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Name	Site	Reason	Nominator
Megan Maloney	PVL	Megan is extremely positive and passionate about working with the students in Perryville and it is evident in every interaction I have with her. She is constantly excited about her students and her village. She works hard to be organized (she's even already sent me class lists for next year!). I also appreciate that she is interested in brainstorming ideas with other educators to gather ideas for her classroom.	Hannah Middleton
Darcy Lorentzen	PTA	Darcy is a special education aide at Tanalian School. Her calm demeanor and gentle ways do wonders in getting students to work on difficult tasks. She is an empathetic, caring, and loving person. She encourages both younger and older students to do their best at all times and knows when to give students a break before there is a problem. She helps with the organization of vast amounts of paperwork and with the documentation required in testing students each quarter. I don't know where I'd be without Darcy!	Kathy Van Dusen
Jessyka Nahdee	PTA	Jessyka is a special education aide at Tanalian School. She has a lot of patience when she works with her students. In the middle school math class, she enjoys taking notes and learning right alongside the students so that she can help them with their work! Jessyka is excellent at documenting work done and any behaviors. She advocates for her students when it's needed. She also helps keeps students on task when they are using online related services. All of the students love Ms. Jessyka and she gets plenty of hugs!	Kathy Van Dusen
Deb Wassillie— Community Member	LEV	For her constant and amazing support of the Levelock school and community. I am especially appreciative of how much effort she put into making the Levelock basketball tournament a huge success. Her love of our kids here in Levelock is truly inspiring and heartwarming.	Levi Tinney
Brenda King— Community Member	LAK	Brenda has volunteered countless hours at Chignik Lake School's library. She has been sorting out, organizing, shelving and reshelving books all year long. She has helped to inspire and	Barbra Donachy

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		excite our students about books and reading by showcasing different titles. She has also helped our school repurpose copies of material that is no longer needed (outdated curriculum) by getting these books into the hands of our youngest villagers who are not quite old enough for school. Thank you Brenda!	
Jack Donachy— Community Member	LAK	Jack has volunteered countless hours over this past school year at Chignik Lake School. Some examples: He has helped with cleaning and sorting efforts of our office, closets, and other areas where people have stashed things in the past. His efforts have saved our school many dollars - we have found we no longer need to order items since we know what we have and where the items are. He has spent time with students helping them learn chess and giving them constructive feedback on their work. He's restrung all the guitars to make those instruments available for checkout to the students and the community. He can always be counted on to drop whatever he's doing when we need an extra runner to go to the airfield or the post office. Since our staff numbers are so small at the Lake, having Jack around has been not just useful and enjoyable but also necessary. Thanks so much Jack!	Barbra Donachy
Kasie Luke	DO	Kasie is a kind and caring soul. She always does her best to help others. She is very knowledgeable about her position and how to support others to be their best selves. She cares deeply about the students in this district, and it shows. Thanks Miss Kasie for all you've done, all you're doing, and all you will do for us here.	Nathan McArthur
Elisabeth Ludwig	BAY	Where do I even begin? Elisabeth is one of the most exceptional people I have ever had the privilege of working with. She cares about the kids and their futures. She loves them enough to be tough, and they love her for it. Her attention to detail and planning is unmatched by anyone I know. She knows the who, what, where, when, why, and even the how of everything I have questions about, and if she doesn't know, she is the kind of person who will tell you and then come back with an answer (even after I	Nathan McArthur

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		had forgotten the question). She is a good person and a good friend. We hang out all the time and families playing games, watching shows, or being outside. She is someone I would be friends with under any circumstances because I can trust her at her word. It doesn't hurt that her baby is adorable as well. Our walls are quite thin and its a joy to hear Elisabeth and Jon sing Matilda to sleep. She is a great mom, and it shows in her child's love of life and thirst for knowledge. I am grateful for all the help, advice, and support over the years. Thank you for two great years, and I am genuinely looking forward to another great year.	
Ed Lester	NEW	Ed has been my mentor for this school year as I pursue my masters from UAS. I have learned so much from him and am truly grateful for his time, which I know is precious. His knowledge and understanding run deep to the point where they are a part of him. He lives it - He is a Principal. Thanks Ed, for all you have done for me this year.	Nathan McArthur
Nate Davis	PTA	"Little Nate" is a blast to be around. He always makes you feel welcome and appreciated. The smile on his face sets everyone at ease. We worked together on the V-ball tournament and Basketball Districts. Both times I felt supported as he encouraged me to take more and more responsibility. I learned so much about leadership and making connections from him. Thank you for taking the time and making an effort to help me along my path. It will not be soon forgotten.	Nathan McArthur
Tim McDermott	DO	We could not have survived this school year without Tim! His dedication to improving our water system (and everything else) was unparalleled. His surprise visits were always a breath of fresh air. He does so much not only for Meshik but for every site in LPSD and we appreciate the time and effort Tim puts worth.	Meshik Staff
Kasie Luke	DO	The past 2 years of having Kasie as a principal has been wonderful. However, this last year was filled with unique obstacles. Kasie stepped up to the plate and took on everything with grace. She has always had the best interest of our students in	Meshik Staff

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