

Dear JG Team and Family,

To say that this has been a unique year is indeed an understatement. The last eighteen months have brought many challenges, but have also brought many accomplishments. Commencement took place this past Sunday. Our seniors have officially become The John Glenn High School Graduation Class of 2021. Congratulations to our graduates and congratulations to all of our students, families, and school teammates on the successful conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year!

Our students have proven their resiliency to tackle adversity, while partnering with teachers to adapt, regardless of the circumstances. Our teammates have demonstrated their ability to grow, adjust, and find new ways to serve kids. Our community has upheld its commitment to supporting our schools, even when there was not total agreement on the best way to do so during COVID. Confidence and trust in the school system overrode disagreement and criticism, again for the best interest of our children. Thank you for voicing your opinions and concerns, but more importantly, thank you for supporting the John Glenn plan. We completed our school year normally, when other schools across the country and state never completely returned to "normal". Again, thank you so very much to all of our stakeholders. We worked together to make this year the success that it truly was!

We have a long tradition of excellence at John Glenn and this year is no different. I would like to recognize the service of our veteran teammates that have made the decision to retire this year, and the Teachers of the Year for each building. We are so fortunate to be able to partner with these extraordinary individuals:

Retirees

Gerry Brown – 46 years
Andy Stegemiller – 36 years
Kelly Edelbrock – 26 Years
Curt Pletcher – 22 years

Teachers of the Year

Amy Strong – North Liberty Elementary School
Sarina Kopacz – Walkerton Elementary School
Gavin McNeeley – Urey Middle School
Julie Parent – John Glenn High School

We have now transitioned to providing summer school opportunities for our students. Please contact your specific school building if you have any questions about summer school. Summer school begins 6/2/2021 for High School students, and 6/7/2021 for grades K-8 students.

We are also planning for next school year. As is the case every summer, there are many moving parts to prepare the very best experience for our students. With that in mind, I am very excited to announce the appointment of Mr. Tim Davis to the new position of Director of Learning and Student Services. Mr. Davis is a 39 year veteran of John Glenn School Corporation. He has served as an elementary teacher, high school administrator, and most recently as the principal of Walkerton Elementary School for 21 years. Mr. Davis is a caring and dedicated school leader. Even though we know he will be sorely missed at WES, we are extremely excited to have a man of his character and experience to assist in serving all kids and all buildings in this new role as Director of Learning. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Mr. Davis to his new role.

In closing, thank you for all of your individual work as students, family members, and teammates. Your partnership made this year ultimately a success. I continue to be so proud to serve as your Superintendent. I look forward to all of the growth and success that this summer and the next school year will bring.

Yours in Education,

Christopher Winchell