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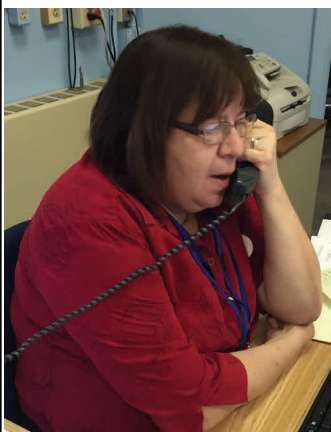
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SRP Recognition DAY



Recognizing Our SRPs, Today and Every Day

This year, we celebrate SRP Recognition Day on Tuesday November 18. Each year, we formally recognize these men and women who are an integral part of every single school day. There is not an employee, parent, or student who doesn't have their day directly impacted in a positive manner by our School Related Professionals.

More often than not our School Related Professionals are the first and last contact our students have with the school. Our bus drivers safely transport our students to and from school, under circumstances most of us who have had a car full of excited children, could not imagine! Their friendly smiles and warm greetings very often help the student who had a tough start to turn the day around.

Our greeters' kind words and serene demeanor help to calm the nerves of parents called to pick up ill or injured children. They are the first people visitors see when they enter our buildings. Additionally, greeters and hall monitors help parents navigate our buildings which can be very intimidating to those who don't walk the halls each day.

Our secretaries and office clerks are often the faceless voices that can soothe an irate or confused parent. These are the people who diffuse situations for administrators and teachers so that by the time they get to speak with the parent, the parent is already in a better place to have a productive conversation that can lead to the best outcome for the success of the student. These are the people who ensure child custody rulings are distributed to appropriate staff to make sure students are released to the proper individuals. These are the people many parents may never meet face to face but who benefit tremendously from their professionalism and support.

Our grounds and maintenance workers make sure that our buildings and grounds are safe, inviting, and provide an environment conducive to learning and play. Thousands of par-

ents enjoy watching their children play sports on the fields. Most probably don't realize the countless hours that go into preparing fields for safe play, but they certainly are appreciative every time their child walks off the playing field and joins the family at the dinner table. Our maintenance workers spend their work days and school vacations keeping the mechanics of the buildings in the best shape possible and updating needed infrastructure so that when it's cold outside we are warm inside. Each time we fire up the smart boards we know who did the work installing them.

Our custodial crew work diligently each and every day providing buildings that are clean and safe learning environments. They are constantly setting up for programs, dances, and assemblies for children, parents, and staff. The efforts of our custodial crew allow these events to run smoothly and provide our children with lifetime memories. Without their work, the buildings could not open each day.

Our nutritional staff work daily to provide our students with two healthy meals. For some students these are the only meals they will have during the day. They do this with friendly smiles and cheerful banter which helps to ease the anxiety many of our students feel when confronted with a bustling cafeteria.

Our School Related Professionals that work in the classrooms assist students in achieving success on a daily basis. They help keep students focused on academics but more importantly they help them to develop the skills needed to develop friendships and to become contributing adult members of our community.

This is only a sampling of what our school related professionals do each and every day. This day we celebrate the gifts our School Related Professionals contribute to the process of educating the children of the Valley Central Community, but we are grateful every day for their support.

