

2026 YOU MATTER AWARD WINNER



Dave Drummond



Gladwyne Elementary School



Mr. Dave is by far the most valuable person at our school, and arguably the entire district. He greets every car each day, everyone gets to see his gorgeous smile, and every kid in the building loves him. He brings joy, happiness, and a feeling of being seen. Additionally, he makes an attempt to get to know each kid and their name. That's 600 kids!

I can't begin to explain this man's importance in our building. He sets the tone and asks for nothing in return.

I've never seen so many kids want to be school custodians when they grow up. He always does it full of energy with a smile on his face and he's never ever too busy to wave and say hello and greet a passerby.

He is the first one on the scene **each day** asking what he can do to help us prepare for the day; every morning at GES Carline, the first instance of one of our children seeing a Gladwyne staff member, he is smiling and greeting us and wishing us a great day; every time there is ever an activity or an event at Gladwyne that involves enthusiastic, support, and set up, he is there without questions, by email, I cannot grandstand this man enough... He is truly a hero as far as I am concerned!

Mr Dave greets every family with a warm smile at car line every morning – rain, snow, sleet or shine. His vibe is unmatched!



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