

22 retirees.

8 staff recognized for 30+ years.

41 staff honored for 20+ years.

54 staff celebrating 15 years.

2,326 years of service.

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# 2022 Staff Recognition Reception

In honor of employees of the  
West Des Moines Community Schools

May 4, 2022  
West Des Moines Sheraton



WDMCS Staff,

As the 2021-22 school year draws to a close, I want to express to all of you my deepest appreciation for the work you do each and every day. I want to recognize each of you for the dedication, talent, energy, and care you bring to your work. In ways large and small, each of you has made a positive difference for kids this year.

Please know that I deeply value your efforts and your commitment. We are very fortunate to have a community committee that is willing to celebrate the great work being done in our schools, so take a moment to thank our Staff Recognition Committee members. With commitment and resolve, we can continue to make the end of this school year as exciting as the beginning.

I hope you enjoy the celebration today.

Lisa Remy, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

# Program

## Welcome

### Guest Speaker

### Steve Duncan

Former Valley High School Athletic Director (1989-2009)

National Athletic Director of the Year (2006)

National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame (2010)

IHSADA State Athletic Director of the Year (2000)

Former president, IHSADA (1989-1990)

### Recognition of Retirees

(Please stand when recognized.)

### Recognition of Long-Term Staff

(Please come to the stage when recognized.)

### Drawing for Front Table

### Door Prizes

(All staff members who have signed up today are eligible.)

### Grand Prize

### Cash Prize

#### Grand Prize Eligibility Requirements:

- You have served the WDMCS for 15 years or more.
- You have not won the Grand Prize in the past five years.
- You have signed up today and are present when your name is drawn.

## Staff Recognition Committee

Mari Bunney • Gina Lewis • Elizabeth Larson • Emily Mayfield  
Jill Porter • Jessie Sramek • Suyau Woehler • Stephanie Wright

The Staff Recognition Committee is a part of the  
West Des Moines Community Schools Foundation.

# Staff Recognition

## 35 Years

Sally Harris  
Mary Kimpston

## Building

Valley High School  
Westridge Elementary

## 30 Years

Teresa Fritz  
Stephany Henderson  
Sheila Hirsch  
Lynda Niffenegger  
Sue Samuelson  
Joseph Orcutt

Crestview School of Inquiry  
Western Hills Elementary  
Hillside Elementary  
Crossroads Park Elementary  
Fairmeadows Elementary  
Valley High School

\*retiree

# 30+ Years

# Staff Recognition

## 25 Years

Curtis Barr  
Susan Bishop  
Keith Borness  
Lisa Clark  
Scott Crothers  
Jennifer Geis  
Randy Hutchison  
Terrence Jenkins-Loeb  
Tobin Johnsen  
Linda Rippentrop\*  
Charlene Rosen  
Roxianne Scott  
Matthew Vaske  
Shelly Westrum  
Beth Ann Yokiel  
Heidi Zimmer

## Building

Indian Hills Junior High  
Jordan Creek Elementary  
Stilwell Junior High  
Clive Learning Academy  
Learning Resource Center  
Indian Hills Junior High  
Western Hills Elementary  
Valley High School  
Valley High School  
Learning Resource Center  
Jordan Creek Elementary  
Jordan Creek Elementary  
Valley Southwoods  
Valley High School  
Fairmeadows Elementary  
Clive Learning Academy

# 25 Years

# Staff Recognition

## 20 Years

Heather Annis  
Kristin Beckman  
Ami Binns\*  
Kim Davis  
Jamie Ehlert  
Katherine Geerlings  
Timothy Grimm  
Wesley Hall  
Karla Halstead-Johnson  
Debra Herring  
Katherine Hoover  
Melissa Kelly  
Sarah Knoke  
Chris Larson  
Cheryl Lindemoen  
James Martin  
Stephanie McNamara  
Matthew Meyer  
Kathleen Olson  
Terri Pond  
Jillian Robbins  
Denise Ruggieri  
Meggie Tucker  
Spencer Van Haaften  
Carrie Vanweelden

## Building

Westridge Elementary  
Fairmeadows Elementary  
Hillside Elementary  
Walnut Creek Campus  
Valley High School  
Valley Southwoods  
Valley High School  
Walnut Creek Campus  
Jordan Creek Elementary  
Indian Hills Junior High  
Hillside Elementary  
Valley High School  
Valley High School  
Valley Southwoods  
Stilwell Junior High  
Valley High School  
Hillside Elementary  
Jordan Creek Elementary  
Jordan Creek Elementary  
Valley High School  
Westridge Elementary  
Clive Learning Academy  
Crestview School of Inquiry  
Operations  
Transportation

