## (5/7/25 – District Administrator's Corner Article)

This week the River Valley School District will honor and celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Week, which is celebrated each year during the first full week of May. This week of celebration is our chance to say thank you to those that play or have played such a huge role in our lives. Who doesn't have a fond memory of a teacher who inspired them in some way?

At River Valley, we employ the following education professionals:

- 103 Teachers
- 3 Principals
- 2 School Nurses
- 4 Districtwide Administrators
- 1 School Psychologist
- 4 Speech and Occupational Therapy Providers

It is an incredible team! And it is a team of professionals that support each other and our families. In some cases, River Valley educators help guide, feed, clothe, and support student needs beyond the school day. In order for a student to succeed, teachers take the steps to listen, problem solve, and make sure students are taken care of so they are ready to learn. They find resources and work carefully to maintain confidentiality and care without expectations of thanks. We will continue to find and advocate for resources so teachers can do what is best for our students.

Teachers encourage students by making learning fun. Whether it is going on a field trip to a children's museum, designing homes in a woodworking class, writing a persuasive essay after researching current events, examining molecular structures, learning how to throw a softball, performing a musical piece, or debating statistical data, teachers create interest.

Teachers believe in the future. River Valley educators believe in the future of The Valley. They don't give up. When you see an educator next week (or any week), recognize this expertise and say "thank you" or send a note or an email. They deserve it.

Sincerely,

Loren Glasbrenner, District Administrator River Valley School District