

58 retirees.

15 staff recognized for 30+ years.

33 staff honored for 20+ years.

31 staff celebrating 15 years.

2,775 years of service.

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2018

Staff Recognition Reception

In honor of employees of the
West Des Moines Community Schools

May 10, 2018
Hilton Garden Inn



Program

**Welcome
Guest Speaker**

Steven Gaer
Mayor of West Des Moines
COO and General Counsel for R&R Realty Group
1979 Valley High School Graduate
2018 Valley Hall of Honor Inductee

Recognition of Retirees
(Please stand when recognized.)

Recognition of Long-Term Staff
(Please come to the stage when recognized.)

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

Trish Bach • Sally Crowley • Tina Hadden
Carol Thom • Alana Trimble

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

Staff Recognition

35 Years

Luanne Baker*
Crys Messer*

Valley Southwoods
Clive Learning Academy

30 Years

Jane Abens
Laura Axman
Michael Beranek
Karen Downing
Jackie Ebling*
Jane Hallman
Ruth Henderson*
Barbara Johnson*
Mildred Knee
Courtney Reel
Joanne Rundlett*
Candace Sherwood
Luis Suarez

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

*retiree

30+ Years

Staff Recognition

25 Years

Peter Bissinger

Del Brink

Ryan Cooley

Allyson Day

Brenda Engstrand

Shannon Johnson

Lori Kleve

Jon Lewis

Nikki Matthias

Laura Pooch

Suzanne Walsh

Stilwell Junior High

Western Hills Elementary

Valley High School

Rex Mathes Home School Program

Valley High School

Valley High School

Hillside Elementary

Stilwell Junior High

Stilwell Junior High

Valley High School

Hillside Elementary

25 Years

Staff Recognition

20 Years

Debra Augspurger
Brian Boerner
Elizabeth Bruner
Marcia Carlson*
Michelle Comito
Philip Hamm
Courtney Mottet
Adam Nidey
Sue Otte
Julie Pargeon
Sharlene Riche
Cari Rothfus
Sheila Santos
Shane Scott
Michele Senger
Jory Smith
Maria Steffen
Scott Tudor
Mark Vance
Elizabeth Vriezelaar Horn
Anne-Marie Webster
Joy Zuber

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

*retiree

20 Years

Staff Recognition

15 Years

Megan Abens
Anne Broderick
Linda Crose
Christy Cullen
Stephen Davis
Steven Dingman*
Cameron Gale
Teresa Gallentine
Andrea Greenquist*
Sonja Hansen-Smith
Lori Hendricks
Sheila Hudson
Jennifer Jones
Gary Larson
Kelli Moore
Curtis Myers
Renee Newman
Jodi Nyberg
Annie Orsini
Erin Perry
Dawn Reed
Brant Reif
Lynn Sandvig
John Schall
Rob Schebel
Michael Schill
Marcia Sims
Thomas Trygstad
Elizabeth Underwood
Julie Warren
Tony Wieland

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

*retiree

15 Years

Retirees

Name	Building/Position	Years
Richard Adams	Indian Hills Junior High/Custodian	12
Luanne Baker	Valley Southwoods/Teacher	35
Janet Barthel	Westridge Elementary/Secretary	27
Beth Basile	Jordan Creek Elementary/Media Center Asst.	19
Kathy Beckman	Valley High School/Science	33
Karen Beer	Crestview School of Inquiry/ESOL	31
Staci Bjurstrom	Walnut Creek/Secretary	19
Wanda Borger	Valley High School/Special Education	19
Jane Busby	Valley High School/Science	12
Jeanne Caldwell	Crestview, Clive, Hillside/Orchestra	16
Marcia Carlson	Crestview School of Inquiry/Sixth Grade	20
Gail DeZorzi	Jordan Creek Elementary/Special Education	34
Steven Dingman	Operations/Transportation	15
Jackie Ebling	Clive Learning Academy/Kids West	30
Judy Geiken	Jordan Creek Elementary/Sixth Grade	26
Linda Ginn	Western Hills Elementary/Special Education	43
Barbara Goetschel	Stilwell Junior High/Associate Principal	11
Andrea Greenquist	Western Hills Elementary/Art	15
Melodee Grefe	Hillside/Crossroads Park Elementary Teacher Librarian	26
Geoffrey Grubb	Indian Hills Junior High/Engineering Tech.	29
Bob Hardin	Valley High School/Social Studies	39
Rebecca Harless	Learning Resource Center/Facilities Scheduler	19
Jerry Hayes	Operations/HVAC	11
Ruth Henderson	Stilwell/Science	30
Sherri Herber	Hillside Elementary/Secretary	11
Melanie Hicklin	Valley High School/Nurse	23
Emma Hines	Western Hills Elementary/Secretary	29.5
Lori Hinton	Valley High School/Social Studies	32
Pam Hopper	Crossroads Park Elementary/Special Ed.	9
Barbara Johnson	Indian Hills Junior High/Counselor	30
Connie Johnson	Clive Learning Academy/Media Center Asst.	19
Karla Killinger	Indian Hills Junior High/Instrumental Music	14
Jane Knudtson	Westridge Elementary/Secretary	19
David Kurth	Transportation/Bus Driver	10

Retirees

Name	Building/Position	Years
Steve Laws	Operations/Mechanic	18
Linda Lemke	Hillside Elementary/Classroom Assistant	29
Tami Loge	Valley High School/Math	28
Jill Mandelbaum	Valley High School/Media Center Assistant	14
Jeff Martin	Valley High School/Physical Education	32
Cheryl McConnell	Stilwell Junior High/Physical Education	44
Crys Messer	Clive Learning Academy/ESOL	35
Tim Miller	Valley High School/Principal	19
Thomas Murphy	Valley High School/Art	29
Nick Nelsen	Valley High School/Language Arts	28
Jackie Neuberger	Learning Resource Center Technology Prof. Development Specialist	28
Cynthia Niebuhr	Valley Southwoods/Special Education	12
Peg Petersen-Riddle	Learning Resource Center/Accounts Payable	17
Joanne Rundlett	Indian Hills Junior High/Head Cook	30
Mary Shelhamer	Western Hills Elementary/Kids West	26
Kristy Skoglund	Fairmeadows/Jordan Creek Elementary Teacher Librarian	24
Kenneth Spetman	Stilwell Junior High/Custodian	19
Deb Stensrud	Valley High School/Special Education	17
Donna Sullins	Western Hills Elementary/Music	47
Margaret Valin	Clive Learning Academy/Program Assistant	10
Linda Walker	Westridge Elementary/Third Grade	28
Wayne Welsh	Operations/Maintenance	29
Shirley Wise	Valley Southwoods/Secretary	27
Bob Young	Operations/Systems Specialist	17.5

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West Bank

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Russell and Alana Trimble

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Special thanks to
Chelsea Hayes at Hillside Elementary and
TJ Lechtenberg at Valley High School
for today's table centerpieces.

WDMCS Staff,

As the 2017-18 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

