

OPSF Educator Excellence Award Recipients

2022-2023

Kara	Wolf	Meadow Lane Elementary	4th Grade	September
Shawn	Fiscus	Black Bob Elementary	Third Grade	September
Scott	Linn	Regency Place Elementary	First Grade	October
Eric	Newlin	Pioneer Trail Middle School	Choir	October
Matt	Rentfrow	Olathe East High School	Theatre teacher	November
Jenn	Ross	Chisholm Trail Middle School	Nurse	November
Vicki	Stephens	Prairie Learning Center	MS/HS SPED	December
Taylor	Lucas	Washington Elementary	Special Education	December
Jeff	Bangs	Manchester Park Elementary	Second Grade	January
Taylor	Higbee	Santa Fe Trail Middle School	7th Language Arts	January
Megan	Bricks	Forest View Elementary	Music	February
Joshua	Trevino	Olathe Northwest High School	English Language Arts	February
Ed	Bellamy	Arbor Creek Elementary	PE	March
Mitch	Cloud	Fairview Elementary	Counselor	March
Shelley	Lierz	IRC/Ridgeview	Instructional Coach	April
Hailey	Pitcairn	Indian Creek Elementary	Second Grade	April
Joshua	Maddux	Olathe North	Band	May
Melissa	Saxon	Green Springs Elementary	4th	May

2021-2022

Jeff	Cooper	Olathe Northwest High School	E-Communication Academy	September
Stephanie	Ault	Clearwater Creek	1st Grade	September
Jess	Petrie	California Trail Middle School	CBR	October
Peter	Mishler	Olathe Virtual School	ELA	October
Stacey	Amos	Forest View Elementary	Kindergarten/First	November
Jeremi	Wonch	Indian Trail Middle School	7th Grade Science	November
Meagan	Schaefer	Olathe West High School	School Nurse	December
Kristen	Lester	Instructional Resource Center	Instructional Tech Teacher - Elementary Focus	December
Cyndi	Hail	Countryside Elementary	Third Grade	December
Ayla	Gilmore	Green Springs Elementary	1st grade	January
Levi	Huseman	Olathe North High School	PE	February
Karla	Laffoon	Claire Learning Center	FACS teacher	February
Jennifer	Casson	Madison Place Elementary	nurse	March
Aaron	Schwartz	Olathe West High School	English Language Arts	March
Lindsey	Hale	Ravenwood Elementary	4th Grade	April
Amanda	Kelther	Olathe North High School	English Language Arts	April
Ann	Hughes	Northview Elementary	CBR	May
Amanda	Bitter	Ravenwood Elementary	Kindergarten	May

2020-21

Michelle	Meier	Cedar Creek Elementary	4th Grade	Septemer
Trisha	Browning	Havencroft Elementary	Music	Septemer
Sarah	Dement	Heartland Early Childhood Center	Nurse	October
David	Haines	Chisholm Trail Middle School	6-8 Industrial Tech	October
Owen	Evans	Chisholm Trail Middle School	Band	November
Kelly	Ruiz	Prairie Trail Middle School	Spanish	November
Jackie	Black	IRC	Instructional Technology Teacher	December
Cathy	Hubler	Summit Trail Middle School	6 Science	December
Meghan	Williams	Summit Trail Middle School	6-8 CBR2	January
Elizabeth	Grubaugh	Green Springs Elementary	3rd	January
Betsy	Presteridge	Canyon Creek Elementary	4th Grade	February
Sharon	Morris	Mill Creek Campus	Director of Nursing	February
Teri	Stein	Woodland Elementary	3rd grade	March
Ashley	Becker	Regency Place Elementary	2nd Grade	March
Lindsey	Oliver	Mission Trail Middle School	PE	April
Nate	Richerson	Forest View Elementary	PE	April
Taylor	Sheffield	Chisholm Trail Middle School	8th ELA	May
Becky	Baker	Ravenwood Elementary	CBR	May

