

# ❄️ **THANK YOU for Living Better Together** ❄️

We see you. We appreciate you. We are grateful for you.

## ❄️ **Kara Finkbeiner (Anonymous)**

Kara gives her all every single day. She loves kids so big, she thinks of ways to connect with each and every student. She is kind, patient, uses her sense of humor to work through hard things, and shows consistency with kids each day. She is such a hard worker — and we love her!

## ❄️ **Vicky Kuch (Anonymous)**

One of our families is experiencing some difficulties, and Vicky has been a tremendous support to the parents. She is always encouraging when families pick up their child, and it is obvious they feel better when they leave. Vicky has a strong positive attitude, deep care and compassion for others, and treats all students with kindness. She truly exemplifies our Better Together mantra.

## ❄️ **Heather Wright (Anonymous)**

Heather is a team player who works through hard things with a “let’s get it done” mindset. No kid is too hard to work with. She helps guide staff, encourages students, connects with everyone, and shows up to do the hard things every day. She brings time, passion, and encouragement to each day.

## ❄️ **Diane Gavenda (Anonymous)**

Diane is always willing to help in any capacity—from assisting a family with food to helping in a classroom when needed. She shows tremendous empathy for families during difficult moments.

## ❄️ **Beka Kriger, Abigail Rogers, Kayla Previti, Tonya Knapp, Sarah Cowell, Marina Miller, Marlena Wegener (Sarah Tebo)**

The paraprofessionals in our classroom are truly exceptional. They go above and beyond to support, serve, and educate our students. They seek ways to improve instruction, support student growth, teach new skills, and create meaningful assignments. They work collaboratively, support one another, and bring a joyful, positive energy into our classroom. Their dedication and teamwork not only benefit students, but make me a better educator and person. I am deeply grateful for my work family.

## ❄️ **Jordan Boyce (Anonymous)**

Jordan is flexible and accommodating in meeting the schedules and needs of her team members. She is organized, efficient, and able to successfully juggle working with many teams across many buildings.

## ❄️ **Speech Department (Anonymous)**

The speech department rolled with the move upstairs and supported one another — and those around them — through the transition.

## ❄️ **Longview Team (Jennie Coston)**

I love that Longview has embraced the Better Together mission and continues to find ways to lift one another up. Great job, Longview!

❄️ Thank you for making our community stronger — together.

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