

SHINING STARS, FALL 2021

NAME	LOCATION	REASON	NOMINATOR, POSITION
Megan Maloney & James Williams	PVL	From the moment I arrived in Perryville, Meg and James have made me feel at home here. From helping me get settled to preparing dinner my first night, they were eager to help. They have also been incredibly supportive in teaching me about the village and school and have had patience as I've worked to learn everything. I'm incredibly grateful for their hospitality and look forward to working with them this year!	Taryn Williams, Teacher
Stephen Fink	NEW	Stephen volunteered his time to present at August 2021 Teacher Inservice. He shared about the 2021 counseling opportunities available to students.	Nicole Metzgar, Curriculum Co-Director
Tim Welch	LPSD	Tim Welch volunteered to present to teachers at our 2021 August Inservice. He shared about counseling opportunities available to students and his goals for the year.	Nicole Metzgar, Curriculum Co-Director
Marjorie Waggoner	LPSD	During August 2021 Teacher Inservice, Marjorie conducted training for LPSD special education teachers. Her willingness to lead the training is much appreciated and the expertise she shares is valuable.	Nicole Metzgar, Curriculum Co-Director
Elizabeth Ludwig	NEW	During August 2021 Teacher Inservice, Elizabeth facilitated a session for elementary writing teachers. Elizabeth radiates positive energy, humility, and respect. Teachers respond well to her ideas.	Nicole Metzgar, Curriculum Co-Director
Megan Maloney	PVL	Megan Maloney presented during August 2021 Teacher Inservice. Her presentation was to inform the staff about LPSD's new libraries. She explained the work that took place, how to navigate the software, and what roles teachers can play to support the new library at their school sites.	Nicole Metzgar, Curriculum Co-Director
Barbara Donachy	LAK	Barbara facilitated a teacher collaboration session during LPSD's August 2021 Teacher Inservice. Her session was a space for secondary writing teachers to share ideas, ask questions, and receive feedback and advice from their peers.	Nicole Metzgar, Curriculum Co-Director
James Williams	PVL	James facilitated a teacher collaboration session during LPSD's August 2021 Teacher Inservice. His session was a space for all the elementary teachers to come together to share ideas, ask questions, and receive feedback from their peers. Teacher collaboration time is appreciated and continues to be helpful for teachers.	Nicole Metzgar, Curriculum Co-Director
Brenda Luthi	LPSD	Brenda lead two sessions during LPSD's August 2021 Teacher Inservice. Brenda is guiding the LPSD literacy mentors towards excellence and helping them better support their mentees. Her first session was a time for the LPSD mentors to meet to layout goals and expectations for the semester. Her second session was a time for the LPSD literacy mentors and mentees to meet together to learn about each others teaching assignments, and determine the best way to connect with each other throughout the school year.	Nicole Metzgar, Curriculum Co-Director
Sonia Delkittie	KHK	Sonia should be considered for a Shining Star award for many reasons including her work ethic, professionalism, and dedication to the students she serves, and their education. I have not worked with Sonia long, but in the short few weeks we have been working together I have noticed so much change in my classroom. Sonia has stayed past her allotted time and has worked through her lunch to ensure the students are learning on many occasions. She takes every opportunity to see when and how she can help the students learn. She is a God send in my classroom.	Austin McCourt, Teacher
Christian Meneskie	Pennsylvania	Christian, thank you for sharing your hard work and expertise with the new Reveal Math Curriculum during August Inservice! We so appreciated you diving in and helping folks become more acquainted with the online portions, and the text. We are so happy to have you as part of the LPSD team!	Kate Cornell, Co-Curriculum Director

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Matthew Stark	LAK	Matthew is the epitome of shining star when it comes to leading sessions during our districtwide PD sessions. He never turns down the opportunity to share his knowledge whether it's on something tech related, something to do with our online programs, or just helping someone figure out their PowerSchool information. He is a wealth of knowledge and we are so lucky he's part of the LPSD team. Thank you, Matthew!	Kate Cornell, Co-Curriculum Director
Moon McCarley	ANC/NON/PIP	Thank you, Moon, for sharing your incredible wealth of knowledge regarding the testing process during August Inservice! We appreciate everything you do for the district and are so lucky to have you on the LPSD team.	Kate Cornell, Co-Curriculum Director
Sara Erickson	LAG	Sara, thank you for providing so much insight into Everyday Math during August Inservice! Your knowledge of the program is invaluable and we appreciate your willingness to jump in and share with your colleagues. Here's to a wonderful year!	Kate Cornell, Co-Curriculum Director
Amber Kresl	KS	Amber--thank you so much for jumping right in and presenting quality content during our August Inservice! Your contributions are absolutely invaluable and we appreciate you so much. Thank you for always being willing to jump in and lend a hand, even when it's relatively last minute and you're on the spot. You're amazing! Here's to a great year!	Kate Cornell, Co-Curriculum Director
Zach Stenson	PAL	Zach! Thank you for always being willing to present to our staff and encourage them to have students attend the CTE program. It is so valuable and your passion for it is evident when you share. We appreciate you and all you do for all of the BBRCTE partner districts! Here's to a great year!	Kate Cornell, Co-Curriculum Director
Branden Hummel	PTA	Branden is always willing to jump right in and share his wealth of knowledge with his colleagues--Thank you, Branden! Not only does he share willingly, but with a smile on his face and a genuine joy of teaching and learning. We appreciate you so much, Branden! Here's to a great year!	Kate Cornell, Co-Curriculum Director
Ty Kosbruk	PVL	Ty is a student who shows up every morning with a smile on his face. He gives his all each and every day, never giving up when an assignment seems too challenging. He is active in all aspects of our school, including sports and student government, and is always the first to offer a helping hand. He's a role model for all students and we're so happy to have him here in Perryville!	Taryn Williams, Teacher
Jim Dube	PAL/LAG/LAK/PV/L/BAY	Jim was my go to person to get some shopping done for schools while I was at home with COVID. I would email him because I didn't have access to my computer to input orders for sites that were missing items they needed right away. Jim had no problem helping out sites and going to the store and shipping the items requested on the airlines requested. Thanks for your help!	Tammi Peterson, Purchasing
Dawn Wassillie	NEW	Dawn has bright smile for everyone every morning. She asks how you are doing and genuinely wants to know. She goes out of her way to connect with you and uses humor as a relationship building block. She cares about her job and does her best at it every day. She even goes above and beyond what is asked of her.	Alex Sipherd, Newhalen School Cook
Nathan McArthur	PTH	Since the first moment I considered joining the LPSD staff, Nate has made me feel supported. He has reached out to see how I'm doing and always has advice and ideas to share. His enthusiasm for education and his students is palpable and contagious, inciting enthusiasm in those around him. Despite being many miles away, I feel like I could contact him whenever and he would be there to help.	Taryn Williams, Teacher