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## **Board Salute**

### **Tom Boyk - Wegner Elementary School**

*Submitted by: Julie Garcia, teacher*

This board salute goes to Tom Boyk, tech teacher at Wegner School. One word that best describes Tom is DYNAMIC! He gets every student interested and excited about learning, no matter what the topic is. He has been an essential piece of our new literacy resource, Amplify. He creates activities that enhance these Knowledge units so students are able to apply what they have learned and have some major fun in doing so. Some activities he has done with the second graders are: create videos of students reading their writing for Greek Myths and Insects using the green screen, VR trips to Ancient Asia in order to observe specific items related to the culture, and building boats to test if they float and how fast they move to honor the seafaring Greeks. The engagement for students when Tom is teaching is top notch!

Tom makes himself visible in the school every day. He makes a point to learn ALL of the students' names. Not only does he know their names, he knows facts about them, as he puts in the effort to get to know all of the students. Every student knows him by name, and every student gets genuinely excited to say hi to him and talk with him. He is a reward many students choose to spend their Birdie Bucks on for "Tech Time with Mr. Boyk".

Tom is an integral part of our family at Wegner. He will always lend a helping hand to any staff member or student. He loves working through ideas with teachers in order to provide fun learning experiences for students. He always has a positive and energetic attitude that makes everyone smile. The impact he makes is far beyond what words can express. We are all truly blessed to have him as a colleague and our students are blessed to have him as a teacher.