2019-20

Sara	Estrada	Madison Place Elementary	Kindergarten	September
Kelli	Barney	Mill Creek Campus	FOCUS	September
Jeremy	Martin	Mission Trail Middle School	Orchestra	October
Emily	Carmitchel	Forest View Elementary School	Speech Language Pathologist	October
Lindsey	Fuzzell	Manchester Park	Kindergarten	November
Mallory	West Krug	Olathe West High School	Business and Computers	November
Lisa	Stubblebine	Summit Trail Middle School	6th grade Math	December
Beth	Zaruba	Northview	Nurse	December
Lisa	Heinemann	Forest View Elementary School	1st Grade	January
Beth	Hought	Tomahawk Elementary School	Nurse	January
Lynne	Sheffield	Forest View Elementary School	Third Grade	February
Laura	VanLeeuwen	Olathe West High School	Choir Director	February

March, April and May recipients were not chosen due to the closing of schools due to the Corona Virus.

2018-19	Lindsay	Frack	Prairie Center Elementary	Art	September
	Jamie	Garrow	Walnut Grove Elementary	Kindergarten	September
	Michelle	Neuschafer	Cedar Creek Elementary	2nd grade	October
	Taylor	Bussinger	Prairie Trail Middle School	8	October
	Elizabeth	Barbeau	Meadow Lane Elementary	pre-K-5 speech	November
	Zach	Reed	Chisholm Trail Middle School	7th/8th Math	November
	Amy	Morris	Ridgeview Elementary	Early Childhood	December
	Julia	Walker	Olathe West High School	Journalism and Language Arts	December
	Catherine	Lentz	Rolling Ridge Elementary	Early Childhood	January
	Paula	DeGraffenreid	Sunnyside Elementary	Kindergarten	January
	Debra	Bailey	Prairie Trail Middle School	PE	February
	Stephanie	Metrokostas	Santa Fe Trail Middle School	Art	February
	Lorin	Mannon	Washington Elementary	Kindergarten	March
	Jennifer	Tygard	Heritage Elementary School	4th grade	March
	Kelly	Hilgenkamp	Countryside Elementary School	PE	April
	Matt	Ufford	Forest View Elementary	Kindergarten	April
	Genia	Deets	Green Springs Elementary	Kindergarten	May
	Megan	Roberts	Olathe South	Library Media Specialist	May

2017-18	Beth	Uden	Prairie Trail Middle School		August
	Shelley	Blackwell	Regency Place		August
	Dina	Wingfield	Olathe Northwest High school		September
	Don	Creasbaum	Olathe South High School		September
	Lauren	Jaqua	Olathe South High School		October
	Christie	Williams	Brougham Elementary		October
	Jennifer	Owens	Ravenwood Elementary		Nov/Dec
	Suzanne	Carlson	Woodland Elementary		Nov/Dec
	Amy	Walker	Woodland Elementary		January
	Marcy	Good	Meadow Lane Elementary		January
	Gilllian	Doll	Washington Elementary		February
	Emily	Jones	Tomahawk Elementary		February
	Jamie	Tomlinson	Indian Creek Elementary		March
	Danny	Kaul	Frontier Trail Middle School/Briarwood Elementary		March
	Marilyn	Barnard	Scarborough Elementary	4th grade	April
	Susan Amber	Boyington	Santa Fe Trail Middle School	ELL 6th-8th	April
	Andi	Fyffe	Clearwater Creek Elementary	kindergarten	May
	Lindsay	Sutter	Chisholm Trail Middle School	Center Based Resource	May

16-17

Sara	Timmerman	Cedar Creek Elementary	October
Laura	Stumbo	Chisholm Trail Middle School	August
Alissa	Ruffin	Chisolm Trail Middle School	April
Tessa	Whitaker	Countryside Elementary	April
Jenny	Steele	Frontier Trail Middle School	Nov/Dec
Jenna	Kuder	IRC/Prairie Center Elementary/Rolling Ridge Elementary	January
Maurica	Bruning	Madison Place Elementary	February
Lea Ann	Schmidt	Northview Elementary	September
Jeff	Witters	Olathe South High School	February
Kaleb	Stoppel	Olathe South High School	March
Mark	McClure	Oregon Trail Middle School	March
Cindy	Hey	Prairie Trail Middle School	Nov/Dec
Jena	McElwain	Prairie Trail Middle School	September
Sharon	Bolliger	Regency Place Elementary	January
Paul	Giffin	Santa Fe Trail Middle School	May
Brandon	Simpson	Scarborough Elementary	May
Cindy	Madsen	Sunnyside Elementary	October
John	McCormick	Westview Elementary	August

