



December 2021 Nominations

Rosemary Van Meveren – Special Education Paraprofessional

"Rosie is a very dependable co-worker, she is willing to help out where ever she is needed. She builds very strong relationships with the students and they all say she is their go-to person when they are upset. In the classroom, Rosie jumps right in and helps out without being asked. She is always willing to go the extra mile to help out a student. The staff and students at Belview are lucky to have Rosie. Thank you for all you do!!"

Ashley Schmidt – Special Education Paraprofessional

"Ashley is new to Belview this year, but she has jumped in with both feet. She is always there when someone needs help with a student and she is not afraid to help with behaviors. She has been great in the classroom and built strong relationships with the students. Ashley has shared her talent for baking with all the students at Belview and shows a lot of patience with the students. She is eager to learn teaching and behavior management strategies. We are very lucky to have Ashley at Belview ELC!!"

Amanda Bluhm – Special Education Paraprofessional

"Amanda always comes to school with a smile on her face and is 100% here for the students. She does an amazing job building relationships and accommodating to student needs. She also does a great job keeping everything organized and is usually 2 steps ahead of others. Amanda is a huge asset to ELC-Willmar!"

Brittany Lopez - Special Education Paraprofessional

"Brittany is so willing to learn new things and help where and when needed. She is calm and caring. Her positive attitude and work ethic is commendable."

Chelsey Frericks – Administrative Assistant

"Chelsey is the face and voice of ELC Cosmos. She is the first to welcome visitors, answer phone calls and support staff- especially with TimeClock. It doesn't matter how full her plate is, she is always willing to help and plan special student and staff events. Your creativity, kindness and organization is appreciated!"

Annie Dettman - Instructional Coach

"As an instructional Coach, Annie supports teachers in building student relationships, planning, and delivering instruction. What can go unseen is her ability to support teachers not only professionally, but emotionally. Staff in Cosmos are fortunate to have Annie to lean on during another unprecedented and challenging year. Her knowledge and positivity are valued and appreciated."

Alicia Roelike – Special Education Paraprofessional

“Alicia is always willing to help out in whatever capacity is asked of her and she does it with a positive attitude and a smile on her face. Thank you for being a positive role model at ELC-Montevideo for your peers and the students.”

Rebecca Wright – Special Education Paraprofessional

“Knowledge of students, delivery of instruction, support during crisis, positive attitude are all strengths Becca possesses. She works very well with any student in Cosmos and is always ready to learn new things. Thank you Becca for all you do to help students and staff. Your hard work is valued and appreciated!”

Heidi Dallmann – Special Education Paraprofessional

“Heidi has a special way of working with students and building relationships. She is able to adjust quickly to student needs and the progress her students make is remarkable. Thank you Heidi for caring so much for our students, it shows in everything you do!”

Jen Olson – LPN/Health Para

“We are thankful to have Nurse Jen in our building. She is always willing to help out in The READY Clinic if we need her. She is always willing to answer our questions and is excellent with our kiddos and families also. Thank you Jen!

Jim Lentz – Interim Site Administrator

“Mr. Lentz jumped in with both feet running to be our leader for this school year and we are all very grateful for all the enthusiasm and dedication he has brought to our school! Jim has the students at the heart of every decision he makes and is always more than supportive of our staff. He works hard to motivate both students and staff and is very approachable and available when needed. He is very kind to everyone and his positive attitude makes our school very inviting and fun. Thank you Mr. Lentz for all you do, we appreciate you very much!”

Jo Kor – Special Education Paraprofessional

“Jo works with a student with very challenging behaviors. She is patient, and has built a great relationship with her student. She is always willing to help in any situation without hesitation. She has great ideas that help make our classroom a better place to learn! Thanks Jo!”

Jodi Tongen – Special Education Teacher – Tier I

“Jodi has been a great addition to our ELC-Montevideo teaching staff. She is always looking for ways to better our program and goes above and beyond each day for the staff and the students.”

Kathy Holland - Special Education Paraprofessional

“Kathy has a positive attitude and sense of humor that keeps everyone smiling even during stressful times. Her ability to see the bigger picture and assist when and where needed without question is appreciated. Kathy is also willing to teach others and does so with patience.”

Kelsi Topp – Administrative Assistant

“Kelsi is an amazing coworker. She is always willing to help out where she is needed and is fun to be around!”

McKenzie Helgeson – Coordinator of Special Education

“McKenzie has excelled at her new position. Even though she has a full schedule, she is always willing to stop to help with questions or paperwork. She makes others feel comfortable coming to her for guidance and always treats everyone with respect. SWWC is lucky to have McKenzie!”

Robin Erickson – Special Education Paraprofessional

“Robin has been a great addition to the elementary classroom at the ELC-Pipestone. She works with a student who speaks very little English, and she has been so open-minded to all the recommendations given to her. She is also always willing to help in any crisis situation that may arise. Way to go Robin!”

Sarah Neu – High School Teacher

“EXTREMELY helpful and responsive to questions!! Friendly and willing to give her time to help me learn in order to better serve regional students!”