



# SHERWOOD CHARTER SCHOOL

**To:** Sherwood Charter School Families and Friends  
**From:** Keith Halasy, Chairman, SCS Board of Directors  
**Date:** May 2, 2017

**Re: Celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week**

As a member of the Sherwood Charter School Board of Directors for several years, I've had the opportunity to work with the teachers and staff of the school on everything from school year planning to technology deployments to special events. I've watched teachers make order out of chaos in the classroom, wipe away tears on the playground and prep kids of all grade levels for presentations to parents and board members at our meetings.

As a parent of a 5th grader who has spent 5 years at SCS, I've watched my son grow into a kid who loves going to school (okay, "likes" going to school), spends hours at a time reading, and does math problems in his head faster than me (which is irritating). He and his classmates that I interact with use their manners, sometimes clean up after themselves, and show that they actually have been paying attention to the H.E.A.R.T. skills training.

Sherwood Charter School is a special place. It's intimate, and provides an environment that lets us push a little harder and foster a culture that nurtures kids while challenging them to reach further academically and socially. What this school does -- integrated, thematic curriculum; H.E.A.R.T. skills; the Middle School Leadership Academy; and much more -- isn't done everywhere else. It can't be.

There are many things that go into making a successful school and successful students. But nothing is more important than the people who work with our kids day in and day out to make learning fun, challenging, and rewarding. On an ongoing basis, I see the teachers and staff at SCS exhibit enthusiasm, expertise and grace in addressing the needs of individual students while keeping an entire class progressing forward. It's not an easy job, and I am extremely thankful for and respectful of those who dedicate their careers to this.

To teachers and school staffers everywhere, and especially to those at Sherwood Charter School, I offer my most sincere thanks and appreciation.

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