



Celebrating

5 staff for 35 years.

10 staff for 30 years.

13 staff for 25 years.

18 staff for 20 years.

40 staff for 15 years.

Honoring

**44 retirees totaling
990 years of service.**

2023 Staff Recognition Reception

In celebration of all WDMCS employees.

May 10, 2023

Embassy Club West



Pre-Program Festivities

4-5 p.m.

Please enjoy live music from Faculty Lounge, featuring our very own Valley Principal David Maxwell and accompanist Anna Lee.

Raffle drawings will take place every few minutes during the cocktail hour.

Appetizers and one free drink ticket good for soda, wine, beer, or hard seltzer are available. Water stations are available throughout the venue.

Mixed drinks and any additional beverages can be purchased separately with a debit/credit card. They do not accept cash.

Staff Recognition Committee

Mari Bunney • Amy Borness • Megan Callison • Gina Lewis
Elizabeth Larson • Emily Mayfield • Tiffany Richeson
Jessie Sramek • Suyau Woehler • Stephanie Wright

The Staff Recognition Committee is a citizen's committee, serving under the umbrella of the WDMCS Foundation. Our committee extends a special thanks to the WDMCS Foundation for their unwavering support of this event and our teachers and staff.



Program

5-5:30 p.m.

Let's Get This Party Started!

Roll out the red carpet for our retirees.

Welcome from Staff Recognition Committee (SRC)

Emily Mayfield
SRC Chair

In Memoriam

Josie Lewis
Chief Human
Resources Officer

Recognition of Retirees

Please stand as a group to be recognized.

You will collect your gift and take group photos after the program.

Recognition for Years of Service

Please stand when your name is called.

You will collect your certificate and take group photos after the program.

Message from Superintendent

Dr. Matt Adams

Keynote Commencement Speech

Raneen Rheem
Valley Senior

Grand Prize

Cash Prize

Eligibility Requirements

- You have served 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.

Post-Program

Dessert and Group Photos

Faculty Lounge will play after the program ends.

Retirees and Years of Service honorees will be called by groups for photos.





In Memoriam

Donna Gaunt

1969-2023

Valley High School | 10 Years

Sam Kranovich

1955-2023

Valley High School | 44 Years

Terri Scully

1965-2023

Transportation | 19 Years*

**Terri would have been honored as a 2023 retiree.*



Retirees

Name	Building	Years
Laura Axman	Western Hills Elementary	35
Barbara Bailey-Mead	Walnut Creek Campus	27
Mona Bell	Valley High School	10
Roni Benson	Westridge Elementary	10
Mike Beranek	Western Hills Elementary	35
Lynn Cerjak	Western Hills Elementary	16
Julie Conzett	Crossroads Park Elementary	22
Tarry Cory	Transportation	11
Tracy Crew	Hillside Elementary	18
Rachel Cunningham	Stilwell Junior High	18
Sue Decker	Jordan Creek Elementary	12
Michelle Dodd	Crestview School of Inquiry	32
Duane Duncan	Valley High School	33
Nancy Foley	Westridge Elementary	17
Jill George	Valley Southwoods	29
Susan Healy	Jordan Creek Elementary	29
Jill Hixson	Westridge Elementary	15*
Becky Hoyng	Crossroads Park Elementary	17
Betsy Hrdlicka	Western Hills Elementary	28
Carey Hunerdosse	Western Hills Elementary	32
Yurika Kanai-Molloy	Valley High School	33
Sangeeta Kaul	Valley Southwoods	10

*recognized for years of service



Retirees

Name	Building	Years
Kristy Keeler	Westridge Elementary	28
Lori Kerr	Crestview School of Inquiry	28
Katie Kozlowski	Jordan Creek Elementary	17
Laura Larsen	Valley High School	10
Ann Lykke-Jaros	Westridge Elementary	32
Polly Maly	Valley High School	12
Barb McCall	Valley High School	23
Kim Miller	Clive Learning Academy	33
Kris Miller	Jordan Creek Elementary	24
Lynda Niffenegger	Crossroads Park Elementary	31
Ann Noring	Crossroads Park Elementary	33
Kathy Olson	Jordan Creek Elementary	21
Rosa Pagan	Valley High School	22
Sheryl Reed	Western Hills Elementary	19
Robin Rodich	Nutrition	22
Karen Sipfle	Fairmeadows Elementary	17
Tamara Tjeerdsma	Crestview School of Inquiry	19
John Upah	Valley Southwoods	18
Suzanne Walsh	Hillside Elementary	30
Kim Windergerst	Valley High School	16
Lisa Wright	Valley High School	27
In Memoriam		
Terri Scully	Transportation	19



