

A staff room makeover

Huge shout out to Angela Lattin, Erin Justus, Amanda Washington and family, and Jessica Dalton for volunteering time over break to paint and organize our staff room. You all are greatly appreciated and go the extra mile for our school!

Jill Welter

To Jebron Jones:

In my 26 years as a secondary public-school teacher and 7 years as a professor in the school of education at Northwest Nazarene University, I have never observed an action that I felt compelled to write such a letter as I am sending you.

My husband and I attended the Baker High School versus Fruitland High School basketball game this evening. When the buzzer sounded to end the first half of the varsity game, players exited the floor and immediately a horde of Fruitland's elementary and middle school students, "wanna be basketball stars" inundated the gym floor.

Your coach, Mr. Jebron Jones, his team having lost the lead in the last 2 minutes of the half, STILL stopped, got down eye-level with several students and shared some dialogue and shooting pointers before entering the locker room. I could not hear what was said, but the students were genuinely excited by the high 5s they received from Mr. Jebron Jones. Mr. Jones demonstrated this same action when he returned to the court to begin the second half of the game. Again taking time and making connections with young students. The Baker Bulldogs lost the game; however, several young individuals from Fruitland were encouraged and validated by your coach's actions.

I believe that kindness and encouragement in words create confidence. Kindness and encouragement in thinking creates

Shout Outs



Baker Middle School students created ugly sweaters for a school competition prior to winter break. Items were donated by Marla's Mall and the community.

profoundness, and kindness and encouragement in giving can create change.

The measure of a true coach is not his/her win-loss ratio, but one's commitment and passion to build optimism, hope and validation of an individual's uniqueness and self-worth. Your coach did this tonight and I felt it important that Baker School District administration be made aware.

Debra Ujiye

Family Nights are fun!

Thank you Baker City families for coming the Family Nights at Brooklyn Primary! It is so much fun.

Sharon Paine

Thanks for the help!

A huge shout out to Marla's Mall and Susan Myers for donating materials to our annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Workshop. With your help, as well as donations from the community, 42 students were able to create ugly Christmas sweaters for the contest

prior to Christmas break. Thank you to all who made this possible.

With gratitude,

Mrs. Shandra Lee

Mrs. Melody Webb

Mrs. Donna Valentine

Thanks, Coach Jimmy!

I have had the honor of having Coach Jimmy work in my classroom as a paraprofessional for many years. He is a compassionate and hard-working man. He is a wonderful role model for our students at Baker Middle School. For many students, Coach Jimmy is the only father figure they know. Coach Jimmy does an extraordinary job working with our students in the classroom, as well as in sports.

Thanks for do for all of us!

Shandra Lee

Snow removal is nice!

It is so nice on these snowy mornings to find freshly shoveled sidewalks and plowed parking. Our maintenance crew is up early and at it on these mornings. This is just one of the MANY

things that you do that I am very appreciative of. Thank you Curtis, Al, Mike, Tony, Robert, and Jeremy.

Sandy Harper

Thanks, maintenance!

I would like to give a shout out to the maintenance department for their hard work over Christmas break creating a separate space for our staff. And their continued work to help with making it look like a room. It's nice to finally have a separate space. I know he probably doesn't read this, but I owe you, Mr. Dunn!

Erin Justus

Thanks, Jessica!

Id like to give a shout out to Jessica Dalton for all the work she's been doing with our wellness grant. She's coming up with some fun and innovative ideas, and I know many of us are really appreciating it!

Karen Tannehill

Family Night at Brooklyn

Mevery family has attended Family Night held at Brooklyn Primary this year, and it's become one of our favorite parts of the month. Not only do I not have to worry about dinner that night, it is fun to visit with other parents in a relaxed atmosphere. Angela Lattin and the crew who organize these nights are doing an awesome job. Watch the Brooklyn newsletters and Facebook page for updates and come join us!

Lisa Jacoby

To Annetta Evans:

I would like to give a shout-out of gratitude to Annetta Evans for all she does to support the students at Eagle Cap. Annetta meets our students everyday "where they are at," be it ready for algebra, ready for language arts, in need of a homemade snack, or just a chat with someone who cares. Annetta Evans is a model for the concept of student-centered pedagogy and a great teacher-leader.

Further, as Eagle Cap undergoes systemic change, Annetta has taken the lead in creating new systems of student management that I can hardly keep up with. Annetta once said we should "Create a school that fits the kids, rather than trying to make the kids fit the school." With her leadership, we might well be on our way. Thank you, Mrs. Evans, for all you do!

Dr. Thomas Joseph

Amazing bus drivers

I want to thank all our AMAZING bus drivers!! They are always so helpful in making sure our kids get home safely!

Kisha Dunlap

Like a family

I really appreciate how South Baker Intermediate staff take care of students and staff; it's a great family.

Erin Callahan