

Thanks, Wayne!

Thank you to Wayne Overton, who generously donated his time and talents to helping with our PTCO Desert Auction at Haines Elementary! As our auctioneer, Wayne brings energy and laughter while moving the auction along. A natural entertainer, Wayne made the experience fun, and the Haines PTCO had the most successful auction ever! Thank you, Wayne!

*Haines PTCO
Haines Elementary Staff*

Mrs. Nelson is helpful

Mrs. Nelson (art teacher at BHS) is always helpful. She teaches an array of very talented students and very challenging art classes. At the beginning of the semester we're asked to stitch together a handmade sketch book! She quickly picked up on the fact I was struggling and decided to lend a helping hand with assisting with the finishing stitches which got me up to date with her class!

Dylan Estabrooks

She's most pleasant!

I would like to give a Shout Out to Cathy Martin! She has to be the most pleasant woman that I have met in a work environment. She always has a smile and well wishes to give and treats everyone with so much respect. When you're speaking she is intently listening, waiting to see just how she can help you. She is a lovely addition to the Baker SD, I am so lucky to get to work with such an amazing lady! She is like a Random Act of Kindness on a bad day. Definitely someone to emulate.

CJ Gray

Reegan is outstanding

Reegan Hellberg is outstanding! She maintains a 4.0 GPA, is a main flyer for the JV cheer team, always on time and prepared for class, and such a kind soul! Her spirit glows all around

Shout Outs

Submissions welcome!

We welcome "Shout Out" submissions from teachers, parents, community members - anyone who wants to recognize someone for a job well done. Submissions can be 100 words or less. Email entries to shout.out@bakersd.org.

the high school, and she's a wonderful role model! Someday I want to be a cheerleader and she's been giving me awesome tips and pointers! During class, she's always willing to help out and be a good person.

Dylan Estabrooks

Thanks, Soroptimist!

Thank you Soroptimist International for helping South Baker with hygiene kits!

Lisa Davis

To Mr. Taub:

Mr. Jesse Taub, a new English teacher at Baker High, was energetic from the start! I remember walking into his class for the first time and thinking how boring English classes could be. Then I quickly picked up on how animated and kind he was! He was always willing to help and teach in style that works with everyone. He's always cool, calm, and collected! He cares and has knowledge on all of the material and can pick up anyone's bad mood and brighten it any day! Super cool!

Dylan Estabrooks

Thanks, Mr. Carpenter

I would like to give a shout out to Russell Carpenter. In the wake of our new band director's sudden and unexpected hospitalization, Mr. Carpenter has gracefully stepped in to make sure our middle and high school band students continue receiving an excellent instrumental education. Many thanks to Mr. Carpenter for his selfless service to our young people!

Hannah Violette

Mr. Z makes the time

Mr. Lane Zacharias is a terrific asset here at South Baker Intermediate School. He is always willing to take the time for students (even for those that aren't in his class anymore). It's inspiring to see his interest in student success! Thank you Mr. Z!

Calli Gulick

To Amanda Carroll:

If you've driven by Brooklyn lately, you may have noticed the doors to our modulars have experienced a bit of a makeover. Along with our modular doors, the office walls at Brooklyn are now adorned with colorful and inspirational quotes. An enormous shout out to Amanda Carroll for working with our staff to decorate and bring some color and spirit to the walls and doors at Brooklyn. It's the little things like this that make our school such a special place.

Phil Anderson, Brooklyn principal

Inspiring leaders

My son is a third grader at Brooklyn Primary. One day at school pickup he was bubbling with excitement about the seventh-graders who came to help with math and activities. He knew their names, and talked about how nice they were. These students were from the Baker Middle School leadership class led by Jebron Jones. I am so glad he's able to bring middle schoolers to Brooklyn because the little kids look up to the big kids so much. My son can't wait until they come back again!

Lisa Jacoby

Pep week preparation

I would like to recognize Toni Zikmund and Dawna Blincoe for all of

their time spent on making Pep Night a success. Each year these two women go above and beyond to get this event off the ground.

Chelsea Hurliman, BHS vice principal

Great student help!

Thank you to students in Mr. Banta's, Mrs. Morgan's and Dr. Lewis' classes. They helped move 100+ desks back and forth, two times in one month so that we could test students in the gym all at once. Their work was very much appreciated and I heard no complaining!

Anne-Marie Popa

Thank you, custodians

Our custodians at BHS also deserve recognition as Pep Week by nature creates more work. They are always willing to help the students as they search for art supplies, ladders or need an extra hand hanging something up. Thank you BHS Custodians of your support in making Pep Week a great community event.

Chelsea Hurliman, BHS vice principal

Shout out to Mr. Jensen

I'd like to give a shout out for one of our new English teachers, Travis Jensen. Mr. Jensen has displayed unique interest in individual students, and is not afraid to sacrifice his own time to meet their needs for attention or encouragement.

One day, I wandered into his room to see him playing a friendly game of chess with a student; this student was having a particularly difficult day and, even though Mr. Jensen didn't know the details regarding the difficulty, he was able to take time out of his own activities to make space for this student to find some peace in his day.

It's this kind of relationship-building and compassion that makes a difference in our students' lives and I am proud to be a colleague of someone who understands and practices that.

Hannah Violette