

***"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove.....
but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."***

Author: Unknown

Dear Fife School District Community,

Every year we, in Fife School District, formally recognize our Classified Employees during the month of March. In the past we have provided either lattes or ice cream bars and I have personally gone around meeting and greeting and thanking each and every one of our employees for their service to the students in our great school district.

As I look toward that recognition for this coming March I feel compelled to take this small token of appreciation a step further and to make it not only more personal but to also allow others to show their gratitude to these fine individuals. After all, these are our dedicated staff who drive our kids to and from school on our buses, keep the buildings and grounds looking beautiful, make sure that our technology serves the needs of every learner, ensure that our students are served a warm and nutritious meal with a smile, as well as serve in our classrooms and offices to provide a great education to all of our students. In this era of leaner and leaner budgets, we are asking all of our employees to do more with less and I think it is more important than ever to show our folks how much we appreciate and care about them as vital members of the Fife School District family.

Toward that end, I am inviting any and all persons who would like to share in this gratitude to join me in a series of Classified Employee Appreciation Socials that I will be hosting this year. I plan to serve cake, coffee, and soft drinks at each building and at the transportation bus barn following this schedule:

Thursday, March 12	Fife High School Library	2:45-3:45
Monday, March 16	Columbia Jr. High Library	2:45-3:45
Tuesday, March 17	Hedden Staff Room	1:30-2:15
Wednesday, March 18	Transportation ESC Boardroom	11:00-11:45
Wednesday, March 18	Discovery Sun Room	1:00-2:00
Thursday, March 19	Surprise Lake M.S. Lounge	2:45-3:45
Monday, March 23	Endeavour Intermediate	3:45-4:35

While I know that it may be difficult in some of your busy schedules to make time to visit your child's school, I would encourage you to do so if at all possible and share in some social time and appreciation for our wonderful staff. I would further encourage any other district employees to join us in appreciating these fine folks. In the event that you cannot join us, I will be having our webmaster post this message to a blog so that you can send your personal note of thanks to our Classified Employees during this month of appreciation.

Thank you once again for your steadfast support of our important efforts in Fife School District.