15-16

Susan	Robertson	Heritage Elementary	April
Lauren	Mayoral	PrairieTrail Middle School	April
Sara	Sanders	Prairie Learning Center	August
Lindsey	Brake	Ravenwood Elementary	August
Brandi	Michaelis	Millbrooke Elementary	Feb
Max	Hasselquist	Prairie Center Elementary	Feb
Julie	Bliese	Central Elementary	Jan
Rhonda	Rettig	Ravenwood Elementary	Jan
Lori	Stegeman	Meadow Lane Elementary	March
Stacy	Miller	Millbrooke Elementary	March
Ann	Book	Santa Fe Trail Middle School	May
Janna	Patterson	Sunnyside and Madison Place Elem.	May
Tiffany	Seaman	Green Springs Elementary	NO LONGER IN DISTRICT
David	Hastings	Olathe South	Nov/Dec
Tory	MacFarlane	Prairie Trail Middle School	Nov/Dec
Patrick	Flynn	Olathe East High School	October
Kate	Thompson	Olathe Northwest High School	October
Matt	Schwenk	Central Elementary	September
Angie	Stroup	Prairie Center Elementary	September

will drop off at semester

14-15

Jennifer	Kellogg	Clearwater Creek Elementary	April
Dani	LaBarge	Olathe South High School	April
Brigette	Hahn	Forest View Elementary	Aug
Jill	DeGroot	Prairie Center	Aug
Gretchen	Harrison	Frontier Trail Middle School	Feb
Annie	Winkler	Olathe Northwest High School	Feb
Nancy	Smith	Bentwood Elementary	Jan
Bonnie	Marsh	Briarwood Elementary School	Jan
Erin	Stewart	Prairie Trail Middle School	March
Kira	Humphrey	Regency Place Elementary	March
Cindy	Docking	California Trail Middle School	May
Susan	Carroll	Prairie Center Elementary	May
Michelle	McCormick	Meadow Lane Elementary	Nov/Dec
Victoria	Creten	Millbrooke Elementary	Nov/Dec
Marci	Anderson	Manchester Park Elementary	Oct
Jennifer	Noteboom	Olathe Northwest High School	Oct
Michelle	Reece	Briarwood Elementary School	Sept
Nic	Cook	Olathe South High School	Sept

13-14

David	Grabham	Heatherstone Elementary	April
Sheri	Worrel	Regency Place Elementary	April
Karen	Knabe	Manchester Park	August
Chris	Williams	Manchester Park Elementary	August
Kim	Palcic	Madison Place	February
Shanlee	O'Neal	Manchester Park Elementary	February
Rebecca	Reyes	Olathe South High School	January
Michael	Farr	Pioneer Trail	January
Tina	Cowden	Arbor Creek Elementary	March
Cara	Braune	Brougham Elementary	March
Christina	Haverkamp	California Trail	May
Ruth Ann	Falls	Olathe South High School	May
Kelli	Feikert	Brougham	November/December
Jennifer	Cullen	Regency Place	November/December
Becky	Keely	Meadow Lane	October
Stephanie	Hertl	Scarborough	October
Wendy	Haas	Olathe South	September
Kaylee	Murdock	Washington	September