\*retiree

# 20 Years

# Staff Recognition

## 15 Years

Sandra Abbott  
Lindsey Aikin  
Kristi Bentz  
Amy Biondi  
Denise Blobaum  
Hannah Boese  
Marco Cabrera\*  
Bonnie Campbell  
Lorie Carter  
Lynn Cerjak  
Maria Colunga De Diaz  
Sonya Coy  
Kindra Davis  
Christine Ellis  
Annette Haffar  
Melissa Harlan  
Abby Hendricks  
Angela Hopson  
Kelsey Hudson  
Shahna Janssen  
Erica Jaramillo  
Courtney Johnson  
Tonia Kautz  
Kelli King  
Carol Kramer  
Charlotte Little  
Casey Llewellyn

## Building/Position

Walnut Creek Campus  
Valley High School  
Learning Resource Center  
Crestview School of Inquiry  
Indian Hills Junior High  
Learning Resource Center  
Indian Hills Junior High  
Valley High School  
Indian Hills Junior High  
Western Hills Elementary  
Indian Hills Junior High  
Clive Learning Academy  
Stilwell Junior High  
Transportation  
Hillside Elementary  
Crestview School of Inquiry  
Westridge Elementary  
Westridge Elementary  
Valley High School  
Learning Resource Center  
Crestview School of Inquiry  
Crestview School of Inquiry  
Fairmeadows Elementary  
Valley High School  
Home School  
Indian Hills Junior High  
Fairmeadows Elementary

\*retiree

# 15 Years

# Staff Recognition

## 15 Years

Tiffany Malcom  
Heidi Marean  
David McGinnis  
Austin Menard  
Britni Morgan  
Kama Neuman  
Megan Norris  
Jessica Novelli  
Michele Nubel  
Laura Pals  
Kevin Pearce  
Elizabeth Riche  
Matthew Ross  
Sarah Sadler  
Teresa Shaffer  
Josef Sigrist  
Jodi Smith  
Bethene Songer  
Leah Taylor  
Kelly Traviss  
Brooke Von Stein  
Kimberly Windergerst  
Rozlyn Wirtz  
Genevieve Wolfe  
Mark Wood  
Lacia Wymer  
Misty Zahrt

## Building/Position

Indian Hills Juinor High  
Clive Learning Academy  
Valley High School  
Crestview School of Inquiry  
Hillside Elementary  
Hillside Elementary  
Crossroads Park Elementary  
Indian Hills Junior High  
Jordan Creek Elementary  
Western Hills Elementary  
Stilwell Junior High  
Westridge Elementary  
Indian Hills Junior High  
Crossroads Park Elementary  
Western Hills Elementary  
Valley Southwoods  
Fairmeadows Elementary  
Learning Resource Center  
Clive Learning Academy  
Western Hills Elementary  
Crestview School of Inquiry  
Valley High School  
Western Hills Elementary  
Valley High School  
Community Education  
Crossroads Park Elementary  
Learning Resource Center

\*retiree

# 15 Years



# Retirees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building/Position</b>	<b>Years</b>
John Adams	Valley High School	12
Betty Anderson	Jordan Creek Elementary	16
Ami Binns*	Hillside Elementary	20
John Bixler	Hillside Elementary	28
Shelley Bohn	Westridge Elementary	32
Bethany Brant	Jordan Creek Elementary	23
Marco Cabrera*	Indian Hills Junior High	15
Kris Craig	Learning Resource Center	7
Stephen Davis	Valley Southwoods	19
Sandy Donielson	Learning Resource Center	11
Karen Downing	Valley High School	34
Shiela Doyle	Valley High School	10
David Kobberdahl	Fairmeadows Elementary and Valley High School	26
Susan Thanh Nguyen-Ta	Indian Hills Junior High	10
Lisa Remy	Learning Resource Center	22
Pamela Reynolds	Indian Hills Junior High	26
Linda Rippentrop*	Learning Resource Center	25
Cindy Rowland	Westridge Elementary	12
David Stanbrough	Hillside Elementary	13
Scott Tudor	Indian Hills Junior High	19
Anne-Marie Webster	Stilwell Junior High	24
Toni Wiemers	Valley High School	22

\*recognized for years of service

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