

Dear Track & Field Day Volunteers,

A GIGANTIC thank you to all of you who helped with this year's Track and Field Day and parade Thursday, May 25th! It takes a lot of help before, during and after to make this event happen and be successful. We appreciate everyone who pitched in to help! We couldn't have done it without you:

Our **parent volunteers** who took time out of their work schedule to come out not only to cheer on our students, but also to volunteer at the various events explaining the rules, lining up the students, keeping the students focused, setting up the field, and/or cleaning up the field: Mohamed Abdihalim, Nathan Abel, Barb Afrey, Mya Bitney, Peggy Browne, Desiree Brazelton, Jason Caddy, Bob Caddy, Ella Carlsson, Rebecca Celis, Noel Creager, Mary Donnelly, Bill Farniok, Amy Gudmestad, Kai Gudmestad, Erin Hester, Emily Hiranaga, Chelsea Hildenbrand, Micky Hubanks, Lena Johnson, Anne Josephson, Lisa Kelly, Rachel Knoke, Sarah Koelln, Jenelle Masterson, Peggy Meillier, Dan Moriarty, Jason Muscala, Douglas Olson, Geoff Paine, Kathy Patten-Marsh, Christa Perkins, Brenda Raney, Zackery Reichenbach-Carr, Sarah Reynolds, Dave Rodriguez, Joanna Rohlfen, Victoria Schanen, Adam Sheridan, Avina Singh, Emily Sowell, Barb Stafford, Cynthia Stauffer, Mark Stauffer, Nicole Stecker, Dulcie Valusek, Elizabeth Vincenty, Demian Vincenty, Debra Wanduragala, Tracy Wetternach and Karen Winger.

(We hope we didn't miss anyone, especially those of you who came in and wanted to help wherever needed. We might have missed your name listed on our sheets, but we wanted to make sure you all knew your help was most appreciated and very much needed!)

Our **PTA** with their generous promotional, volunteer and financial support.

Our **master lunchroom expert**, Mary Meidl, for requesting special lunches for our students for the "grab & go" selections & not feel too full, so they can perform at their highest level.

Our **Armatage Park and Recreation Center staff** who lent their assistance with tables and chairs, as well as lending a helping hand when needed. Steve Bonine who lent us his water coolers to ensure all our students and volunteers had water to drink. Mr. John & Mr. Antone who delivered the tables & chairs out to the field & helped out with whatever else we needed the entire day!

Our **fabulous teachers** who made the day even more fun by making funky shirts and accessories for their students to wear, and even made creative banners for the parade: Kelly Alexander, Jean Avecilla, Margo Borth, Jane Campbell, Denise Clare, Melissa Hagberg, Kristen Hanson, Juliet Holder, Christen Houdek, Stacy Katzovitz, Susie King, Michele Lehmbecker, Heather Lingen, Michelle Loomans, Jessie Mahabadi, Heidi Olson,

Staci Owens, Lisa Walker, Connie Rubenstein, Ralph Sievert, Tina Swift, Ashley Tomechko, and Justine White.

Our **Teaching Specialists & Reading Corps Staff** who not only volunteered for the entire day, but also took the lead for all our events, as well as encouraging all students to do their best in each event; Lynette Clarke, Westy Copeland, Nancy Dobbratz, Susan Doss, Kaitlyn Fashingbauer, Sue Gonyea, Sarah Hassebroek, Geoff Jansen, Coleen Janssen, Kenny Jones, Kary Kuenzli, Tesia Kubat, David Luiken, Ingrid Nelson-Krafve, Mary MacRae, Kristen Milner, Patty Pivec, Carol Sandburg, Sarah Thompson, & Anita Webster. Also to the **Specialists & Educational Assistants** who supervised in the lunchroom and during recess for our students: Abdullahi Aden, Lisa Benson, Brook Dierkhising, Tesia Kubat, Sarah Thompson, Heidi Van Amburg and Martha Wahlstrom.

Our **Principal**, Mrs. Franks, who also showed us her athletic ability by running the dash, and Mr. Paul Scanlon who kept the school running indoors. Our wonderful **School Secretary**, Ms. Pam Durand, who patiently gathered all our required volunteer forms, answered any questions parents had about our event and making sure all volunteer forms were picked-up from the Office!

Our **students** who have worked all year long during gym class to become a more active person, and the **5th grade volunteers** who worked with our Pre-Kindergartners and Kindergartners: Drew Barkman, Logan Bell, Ellie Bijnagte, Betsy Brill, Samira Carlsson, Charles, Jaymes Christie, Ronan Cosgrove, Sally Crabtree, Declan Dosse, Evan Duepner, Ava Ebsen Garrett, Adair Edison, Liam Farniok, Hazel Gleason, Eli Gudmestad, Ben Gustner,, Ella Hennigan, Peyton Ihle, Jamario, Sophie Jensvold, Karissa Johnson, Luca Knych, Maggie Kocanda, Ella Larkin, Bella LaMere, Dax Lemarche, Anne Layon, Trevor Lien, Phoebe Loth, Anna Manson, Luca Miller-Shiell, Ava Norby, Han Orr, Aristotle Pappajohn-Golade, Mason, Peterson, Will Plunkett, Cate Poindexter, Norah Popehn, Ben Rosielle, Miles Ruth, Tess Saindon, Mia Senn, Ailish Sheridan, Oscar Smith, Caden Sosa, Leo Spanier, Izzy Streff, Olive Strike, Wynn Sullivan, Luke Umholtz, Lina Vincenty, Jane Wirth, Ella Wood, Evan Young, Rose Zaremba, Grace Zodrow, Jack Zodrow

Our **musical virtuoso**, Ms. Anita Webster, for her preparation beforehand to make the parade an extra special treat and her adlib reaction to have the students sing the “Star Spangled Banner” when power wasn’t available for the recorded version!

To Olivia Webster, who came to be an event volunteer while home from college!

To Ms. Staci Owns & the Armatage Student Council students who created Track & Field Day posters to hang on the many school walls!

To Ms. Sue Gonyea & the Community Leadership/Do Good Things students who cutout more than 650 Track & Field Day event cards!

To Angela Slaughter who filled-up the empty cups with water when no one was looking!

To 7<sup>th</sup> graders Bella Weatherly & Annika Houdek who created their own Track & Field Day poster when no one was looking!

It truly takes a community to help with this event, and the students look forward to it every year, and so do we. We thank you again, for your generosity of time and commitment, and we hope to see you all next year!

Enjoy your summer and keep on running, jumping & kicking off your shoes!

Most Sincerely,

Mr. Mike Leach, Daniel Polland, Sarah Poindexter, Crystal Weatherly and Michelle Tatum