2012-13

Cheri	Armstrong	Briarwood	August
Alicia	Paepke	Olathe Northwest	August
Karen	Thompson	Ravenwood	Sept
Patty	Schmitz	Bentwood	Sept
Sherry	Wann	California Trail	Oct
Donna	Chapman	Meadow Lane	Oct
Rachelle	Kilgore	Manchester Park	Nov
Tina	Sollars	Choices	Nov
Wendy	Carter	Forest View	Jan.
Janet	Carlisle	Forest View	Jan.
Adam	Karsten	Santa Fe Trail	Feb.
Nikki	Toomay	Clearwater Creek	Feb.
Richard	Greenlee	Black Bob	March
Penny	Nelson	California Trail	March
Brad	Buckner	Green Springs	April
Janelle	Stigall	Madison Place	April
Janis	Davis	Frontier Trail	May
Cathy	Lentz	Rolling Ridge	May

2011-12

Michelle	Chisholm	Brougham	April
Steve	Osner	Chisholm Trail	April
Kathy	Olson	Clearwater Creek	August
Amy	Schroeder	Harmony ECC	August
Jan	Buster	Rolling Ridge	expired
Chris	McCracken	Rolling Ridge	expired
Beth	Dean	Santa Fe Trail	February
Sue	Smith	Meadow Lane	February
Amy	Berg	Countryside	January
Kim	Hampton	Meadow Lane	January
Sarah	Blakesley	Fairview	March
Nancy	North	Indian Creek	March
Libby	Whittle	Ravenwood	May
Erin	Wolsleger	Green Springs	May
Toni	Cole	Mahaffie	November/December
Susan	Newman	Brougham	November/December
Laura	Smith	Brougham	October
Michelle	Williams	Rolling Ridge	October
Nicole	Smith	Havencroft	September
Kenn	Woodward	Blackbob	September

2010-11

Judy	Anderson	Bentwood	September
Cheryl	Craft	Black Bob	October
Kotoka	Curry	Green Springs	January
Courtney	Cutler	Pleasant Ridge	March
Debbie	Freely-Hall	Sunnyside	May
Jessica	Gad	Scarborough	March
Amanda	Guengerich	Bentwood	February
Courtney	Hallenbeck	Woodland	May
Kevin	Hulsen	Olathe Northwest	April
Corey	Martens	Briarwood	January
Amy	Martin	Rolling Ridge (Countryside)	August
Erin	Meyer	Countryside	August
Becky	Monke	Rolling Ridge	September
Laura	Nutt	Ravenwood	October
Laurie	Plankers	Olathe South	April
Kristin	Ricci	Olathe Northwest	February
Barb	Stowell	Meadow Lane	Nov/Dec
Jaimie	Swindler	Olathe East	Nov/Dec

2009-10

Kerri	Davis	Mahaffie	November
Sally	Demonbrun	Praire Center	January
Nathan	Eick	Oregon Trail	February
Mindy	Fitzsimmons	Clearwater Creek	April
Julie	Gadwood	Bentwood	November
Karen	Goodwin	Briarwood	October
Amy	Hillman	Washington	October
Lauren	Hussey	Walnut Grove	October
Carol Anne	Jones	Indian Trail	September
Thadeus	McClelland	Oregon Trail	February
Alison	Melton	Rolling Ridge	March
Linda	Minor	Olathe North	April
Dustin	Pence	Chisholm Trail	March
Katie	Reardon	Woodland	January
Heather	Sheppard	Heritage	September
Aimee	Wallace	Countryside	August

