

January 2023 Nominations



Andrea Anderson – Student Activities Coordinator

“Andrea Anderson is an expert at organizing large conferences. Recently, she coordinated the wonderful Young Writers Conference, where hundreds of students learned so much about writing! Students were actively engaged in high quality activities, increasing their knowledge and skills, and just overall loving learning. The day was super successful and everyone involved LOVED all the excitement and energy. Thank you Andrea, for always organizing such fantastic events. We are so lucky to have you on our team and for providing these awesome opportunities for students in our region.”

Janelle Field – Education Consultant

“Janelle is a fantastic curriculum and instruction leader. She supports multiple districts in our North Collaborative and she recently led the districts to provide a shared in-service for hundreds of staff. With such strategic planning and regional collaboration, the group of exceptional leaders organized and delivered an amazing day filled with hope, joy, and wonder! With Janelle's high energy and dedication to ensure all learners will thrive, she inspires all to be their best. Thank you for being such a great leader in our region and sparking curiosity and excitement for excellence.”

Abbie Lickteig – School Psychologist

“Abbie took time out of her assessments and school responsibilities to help me with a technology problem. When I asked where I could go to look for the solution to a problem, she quickly emailed back with suggestions, and then ten minutes later called with detailed information on exactly how to address the issue. She had looked it up herself, because she was curious and because she is just that helpful!”

Katherine Ihler – Special Education Paraprofessional

“Katie is one of the best team members! She is always looking for better and creative ways to assure each students education is the best. A jack of all trades, would be the best example of her skills. She keeps us all on task and doing our best. Her ability to get things done is evident in everything she does. We are very honored to have her as a para and team member. She never hesitates to go above and beyond in everything she does! We appreciate her very much.”

Paige Clausen – Behavior Therapy Assistant

“Paige has really stepped up and does an amazing job assisting with new staff training. She is thoughtful and helps answer any questions new staff may have! Thank you so much Paige!!”

Kevin Bachman – Behavior Therapist

“Kevin has helped with training in new staff and being willing to model programming for them and answer their questions. Your help is appreciated Kevin, thank you!!”

Jill Schunk – Special Education Paraprofessional

“Jill has always been up for any challenge brought her way. She is quick to help out and be a team player. She has always offered her help and been a hand out when other staff are in need. Jill has a way to put a smile on your face while at work. Jill has only been at our school for a little over a year but she fits in like a glove and we truly are thankful to have such a great worker on our BLC team!”

Amelia Palokangas – Special Education Teacher – Tier 1

“Amelia has been the teacher for the sun program at BLC for the last 2 years. She took our program and made it so much better! She works hard to be our kids voice and finds new ways to challenge them academically. She has been a breath of fresh air in the sun program. Keeping lesson plans simple to follow and the classroom fun to be in. Thank you Amelia for taking a chance at BLC and being our sun teacher!”