

Just wanted to say thanks

Even though students are out of school for the summer, work in the schools continues. The staff at the district office are on duty year round in order to close out the last fiscal year while preparing for the next. Recently they just completed an outside fiscal audit.

Kyleen Harris and the food service personnel planned, prepared and served numerous meals for the summer lunch program. I understand that they served 4,997 throughout June and July.

Mike Liby and his team have also put in endless hours getting the technology ready for this school year. All district computers, laptops and iPads have been updated and a new email system has been installed. Our technology not only encompasses the computers in students and staff hands but our phone systems, bells, door locks, security cameras and more. In all, more than 2000 devices were serviced and updated.

Our maintenance staff, under the direction of Dave Canfield, has been painting, cleaning and polishing classrooms, repairing buildings and taking care of our fields and lawns. A couple of completed projects that address efficiency in our buildings include remodeling the McKinley bathrooms by updating the fixtures and replacing all of the windows and doors at Kennedy for greater reduction of lost heat and air.

Of course, Dale Landis, and the transportation staff have spent endless hours making sure our buses are road worthy and ready to transport students to and from school, and to countless events throughout the year.

We also relied on the expertise, services and talents of hometown businesses as we completed projects throughout the summer. They were available for plumbing, installing floor coverings, counter tops, providing supplies, and many other services and products.

There are lots of forces, factors and people that make sure that we'll be ready for students on August 20th. So here's a big THANK YOU to those who work behind the scenes to make our schools and school district run efficiently.