2008-09	Trish	Bleish	Havencroft	April Recipient
	Jodie	Chandler	Heatherstone	Nov/Dec Recipient
	Randy	Dix	Olathe North	February Recipient
	Jonann	Ellner	Heatherstone	April Recipient
	Angie	Hedges	Olathe Northwest	March Recipient
	Gail	Holder	Olathe South	October Recipient
	Justin	Love	Olathe North	March Recipient
	Sharen	Miller	Havencroft	September Recipient
	Penny	Mowrey	Sunnyside	October Recipient
	Connie	Neneman	Mahaffie	February Recipient
	Sue	Rippe	Olathe Northwest	January Recipient
	Lorna	Roskop	Heritage	January Recipient
	Rebecca	Simmons	Walnut Grove	August Recipient
	Kelly	Warren	Indian Trail	February Recipient
	Richard	Wright	Madison Place	January Recipient
	Dave	Youker	California Trail	Nov/Dec Recipient
2007-2008	Sara Abramovitz		Walnut Grove Elementary School	
	Liz Anderson		Olathe Northwest High School	
	Tracy Balkenbusch		Heatherstone Elementary School	
	Michelle Buck		Havencroft Elementary School	
	Susan Carroll		Rolling Ridge Elementary School	
	Barbara Clark		Central Elementary School	
	Lisa Dye		Havencroft Elementary School	
	Rhonda Hess		Washington Elementary School	
	Jennifer Lindsay		Heartland Early Childhood Center	
	Linda Maggard		Briarwood Elementary School	
	Audra McClelland		Indian Trail Junior High School	
	Kim Miller		Indian Trail Junior High School	
	Kellie Nay		Rolling Ridge Elementary School	
	Amanda Robertson		Oregon Trail Junior High School	
	Lynne Sheffield		Prairie Center Elementary School	
	Karon Staten		Bentwood Elementary School	

2006-2007

Teri Beckman	Bentwood Elementary School
Laura Bergkamp	Mahaffie Elementary School
Michele Brown	Pioneer Trail Junior High School
Leslie Chandler	Indian Trail Junior High School
Glenn Daniels	Olathe East High School
Lisa Frahm	Manchester Park Elementary School
Lori Franklin	Olathe East High School
Andi Heiling	Regency Place Elementary
Joe Hodnik	Indian Trail Junior High School
Greg Pelligreen	Prairie Trail Junior High School
Ramona Pope	Pioneer Trail Junior High School
Autumn Scholl	Walnut Grove Elementary School
Wendy Scholten	Ridgeview Elementary School
Debbie Szczygiel	Heartland Learning Center
Christine Walker	Arbor Creek Elementary School
Mary Williams	Brougham Elementary School

2005-2006

Kaci Adams	Heatherstone Elementary School
Carol Beaver	Mahaffie Elementary School
Margaret Edison	Prairie Learning Center
Ruth Henderson	Black Bob Elementary School
Emily Keller	Heartland Learning Center
Rebecca Metcalf	Olathe Northwest A&E
Kathy Meyer	Black Bob Elementary School
Sara Mochel	Fairview Elementary School
Sally Newendyke	Havencroft Elementary School
Susan Pozek	Heatherstone Elementary School
Sue Quanty-Smith	Meadow Lane Elementary School
Marilyn Richardson	Ravenwood Elementary School
Lesley Sheldon	Rolling Ridge Elementary School
Janet Ziegler	Manchester Park Elementary School

2004-2005

Twyla Boyer	Brougham Elementary School
Natalie Browning	Chisholm Trail Junior High
Lynnlea Holdman	Cedar Creek Elementary School
Lori Lammers	Bentwood Elementary School
Mark Meier	Pioneer Trail Junior High School
Terrie Rynard	Olathe South High School
Mary Sharp	Heatherstone Elementary School
Max Strain	Pioneer Trail Junior High School
Robert Walters	Oregon Trail Junior High School
Connie Welch	Black Bob Elementary School
Erin Wolsleger	Green Springs Elementary School

2003-2004

Dale Baeker	Walnut Grove Elementary School
Kelly Carr	Sunnyside Elementary School
Tanya Channell	Green Springs Elementary School
Kim Hawkins	Green Springs Elementary School
Jayne Jones	Sunnyside Elementary School
Doris Quigley	Rolling Ridge Elementary School
Ken Roberts	Heatherstone Elementary School
Carmen Smull	Olathe East High School
Joe Winkler	Green Springs Elementary School

2002-2003

Tara Frieze	Green Springs Elementary School
Sheri Hanna	Olathe East High School
Linda Lott	Oregon Trail Junior High School
Nancy North	Green Springs Elementary School
Diana Stephens	Rolling Ridge Elementary School

2001-2002

Carol Auwarter	Rolling Ridge Elementary School
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