



Growing Together at MCESA

Celebrating the people who help our team bloom in March #BetterTogether

Lynne Christiansen *Nominated by Jennie*

Thank you for your incredible preparation and behind-the-scenes work to ensure state assessments run smoothly. From organizing materials to supporting accommodations and guiding staff expectations, you help turn a potentially stressful time into something manageable and supported. Your work truly makes a difference.

Jenny Leslie *Nominated by Heather Masters*

Jenny's leadership during the Ready. Set. Interview! event made a lasting impact. Supporting over 400 students and 100 volunteers across three days, she demonstrated strategic planning, adaptability, and grace under pressure. Beyond logistics, her heart for students created a meaningful and memorable experience for all involved.

Elizabeth Chase *Nominated anonymously*

In honor of National Social Worker Month, we celebrate Liz and the compassion she brings to our early childhood programs. She supports students, connects families to resources, and collaborates seamlessly with staff. Her relationships with students and deep knowledge of supports make her an invaluable part of our community. Liz truly has the biggest heart and goes above and beyond.

Lindsey Freer & Nicole Hillborg *Nominated by Sarah Smith*

These two were true dental bus heroes this month! For many students, this was their very first dental experience, and Lindsey and Nicole made it positive and supportive. From creative strategies to singing songs and offering comfort, they stepped beyond their roles and showed what it means to truly care for students.

Diane (Longview) *Nominated by Her Biggest Fan Club*

Diane is an amazing and valued part of the classroom team. She jumps in wherever needed, brings joy to students, and is deeply appreciated by all. The students love her—and so do we!

Hannah Roberts *Nominated by Jennie Coston*

Your dedication as a job coach helps connect students with meaningful employment opportunities. Your accurate and honest data collection plays a critical role in supporting successful transitions. Thank you for the important work you do.

Deb Davidson *Nominated by Jennie Coston*

Your detailed behavioral descriptions help paint a clear picture of each student's strengths and needs. This information is essential in supporting employment success and collaboration with outside agencies. Your work truly matters—keep sharing those insights!

Paraprofessionals in Mrs. DuHamel's Classroom *Nominated by Melissa DuHamel*

Your dedication, patience, and care make a meaningful difference every single day. You create a classroom where students feel safe, supported, and valued. The relationships you build and the encouragement you give are the heart of the classroom. Thank you for everything you do.

Everyone at MCESA *Nominated by Kaylina Harder*

Thank you to all staff—paras, teachers, supervisors, specialists, and therapists—for your daily support of children and families. The collaboration, idea-sharing, and care you show one another creates a truly positive and loving environment. We are stronger because of you.

Tony Moryl *Nominated anonymously*

Since joining as Facilities Director, Tony has made a strong impact through his responsiveness and visibility. He has built positive relationships with his team and consistently supports staff needs. His leadership is helping make MCESA an even better place for everyone.