



Hats Off to Our 2019 Friends of Education!

Broken Arrow Elementary – Chris Herrin

A go-to volunteer and active PTA member, Chris has served as PTA co-president and supports Broken Arrow in many ways. She is instrumental to the success of the Marathon Club, Walk-A-Thon, butterfly garden, year-end student recognition.

Presenter: Brian McCaffrey

Deerfield Elementary – Audrey Pool

A true friend, Audrey has supported Deerfield for 11 years, with more to come! In addition to the volunteer tasks many parents do, she goes above and beyond to make each and every staff member's job easier and a little more enjoyable.

Presenter: Joni Appleman

Billy Mills Middle School – Marieke Goates

As a member of the Cougar Parent Organization for the past three years, Marieke organizes parent-teacher conference meals for staff, raises funds, and orders T-shirts for our students. She is an integral partner in making Billy Mills Middle School a great place!

Presenter: Dr. Keith Jones

Free State High School – Sheida Raley & Dr. Karrie Shogren

Our successful partnership with Ms. Raley and Dr. Shogren will bring the Self Determined Learning Model of Instruction to more than 1,000 students this year, positively impact schools across the country, and lead to grant proposals to continue this important work.

Presenters: Myron Graber & Annette McDonald

Prairie Park Elementary – Jamie McNally

As PTA president, Jamie has coordinated numerous activities, including Pancakes with the Principal. We are ever thankful!

Presenter: Shannon Harrelson

Southwest Middle School – Danielle King

Always supporting our theater program, Danielle styled students' hair and wigs for "Hairspray Junior," giving the production an authentic Broadway 1960s look and helping students learn about that time period. We appreciate her expertise and unique skills.

Presenters: Kristen Ryan & Trish Neuteboom

Kennedy Elementary – Michelle Seal

Seeing the vision we have for Kennedy, Michelle is a great ambassador. She shares all of the wonderful things we want the community to know and understand about our school and supports us in achieving our mission.

Presenter: Stacie Jackson

Liberty Memorial Central Middle School – Michel Loomis

Following her retirement from teaching, Michel continues to be a great supporter of our school. She contributes to our annual Fun Run, supports the Smart Strength after-school program, and provides opportunities for students to earn summer scholarships.

Presenters: Jackie Stafford & Carol Souders

Pinckney Elementary – Christopher Enneking

Christopher can always be counted on as an active member of PTO and a regular volunteer at school. His smile and positive energy keep us all on the "sunny side."

Presenter: Vicki Weseman

Lawrence High School – Cynthia Eubanks

A supporter of HS as a parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, and citizen, Cynthia volunteers many hours for site council, PASS Team, PTO, and DELTA. She is a never-ending fount of good ideas and a cheerleader for all students.

Presenter: Dr. Cynthia Johnson

New York Elementary – Caleb & Katie Morse

An invaluable part of our school, Caleb and Katie seem to read minds in anticipating the needs of our school and finding ways to fill them. Whether helping in classrooms or supporting our garden, PTA, and site council, this family shows their love for our school.

Presenter: Sunny Halsted

Woodlawn Elementary – Jamie Hill

As PTO treasurer, a Woodlawn advocate, and a dependable volunteer for many years, Jamie organizes our Book Fair and keeps our nurse's closet fully stocked for all sizes and situations. We appreciate her dedication, enthusiasm, and love for our Riverhawks!

Presenter: Jayci Roberson

West Middle School – Stephanie Harris

In keeping with one of our goals, Stephanie is reviving the Parents of West Warhawks group and increasing POWW presence and parent engagement. We appreciate her drive to make West a better place for students and families.

Presenter: Dr. Brad Kempf



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Schwegler – Tricia Masenthin

Presenters: Dr. Jared Comfort, Amy Shellhorn, Amanda Lovett, & Sheri Crabtree

Tricia has supported us for many years. Her notable and lengthy list of service includes, PTA, Site Council, PASS, and many other efforts. We want to thank and honor her for her volunteerism by recognizing her as our 2019 Friend of Education.

Hillcrest Elementary – Will & Kate Collins

Presenter: Tammy Becker

Will and Kate have been wonderful partners since their child began attending Hillcrest. They coordinated our Fall Fling Carnival the last two years. Kate serves as secretary of our parent group, while Will visits different grade levels to present engineering information as part of our Project Based Learning units. Thanks, Will and Kate, for giving so much to our school community.

Langston Hughes Elementary – Angela & Mike Randall

Presenters: Jackie Mickel & Staff

With three daughters, Angela and Mike have been active parents in our school for 11 years. They have been involved in a variety of school projects and activities. Our staff and students are excited to honor them as our Friends of Education.

Sunflower Elementary – Kristi Knox

Presenter: Melissa Blevins

An active member of PTO, Kristi regularly attends meetings and assists in planning and volunteering for school events. She has served as a room parent and assisted with the lunchroom and morning drop-off. Kristi is a valued member of the Sunflower family!

Cordley Elementary – Ana Maria Wilde

Presenters: Cindy McCoy & Adela Solis

Ana Maria supports our Spanish-speaking families, interpreting at meetings and attending extracurricular activities. She follows up with students even after they move beyond our school. Families often reach out to her. For many, Ana Maria is the face of Cordley.

Sunset Hill Elementary – Jess & Brian Edie

Presenter: Jeremy Philipp

Jess and Brian have worked tirelessly on every volunteer activity Sunset Hill has to offer, from Garden Club, Chess Club, PTO, Site Council, SWAG sales, and more! Their well of energy and enthusiasm for supporting our school community is bottomless!

Quail Run Elementary – Jenny Newell

Presenter: Dr. Michael Koonce

As Quail Run's PTO co-chair last year, Jenny helped us transform our approach to family engagement with a focus on equity of experience for our students. We could not do this important work without her intentional focus and attention to detail.

USD 497 – Susan Klusmeier, Holly J. Scheirman, & the Jayhawk Blueprint Team

Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Bessolo

Our Jayhawk Blueprint partnership with The University of Kansas enables high school students to experience college coursework and earn transferable credit at discounted tuition rates. We appreciate Interim Vice Provost of Undergraduate Studies Susan Klusmeier, KU Core Coordinator Holly Scheirman, and the Jayhawk Blueprint team for this successful partnership that benefits our students



***Thank you for Attending our American Education Week
Celebration of School Volunteerism!***

Hats off to all school volunteers, our 2019 Friends of Education, school presenters, student emcees Helen Vloria and Jake Shew, LHS; and Hailey Gotto and Asa Morrison, FSHS; reception volunteers Julie Boyle, Kristi Bubna, Annette Dabney, Melissa Johnson, Terri Johnson, Dr. Anthony Lewis, Coleen Martin, Jeff Plinsky, Kathy Robinson, Joyce Tallman, and Rachel Thomas; the Lawrence Education Association, and our Print Shop, Custodial, and Technology Services staff.