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When thinking about INSPIRE, Chuck Jones immediately comes to mind. His deep appreciation for education and his love for Elizabethtown Independent Schools shine through in the many stories he has written for our district. Through his articles, Chuck consistently celebrates both student and staff success—whether highlighting achievements in organizations such as BETA, KYA, the Altec Challenge, and athletics, or recognizing individuals like J.T. Lyon, Billy Anthony, and each of our ExCEL nominees. He has captured the growth of our JROTC program, celebrated our Purple Star recognitions, and always reflects the pride of Panther Nation. What makes Chuck truly inspiring is not just his ability to tell a story, but the way he brings our school community to life through his words. His writing goes beyond reporting events—it captures the spirit, the dedication, and the heart of our students and staff. When you read one of his pieces, you feel the emotion, the pride, and the energy of Elizabethtown Independent Schools. He reminds us why education matters, why teachers make a difference, and why our Panther family is so special. Chuck has a rare gift: through his stories, he not only informs, but also uplifts, encourages, and inspires all of us. - Derisa Hindle, Director of Personnel



**CHUCK JONES**  
**Director of Communications**  
**Central Office**

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“For August, we’re recognizing Kim Hartlage as someone who truly inspires others at Panther Academy. Kim is the first friendly face you see when you walk into the office, always offering a warm and welcoming presence. She keeps everything running smoothly behind the scenes, supports our staff with technology needs, and helps ensure the day flows as seamlessly as possible. Kim inspires all of us by stepping in wherever she’s needed—with a smile and a can-do attitude that sets the tone for our school.” - Mrs. Carla Kuhn



**Kim Hartlage**  
**Attendance Clerk**  
**Panther Academy**

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"Mrs. Davenport brings energy, warmth, and creativity into her first grade classroom every single day here at Helmwood Heights. She has a gift for making every child feel valued, creating a safe space where learning is exciting and mistakes are a part of the journey. Her patience, positivity, and passion inspire both her students and her colleagues. Simply put - Mrs. Davenport makes first grade a place where kids love to learn and grow and we are very blessed to have her in the Etown family." - Mr. Aaron Howell



**Kelly Davenport**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher**  
**Helmwood Heights Elementary**

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“Ashley Jury and Kelsey Rogers demonstrate the characteristics of INSPIRE on a daily basis. They are exemplary because they are role models for our staff. What they’ve done with the Bookworms curriculum is nothing short of spectacular. They willingly and eloquently share the routines and systems they worked so hard to create, making the learning experience better for students and teachers alike. Their impact goes beyond their own classrooms, enriching the education of students across our school and district. Ashley and Kelsey exemplify selflessness and innovation in a way that truly inspires.” - Mrs. Heather Goodman



**Ashley Jury**  
**4th Grade Teacher**  
**Morningside Elementary**



**Kelsey Rogers**  
**4th Grade Teacher**  
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“Katie Davis has shown exemplary leadership in her positive and energetic mentorship with our new Science teachers. She has shared her knowledge of content and her experience in the classroom to empower our new teachers. Her kindness and encouragement will make their year more successful, ultimately increasing students learning in Science. She is a true leader!” - Mrs. Hope Janes



**Katie Davis**  
**Science Teacher**  
**T.K. Stone Middle**

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“Elizabethtown High School is proud to recognize Mrs. Tonda Mullins, our dedicated Gifted and Talented Coordinator, for her exceptional commitment to our school community. Mrs. Mullins consistently goes above and beyond her role—partnering with teachers to plan engaging lessons, lending a hand in moving materials, and offering valuable ideas to strengthen instructional strategies. Her willingness to step in wherever needed and her innovative approach to supporting both staff and students truly embody the Panther spirit. Thank you, Mrs. Mullins, for inspiring excellence in all that you do!” - Mr. Josh Henderson



**Tonda Mullins**  
**GT Coordinator/Teacher**  
**Elizabethtown High**

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