Kuna Way Awards December 2018

Putting kids first and doing whatever it takes to help students succeed

- Brian Watkins - Transportation
  ○ “Brian was our bus driver for Operation School Bell at Hubbard and Indian Creek. When he noticed that many of the students did not bring lunch boxes on the trip and instead relied on plastic bags (many which ended up in pieces), he ordered dozens of lunch boxes, food containers, water bottles, and ice packs to give to the students who were in need of a better lunch solution. It was so great to give these out to the kids who needed them. They were thrilled! Thank you Brian for going above and beyond to help our Kuna kids!”

Collaborating to solve problems, to make decisions, to reach win-win decisions and to continuously improve to make our system better for kids

- Ainsley Cotter, Wally Hames, Melissa Stoddard, and Kara Elliott
  ○ “For the last couple weeks the 8th grade team at FMS (Ainsley Cotter, Wally Hames, Melissa Stoddard, and Kara Elliott) have been giving up their preps to schedule parent/student meetings with those students at-risk of losing credit for the first semester. During the meetings a plan is developed for all of the stakeholders to follow in order to get the kids back on track before it's too late. In return they are also sacrificing time before school, lunch, and after school to meet the needs of kids and families.”

Leading from where you are

- Kaleigh Fox
  ○ “Kaleigh is the CAST Advisor for FMS and has worked amazingly hard the past month in organizing our first pep assembly and Red Ribbon Week, but she topped it all off by putting together an amazing Veteran’s Day Assembly in November. We have a lot of “firsts” this year at Fremont Middle School and Kaleigh is setting the bar at a high level for years to come. Like so many in our profession, she does this whole teaching at a high level, working on a Masters degree, and always having a smile and a laugh to share with her colleagues.”

Working hard and having fun together

- Laura Turner & Sally Neil
  ○ “Laura & Sally are the CAST Advisors at KHS. For December, they helped the entire staff and students get into the holiday spirit by sponsoring a door decorating contest. You should see the halls and doors at KHS right now, they have never looked more festive. Thank you Laura and Sally for helping us all to have fun while we learn and work hard.”

Taking care of each other and ourselves

- Karen Stringer & Debbie Ryan
  ○ “Karen & Debbie put together a fun treat and drink cart that they used to visit classes and areas in the building to help build staff morale!”

Preserving our professional capital and promoting professionalism

- Kristina Kingery, Stacy Saunders, Rebecca Parker, Nicole Crow and Andrea Willadsen
  ○ “Hubbard Elementary prides itself on preserving our professional capital and promoting professionalism within our staff so they can help to better students. We strive to connect students to the tools and resources that will result in outstanding education and achievement. Kristina, Stacy, Rebecca, Nicole and Andrea have all exemplified #betheoneforkids attitude by writing grants and researching other
funding sources. Because of their great ideas, their classrooms benefit and we see a giant leap in our students’ reading abilities that can be directly linked to this effort. We are lucky to have all of them working so hard on behalf of Hubbard students!”