

Dear Community Member,

The last year has been difficult for everyone. There is a particular group in our community that has faced a great amount of stress and challenges on a daily basis. This group of people are the teachers and staff in our schools. This group of people are **ABSOLUTLY CRITICAL** to our community because they care for the most valuable thing in our lives... our children and grandchildren. Teachers not only teach our children, they care for them, encourage them, support them, and guide them. Teachers and school staff have faced an extremely difficult year in overcoming numerous challenges and it has taken a great toll on them. It breaks my heart to hear that some of the AMAZING staff are considering leaving this field because of the stress of this year. I don't want these important people to step away from doing a super job because they are discouraged. I would hate for Osawatomie to lose great people because they are discouraged. This situation creates a perfect opportunity for our community to show how much our school staff mean to us. This is a time where we can be proud to live in the small town of Osawatomie because we can show others what it means to be part of a great community who cares about each other.

I would like to encourage our teachers by having everyone in the community of Osawatomie to write either a thank you note or encouraging card to our staff members. Can you imagine how great it would make our teachers feel to receive 3,000 cards?! So I am asking you to write a least one card stating how thankful you are for all the school staff are doing during this challenging time or jot down an encouraging note to encourage them to continue the great work they are doing. If you could write more than 1 this would really ensure that each staff member would receive several cards. This would only take 5 minutes but could really brighten someone's day. Let's come together as a community and show how proud we are to be a town that can do great things!

How it works... you can either purchase or make a card and write a message of thanks or encouragement to the school staff. You can either write it to a specific person or leave it unnamed so that it could go to anyone. If you can write more than one that would be fantastic! Once you are finished you can drop it off at one of the locations listed below or drop it in the mail to the district office. All cards will need to be received by Friday, April 9, 2021 so that can be presented to the staff on Friday, April 16. Thank you so much for your help in supporting those in our schools!

Sincerely,  
Connie Hebert

#### **DROP OFF LOCATIONS**

Osawatomie City Hall  
509 5<sup>th</sup> St  
913.755.2146  
M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

First Option Bank  
601 Main St.  
913.755.3811  
M-F 9am-5pm  
SA 9am-12pm

Osawatomie Public Library  
527 Brown  
913.755.2136  
M,W,F 9am-5:30pm  
TU,TH 11am-7pm  
SA 10am-2pm

The Ozone  
300 11<sup>th</sup> St.  
913.755.3622  
M-TH 5am-9pm  
F 5am-7pm  
SA 8am-6pm  
SU 1pm-6pm

USD 367 Office  
1200 Trojan Dr.  
913.755.4172  
M-F 8am-5pm

Zip code for all of Osawatomie is 66064