Staff Recognition

35 Years

Jane Abens
Laura Axman*
Mike Beranek*
Jane Hallman
Courtney Reel

Building

Fairmeadows Elementary
Western Hills Elementary
Western Hills Elementary
Crestview School of Inquiry
Jordan Creek Elementary

30 Years

Peter Bissinger
Del Brink
Ryan Cooley
Allyson Day
Shannon Johnson
Laura Kleve
Carol Kramer
Jonathan Lewis
Nicole Matthias
Suzanne Walsh*

Stilwell Junior High
Western Hills Elementary
Valley High School
Home School
Valley High School
Hillside Elementary
Home School
Stilwell Junior High
Stilwell Junior High
Hillside Elementary

*retiree

30+ Years



Staff Recognition

25 Years

Brian Boerner
Michelle Comito
Liz Horn
Courtney Mottet
Adam Nidey
Sue Otte
Julie Pargeon
Cari Rothfus
Shane Scott
Jory Smith
Maria Steffen
Mark Vance
Joy Zuber

Building

Indian Hills Junior High
Jordan Creek Elementary
Stilwell Junior High
Valley High School
Crestview School of Inquiry
Learning Resource Center
Fairmeadows Elementary
Clive Learning Academy
Learning Resource Center
Jordan Creek Elementary
Fairmeadows Elementary
Operations
Learning Resource Center

25 Years



Staff Recognition

20 Years

Megan Abens
Anne Broderick
Teresa Gallentine
Lori Hendricks
Jenni Jones
Kelli Moore
Renee Newman
Jodi Nyberg
Annie Orsini
Erin Perry
Dawn Reed
Brant Reif
John Schall
Rob Schebel
Michael Schill
Tom Trygstad
Julie Warren
Tony Wieland

Building

Learning Resource Center
Valley High School
Jordan Creek Elementary
Fairmeadows Elementary
Learning Resource Center
Valley High School
Crossroads Park Elementary
Hillside Elementary
Jordan Creek Elementary
Valley High School
Hillside Elementary
Valley High School
Western Hills Elementary
Valley High School
Stilwell Junior High
Indian Hills Junior High
Crestview School of Inquiry
Valley High School

20 Years



Staff Recognition

15 Years

Alicia Alvarado
Anne Apland
Karen Baldock
Trevor Barrett
Anne Bennett
Michelle Bennett
Raquel Berber
Becky Burger-Olson
Alan Carlsborg
Kimberly Chapman
Carmen Clark
Kyle Coppola
Phyllis Cowan
Tory DeVries
Tracey Dollison
Hilary Fort
Alice Fuglsang
Melissa Gress
Michael Gress
Jill Hixson*

Building

Valley High School
Crossroads Park Elementary
Fairmeadows Elementary
Valley High School
Stilwell Junior High
Fairmeadows Elementary
Stilwell Junior High
Learning Resource Center
Valley High School
Home School
Valley High School
Crestview School of Inquiry
Stilwell Junior High
Valley High School
Crestview School of Inquiry
Crestview School of Inquiry
Indian Hills Junior High
Learning Resource Center
Indian Hills Junior High
Westridge Elementary

*retiree

15 Years



Staff Recognition

15 Years

Erin Hunt
Brandon Jensen
Lynn Knudson
Debra Leventhal
Tonya Mendez
Laura Nailor
Ann Nichols
Timothy Nichols
Rhys Pate
Robin Prier-Ross
K. Susan Roberts
Renee Roese
Jackie Slusinski
Christina Smith
Crystal Tate
Megan Thomsen
Lindy VanDike
Jennifer Waring
Jessica Willenborg
Twyla Wisecup

Building

Indian Hills Junior High
Valley High School
Hillside Elementary
Westridge Elementary
Crossroads Park Elementary
Crossroads Park Elementary
Valley High School
Stilwell Junior High
Valley Southwoods
Crossroads Park Elementary
Western Hills Elementary
Indian Hills Junior High
Learning Resource Center
Crossroads Park Elementary
Valley High School
Valley High School
Jordan Creek Elementary
Crossroads Park Elementary
Hillside Elementary
Valley Southwoods

15 Years



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