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November Staff Recognition

Energize People - Elizabethtown High School

Rebecca Evans

“We are thrilled to announce Rebecca Evans as the November nominee for ELEVATE in the Energizing People category! As the bookkeeper at EHS, Rebecca consistently goes above and beyond in supporting both staff and students, bringing positivity and unwavering dedication to everything she does. She has a natural ability to uplift those around her, offering encouragement to anyone facing challenges and always lending a compassionate ear. Even on the busiest days, Rebecca never complains and maintains a calm, optimistic demeanor.

No task is ever too big or too small for Rebecca—she approaches every responsibility with enthusiasm and a strong work ethic, often going the extra mile, even after hours, to support the operational needs of the school. Her selflessness and commitment exemplify the values we hold dear at EHS, and her contributions make a lasting impact on the entire Panther community.

We are so fortunate to have Rebecca Evans on our team. She truly embodies what it means to Energize People and we couldn't be more proud to celebrate her! GO BIG E!” - Josh Henderson



Lead with Tradition - Bus Compound

Jo Laisy

“Keeping with tradition means to continue doing something that has been done by people in a particular group for a long time. Jo Laisy immediately comes to my mind when I think of tradition. She has been a school bus driver for EIS for almost 25 years. She has driven every team in our district at one point in time and they ALL love her. She is the "go to" for our entire department when it comes to directions, because she has been there and done that! She is always willing to take trips, so that students do not miss out on experiences that they may not otherwise get to see or do. Her dedication is an invaluable asset to EIS!” - Kim Jones



Engage with our Community - Central Office

Trish Pfeiffer

“For the Engage with our Community Award, I'd like to nominate Trish Pfeiffer. For many people in our community, Trish is the first person and first voice they interact with in EIS. She treats everyone with respect, she's the consummate professional, and handles a variety of situations with a win-win approach. She is helpful to everyone in our district and willing to go above and beyond to serve our school community. Trish is diligent in her work and is truly the energy that makes many things happen for our students and staff that people never know about. She embodies the values for the Engage with our Community Award.” - Chase Goff



Value Stewardship - Panther Academy

Kim Druen

“November's staff recognition is Kim Druen. Our focus is on valuing stewardship. To foster accountability and transparency, Kim works diligently to keep us all in line with the things we can and cannot do with the funds that we have available. She will price-check items to make sure we are spending our funds wisely and can purchase the necessary resources and supplies for our students and staff. Kim has dedicated many years of service to our school and district. She is an invaluable resource to our school. She has set a high bar for what others should do to be a great steward of money, time and resources!” - Carla Kuhn



Accelerate and Grow - Helmwood Heights

Melissa Thompson

“It is my pleasure to recognize Melissa Thompson as the Helmwood Heights Teacher of the Month! She consistently goes above and beyond to inspire our 5th-grade students in both social studies and math. Mrs. Thompson’s engaging lessons and dedication to fostering critical thinking make learning exciting and meaningful for every student. Her commitment to excellence and passion for education make a lasting impact on our school community. Congratulations, Melissa and thank you for all that you do!” - Aaron Howell



Teach for Learning - Morningside

Kayla Johnson

“Mrs. Johnson creates a classroom where students feel safe, loved, and valued. As a result, her students are eager to learn and participate. When you visit Mrs. Johnson’s class, you will see students engaged in discussion and hands-on activities. Kayla is intentional about using data to determine her students’ strengths and areas of growth. She uses this information to plan differentiated small group instruction that helps all students experience success. Mrs. Johnson takes the time to give specific feedback to her students so that they know how to improve their work. She teaches her students to have a growth mindset and celebrates student growth and achievement.” - Heather Goodman



Empower Excellence - T.K. Stone Middle

Teri Lynn Dandy

“Teri Lynn Dandy Empowers Excellence in T. K. Stone by building relationships with students and staff and providing consistency and high expectations. Students understand that she cares about them and expects nothing but the best from them. Her dedication to the students and her support of the staff make T.K. Stone better every day.” - Hope Janes

