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Stan Hoekstra (Maintenance) did an outstanding job when we had space challenges to meet recently. He came up with workable solutions and implemented them while we were closed for our summer break. When staff returned after break they found their new work spaces were put together by Stan looking very professional and giving them a pleasant and workable new home. Well done, Stan! We appreciate you!

Debbie E'Nama
WoodsEdge

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The West Campus playground needed some refreshment to be ready for our Head Start and Great Start children and families this fall. Almost by magic, **Richard Bradshaw** (Custodial) installed new infant and toddler swings, **Marci Beebe** (Great Start) just took it upon herself to refresh the paint on the concrete turtle and **John Corey** (Maintenance) ordered new woodchips and had them installed under all of the play equipment. On top of that, a volunteer group from Friendship Village stopped by and pulled some weeds. Our parking lot is sealed and freshly striped as well! What a beautiful outside environment to welcome our children back to school his fall!!

Kristi Carambula
Great Start West Campus

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Toni Sergeant (Young Adult Program) is always willing to help. She does her job extremely well and is always going above and beyond to support the staff. Toni's knowledge and attention to detail provides me with the confidence that everything is done correctly. Thank you Toni!!

*Adam Danapilis
Special Education*

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Dave Campbell, Tom Harwood, Tom Zahrt, Kelly Kuhlmann, Anne Goodrich, Nathalie Alwane, Scott Thomas, Jeni Opel, Deb Vliek, and others! Great Back to School Breakfast this year! I probably haven't included the names of all the folks who worked hard to make it happen, so please help me fill those in.

I loved the newer, quicker welcome of new staff and recognition, focusing our time on those who have given the most years of service. The plated breakfast let get us get down to the business at hand quickly. The videos and music were engaging and I left feeling energized. I've been busy selecting my "walk-up song."

*Carly Wiggins
MiCase*

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Traci Hall (Head Start, Northeastern Elementary) is a gem to work with! She displays COLLABORATION by making stops at the South Street office for us to grab supplies from our mailboxes. When she finds a good idea to use in the classroom, she makes a copy for me or tells me about her find. She has allowed our team to "beg, borrow, and steal" her ideas and inspires me to better every day. Traci displays COMPASSION for her teaching team, students, and parents on a minute-by-minute basis, making sure that all of those around her feel cared for. Traci displays STRENGTH (not listed as a core value) by coming into work early to make sure her duties are not only completed, but perfect, going above and beyond. Many, MANY thanks to Traci for supporting me through my first year last year and for continuing to be an outstanding colleague! Kudos!

*Victoria Harris
Head Start, Northeastern Elementary*

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Anna Patton, Cindy Goss, Tammi Mallos, Beckett Lockerbie (EFE) ...another happy EFE Teacher Academy and co-op student, Cody Arndt, "Thank you for helping me with everything last year and with my Co-Op."

Sunset Lake has started the year off with a new principal, and she asked me if I would come back to sunset and continue helping in the lunchroom. I am also now working for one hour in Bulldog Beginnings, the preschool at Sunset Lake Elementary.

None of this would've been possible had I not taken EFE Teacher Academy or participated in Co-Op. This is an absolute joy and something that I really enjoy doing.

I really hope that EFE and Co-Op are available for so many students in the up and coming years.

Thank you for everything!!

Deb Miller

EFE

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There aren't enough words to describe how much **Dylan Copp** (SWMiTech) has helped me out in my computer lab. I have had equipment issues from day one and he immediately comes in and works on them. He always makes me feel like a priority, and does it with such a great attitude. He also takes the time to show me how to troubleshoot the problems instead of just fixing it for me so I can fix it myself later. He handles everyone's problems so well and always with a smile. You truly have a great employee KRESA!

Ben Brott

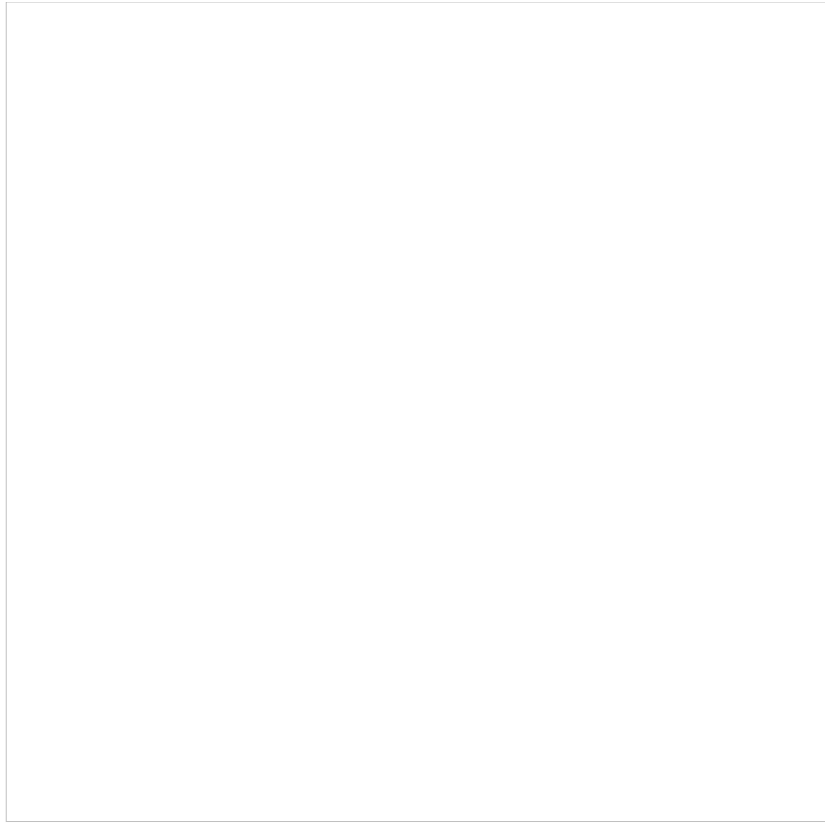
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Northeastern Head Start staff ROCKS!!

David Stamper

Northeastern Head Start



Collaboration

Thank you both **Mallory Vanwagner** and **Peter Sanchez** (YOU) for being an excellent source of training! I feel confident in my work and am happy to get the opportunity to work with you!

Staci Pierce

Michigan Works Southwest, Coldwater Service Center

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Tim White (WoodsEdge) has been a great help to our classroom for the past couple of weeks! He respects all people, has great ideas, and works well in all situations. Tim.... you are fantastic!

Debbie Alrick

WoodsEdge Offsite, PNMS

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