

Fifty-six Teachers Honored by Kansas Reading Roadmap as Outstanding Early Literacy Teachers

TOPEKA, KS KANSAS, USA, May 10, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Fifty-six teachers and classroom staff are being honored across the state for their work promoting early literacy, ensuring that children are equipped for future educational success.

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As part of National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10, the Kansas [Reading Roadmap \(KRR\)](#) honored a teacher at 56 of their partner schools across the state. The KRR Outstanding Early Literacy Teacher award recognizes a teacher who contributes significantly to early literacy at their school.

KRR asked schools to nominate a teacher who has played a critical role in the school to help students succeed in reading. The 56 nominees were honored by KRR within their respective schools during National Teacher Appreciation Week. Those nominees will be considered by KRR for the statewide Outstanding Early Literacy Teacher

of the Year honor, to be awarded at the organization's state conference in August.

“The Reading Roadmap is proud to recognize this outstanding group of professionals. They represent all the great teachers across Kansas who are promoting early literacy,” said Andrew Hysell, KRR Director. “Studies show that students who read proficiently by the fourth grade are four times more likely to graduate from high school on time. These honorees are helping to ensure the success of not only our children, but also the future of Kansas.”

Since 2013, KRR has worked with elementary schools and Boys & Girls Clubs across the state, aligning afterschool, summer and family engagement programs with school data. KRR seeks to ensure all students read at grade level upon entering the fourth grade. KRR is a partnership between local schools, the Kansas Technical Assistance System Network (TASN), and the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF).

2019 Kansas Reading Roadmap Outstanding Early Literacy Teachers (alphabetical by district name):

USD 508Baxter Springs Lincoln Elementary Heidi Turner
USD 440Bentley-Halstead Bentley Primary Brianna Kraus
USD 288Central Heights Central Heights Elementary Sarah Evans
USD 247Cherokee Southeast Elementary Jennifer Lynch
USD 447Cherryvale Cherryvale Elementary Kelli McMillan
USD 505Chetopa Chetopa Elementary Dori Midgett
USD 493Columbus Highland Elementary Shari Napier
USD 493Columbus Bark Elementary Misty Smith
USD 216Deerfield Deerfield Elementary Amanda Michel
USD 283Elk Valley Elk Valley Elementary Stephanie Dowell

USD 310BairfieldBairfield ElementaryDaurie Zink
USD 457Garden CityAbe Hubert ElementaryAmber Doyle
USD 457Garden CityBuffalo Jones ElementaryMary (Connie) Carrillo
USD 457Garden CityElorence Wilson ElementaryMorgan Allaman
USD 457Garden CityGertrude Walker ElementaryBeggy Patterson
USD 457Garden CityVictor Ornelas ElementaryJessica Solis Algrim
USD 428Great BendEisenhower ElementaryRachel Clawson
USD 428Great BendJefferson ElementaryJami Reed
USD 428Great BendLincoln ElementaryMeredith Ramsey
USD 428Great BendPark ElementaryCarolyn Oetkens
USD 428Great BendRiley ElementaryTandi Mai
USD 487HeringtonHerington ElementaryAmy Gutsch
USD 258HumboldtHumboldt ElementaryCara Thomas
USD 506Labette CountyAltamont ElementaryTeresa Leake
USD 506Labette CountyEdna Grade SchoolMichelle Traxson
USD 506Labette CountyMeadow View ElementaryDeRhonda Newby
USD 506Labette CountyMound Valley Grade SchoolPat Brothers
USD 497LawrenceKennedy ElementaryMeredith Holland
USD 497LawrenceBinckney ElementaryCarly Glennon
USD 497LawrenceSchwegler ElementaryChristy McWhirt
USD 386Madison-VirgilMadison ElementaryCarla Argabright
USD 383Manhattan-OgdenBluemont ElementaryKim Iversen
USD 383Manhattan-OgdenFranklin V. Bergman ElementaryDebra Schapaugh
USD 383Manhattan-OgdenLee ElementaryKaren Buyle
USD 383Manhattan-OgdenNorthview ElementaryAndrea Wollenberg
USD 383Manhattan-OgdenOgden ElementaryMarcia Schreiner
USD 383Manhattan-OgdenTheodore RooseveltMarilyn George
USD 417MorrisCouncil Grove ElementaryRobin Frye
USD 417MorrisPrairie Heights ElementaryKrista Wilson
USD 322OnagaOnaga ElementaryStacy Rempe
USD 341OskaloosaOskaloosa ElementaryStacia Pfau
USD 504OswegoNeosho Heights ElementaryMegan Baker
USD 503ParsonsLincoln and Garfield ElementaryToni Habiger
USD 404RivertonRiverton ElementaryChristy Mercer
USD 434Santa Fe TrailOverbrook Attendance CenterMallory Koger
USD 252Southern LyonNeosho Rapids ElementaryGwen Wellnitz
USD 235UniontownWest Bourbon ElementaryTammy Townsend
USD 498Valley HeightsValley Heights ElementaryJustine DeBoer
USD 353WellingtonKennedy ElementaryDaphne Adams
USD 353WellingtonLincoln ElementarySheila Buck
USD 353WellingtonWashington ElementaryGina Schnelle
USD 259WichitaMueller ElementaryJennifer Carr
USD 465WinfieldIrving ElementarySarah Stone
USD 465WinfieldPowell ElementaryAllison Kearn
USD 465WinfieldWhittier ElementaryJaci Littrell
USD 465WinfieldCountry View ElementarySarah Fischer

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