

August – October 2022 Nominations



August

Sandy Karels – Administrative Assistant

"Sandy is such an asset to the SWWC. She is a hard worker and has a gift of anticipating problems before they even arise. She is a problem-solver and I don't know what we would do without her. Thank you Sandy for sharing your gifts with us!"

Amy Olfert – Speech Language Pathologist

"Amy is a wonderful SLP and "team player". She is selfless, and gives of her time and professional work. She recently stepped up to help in a situation where she didn't necessarily have to. Amy's offer to help was appreciated by all! Amy is a model for efficacy, effectiveness, humbleness, and grace. Thank you for all you do, Amy!"

September

Laura Buckley – Speech Language Pathologist

"I am virtual to the BOLD district. I was having trouble getting a schedule for a student. Laura found out that student's schedule for me even though she isn't on her caseload. She helped me out several times with this student and never makes me feel like a bother."

Jennifer Lee – HR Assistant

"There have been many times I've had to contact Jennifer for help. She is always so friendly and helpful. It is amazing having someone to reach out to that always has an answer or is quickly able to find one. She is appreciated."

Kristin Lieser – Technology Support Specialist II

"Kristin goes above and beyond her duties to ensure that your tech needs are taken care of. If she is not able to resolve the issue, she will look for extra guidance to ensure that it is resolved. She is very knowledgeable, patient, and is always willing to help. Kristin is a valuable employee to our organization. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication."

October

Kristin Zollner – Special Education Paraprofessional

"Kristin is always willing to lend a helping hand and with a positive, up-beat attitude! You can always count on her to get things done and she never hesitates to ask questions so you know it will get done right. The best part of the mornings is having Kristin greet you at the door, which is not only wonderful for our students, but for us staff, too! So thankful to have Kristin a part of our Pipestone-ELC team!!!"

Jennifer Olsgaard – Speech Language Pathologist

"Jennifer has been beyond helpful and flexible while helping with teletherapy. We share 2 different districts and she is always willing to try and work together and make a plan that best fits the students and staff. She is always willing to go above and beyond to help with caseloads and providing services when it is needed. Thank you so much Jennifer. This year would be impossible without you!"

Michelle Whitcomb-Johnson – Dean of Students

"Michelle is a true leader here at the ELC-Cosmos. Her work ethic and compassion are easily two of the most admirable traits about her. She will drop everything she is doing to assist a student, or staff, in need of help."

Michelle is extremely passionate about her job, and it shows on a day to day basis. Her patience and professional expertise make it very easy and reassuring to work with her. Thank you, Michelle, for all you do, and continue to do, to help make the ELC-Cosmos a better place. You help make me, and other staff strive for greatness and success. Keep doing what you're doing!!”

Ana Holtan, Carolyn Greenwood, and Shelby Grunewald – Special Education Paraprofessionals

“I want to recognize some of the BEST! Ana, Carol and Shelby are my "TEAM" in Sun Elementary - Montevideo! We have had great success with our students this past year and my "Team" deserves the credit! They are Professional, Caring, willing to help where needed, and a whole lot of FUN to work with! They bring new ideas to the different challenges we face and with their hard work - our students reach new goals! Thank you Ana, Carol and Shelby for all you do and for always making others smile!”