



Dear BRE Family,

In 2006, the Foundation for Douglas County Schools created the Apple Awards to recognize and celebrate excellent teachers and support staff for their outstanding contributions to DCSD. This fifteen-year-old tradition is covered by our team and serves as the primary beacon to honor the countless hours and endless efforts educators put forward to benefit the social, emotional, and academic wellbeing of our student body.

For the 2020-2021 school year, the parents and staff at Buffalo Ridge Elementary have nominated Monica Harmon, our Technology and Resource Teacher, and Kris Littlejohn, our Building Secretary and Administrative Assistant, as our Apple Award nominees. These two individuals could not be more deserving of the Apple Award. Both Kris and Monica are selfless human beings and are ALWAYS willing to put others' needs before their own. Mrs. Harmon and Mrs. Littlejohn are known for going the extra mile for the more significant cause, and their positive impact on our students and staff cannot be overstated. We love Monica and Kris dearly; we are so proud to have them as a member of our HERD family.

The month of February has been one for the books. While not celebrated in the traditional sense, Valentine's Day was a huge hit, and it felt great to have students laughing and enjoying one another's company on February 11th.

Staff and students have also enjoyed our recent virtual talent show installments involving [3rd](#) grade, [4th](#) grade, and [5th](#) grade so far. Be on the lookout for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade's portions over the next few weeks. Buffalo Ridge is so lucky to have such a talented and unique student body. Our kids have worked so hard to create some incredible videos displaying talents that would blow most viewers' minds. We cannot thank Mrs. Weinreich, Mr. Ryckman, and Mrs. Deneault enough for putting this together. It has been a ton of work, and we are so appreciative of their efforts.

As a reminder, Parent-Teacher Conferences are right around the corner. Please keep an eye out for communication coming from your child's teacher. They will be sharing conference dates and your child's recent academic progress so parents can formulate questions or concerns before their assigned conference date and time.

It's hard to believe that March is right around the corner. We have almost invested an entire year into COVID, and I am so grateful to have the Buffalo Ridge family in my corner. We have shared some memorable experiences over the past 12 months; I wouldn't have made it to the other side without your support.

Have a wonderful week!

Warmly,



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