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### **54th Annual Rolfs Educational Foundation Awards Go to Four Deserving Teachers**

West Bend – The 54th Annual Rolfs Educational Foundation Awards were given to four longtime West Bend School District teachers in celebratory events on Monday, May 5, the first day of Staff Appreciation Week.

The awards were presented by Claire Rolfs of the Rolfs Educational Foundation and Superintendent Jen Wimmer and include a \$1,000 gift to each winner.

The Rolfs Educational Foundation Award goes to a teaching staff member in each of the four categories: elementary school, middle school, high school, and special services. Nominations for the award are submitted by students in grades 5-12, parents, community members, peers, or administration. To be eligible, teachers must have completed a minimum of three years of employment, must not have received the award in the last two years, and must receive at least two nominations. The 2025 winners include:

#### **David “Skip” Clark, Jr.**

##### **West Bend East High School Science Teacher**

Skip’s career serving the students and families of the West Bend School District began in 1995. His classroom continues to be a vibrant and engaging space where learning transcends the ordinary. He makes a conscious effort to connect classroom activities to real-world scenarios, enhancing their relevance. Beyond the classroom, Skip has served as the advisor of the student council and has played a pivotal role in the annual Blood Drive and Charity Week events for many years.

#### **Corey Murphy**

##### **West Bend East High School Band Teacher**

Corey Murphy’s commitment to the West Bend School District band program has been obvious to his students and colleagues ever since he joined the district in 2014. Corey is a consummate

professional whose enthusiasm for teaching resonates in every aspect of his work. He seeks opportunities for professional growth and continuously strives to improve the curriculum and enhance the student experience, while his commitment to expanding both the musical talents of his students and their personal growth, is beyond compare.

**Angela Neuser**

**Silverbrook Intermediate School Fifth Grade Teacher**

Angela Neuser is a teacher whose dedication to high quality education and fostering an enriching school community has been apparent since 2003, when she joined the West Bend School District. Her engaging and hands-on teaching style helps students succeed and she demonstrates an unwavering commitment to her students' growth and well-being. Angela leads the Robotics, Forensics, Yearbook, and K-Kids clubs at Silverbrook, providing students with holistic experiences that develop their character and talents beyond the core curriculum.

**Jennifer Orth**

**McLane Elementary School Fourth Grade Teacher**

In Jennifer Orth's nearly three decades of service to the West Bend School District, she has shown unwavering dedication to elementary education and a drive to inspire a positive school community. Jenni is a wonderful teacher who forms deep connections within the McLane community. In her classroom, her ability to differentiate instruction to meet the unique needs of every student is only matched by her amazing ability to establish a positive and inclusive classroom environment where students and families feel valued and supported.

The West Bend Joint School District #1 is proud to serve nearly 5,400 students and their families from the city of West Bend, villages of Jackson and Newburg, and townships of Barton, Polk, Trenton, Jackson, West Bend, and Addison. We strive to ensure that every student is given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts, and co-curricular activities. Within our community-based 4K program, Head Start program, five elementary schools (K-4), one intermediate school (5-6), one middle school (7-8), and two high schools (9-12), families can expect a caring, inclusive learning environment that supports the development of the whole child. Visit [www.west-bend.k12.wi.us](http://www.west-bend.k12.wi.us) for more information.

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