name a wing of the school after Sherry! After 20-plus years teaching here, she began volunteering in classrooms, at events, and even with lunch duty! Her leadership and altruism have helped me immensely as a new principal with a new staff.

## ***East Heights Community Transition Program – Nate Sawchak & Anna Hislop***

An invaluable part of our school this semester, Nate and Anna provide weekly music therapy lessons to our students in our C-Tran program. They are always engaging and remain student-first! Students and staff love them and the music they bring to our school.

## ***Southwest Middle School – Angela Randall***

Angela exemplifies the important roles that education and volunteerism play in advancing student success for all. The springboard of an active and engaged parent group, she continues to seek creative and innovative ways to serve our Bulldog family.

## ***Prairie Park Elementary – Alyse Maender***

Alyse's impact extends far beyond her work with our Boys and Girls Club. She attends PTO and Site Council meetings, serves as a steady presence at school, and has built a bridge between BGC and Prairie Park, forging relationships that support kids.

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5:30 p.m., November 16, 2022



### **Schwegler Elementary – Travis Harrod**

A strong supporter of Schwegler for many years, Travis' leadership on both Advisory Site Council and PTA has been invaluable. We want to express our heartfelt appreciation for his contributions to our school community.

### **Free State High – Ian Beyer**

Ian has devoted many hours to making our fine arts performances special by working with our stage lighting and equipment. He has truly made a difference in the quality of all of our student presentations.

### **Sunset Hill Elementary – Nichole Burggraf**

Always one of the first family members to offer to lend a hand, Nichole always has ideas for solutions. She is kind and supportive of students, staff, and families. As PTO Treasurer, she is organized and a true leader of our volunteers.



### **Lawrence Virtual School– Karen Lowe**

A positive advocate of our school, Karen provides valuable feedback to teachers and the administration. She takes pictures at school events and helps with school dances, so LVS students can create lifelong memories.

### **Quail Run Elementary – Carla Gardner**

A tremendous help to our staff, Carla has assisted teachers with tasks before, during, and after the pandemic. She volunteers in our library several times a week, bringing another positive presence into our building.

### **USD 497 – Linda Klinker, Cans for the Community**

Linda, "The Can Lady," and team members Bruce Nightingale, Kathy Richardson, Marilyn Smith, Will Lunn, and Linda Lang recycle aluminum cans and donate 100% of the proceeds to local non-profits. They save valuable resources, energy, time, and money AND generate funds for our schools.

### **Hillcrest Elementary – Cody Howard**

Active on the PTO and many community committees, Cody continually communicates Hillcrest's needs. Unbeknownst to the kids, he also dresses up as our Howie the Hawk mascot at most of our events.

### **Sunflower Elementary – Hilary Nauholz**

As PTO president, Hilary helped establish and

continues to sponsor Marathon Club. She manages our spirit wear sales, among many acts of kindness toward our school community.

### **Cordley Elementary – Stephanie Smith**

Stephanie volunteers three days a week for two of the hardest hours: LUNCH! What would we do without her? She makes sure kids have all they need and helps our custodian clean and reinforce positive behavior choices. She brings a whole lot of love to everyone. The aunt of our learning coach, Christina, Stephanie is a gift to us all!



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