

# Kuna Way Awards March 2019

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

- **Debbie Ryan - Crimson Point Kindergarten Teacher**
  - *“Debbie has been doing innovative lessons in Kindergarten this spring. One day her class were all heart doctors, every student got a lab coat and an MD Name badge. All day the lessons were centered around the heart. The students did heart reading, heart math. Last week the class was training to be astronauts, they wore/made space suits, the room was decorated like the students were in space and all of the days lessons were centered around training for and learning about space. We challenged our teachers to be innovative and to excite kids about their learning, and Mrs. Ryan has taken our request further than we could have imagined. Not only is she being innovative with her students, but she is inspiring her co-workers to take chances and try their own innovative lesson plans.”*

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

- **Deann Greany**
  - *“Deann spent long hours in assisting those on the calendar committee to arrive at their final recommendation. She was in charge of the survey, designing the calendars, and making sure it was disseminated to all of the right people. Thank you Deann for your dedication and hard work!”*

## Leading from where you are

- **Joslyn and Lydia Beers - students at Silver Trail**
  - *“Joslyn and Lydia Beers have been helping a kindergarten student be safe on the bus. I so appreciate their kindness and leadership.” - Nancy, bus driver*

## Working hard and having fun together

- **Kat Campbell and the KHS Video Editing Class**
  - *“Kat Campbell and the Video Editing class collaborated with our district communications team and made some impressive videos to help educate our community on the levy, voting, and bullying. We are so impressed with their extreme talents in creating such fresh engaging content for our social media platforms. We look forward to many more epic videos from them in the future.”*

## Taking care of each other and ourselves

- **Deb Reinhart**
  - *“Deb (Dave Reinhart’s wife) made delicious cookies for our groundbreaking ceremony and for the election night party. Thank you Deb for sharing your time, energy and talent for cooking with us.”*

## Preserving our professional capital and promoting professionalism

- **Rachel Cyr**
- **Cindy Hunter**
- **Tami Evanow**
- **Chris Jones**
- **Mary Holmes**
  - *“These fifth-grade teachers graciously volunteered to train and score Direct Writing Assessments from fifth-grade students throughout the SIC. This experience provided them with an opportunity to bring powerful feedback to their buildings and students,*

*instigating rich conversations to move writing forward. It's never easy to leave your classroom for even one day, let alone three! We appreciate all the work and efforts to improve writing in our district!"*