



Village of Addison

TOM HUNDLEY
MAYOR

Proclamation

DECLARING OCTOBER 18-24, 2026 “PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION WEEK”

WHEREAS,

school principals play an integral role in the education and growth of children in elementary, middle and secondary schools across the State of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS,

school principals are responsible for promoting education and building relationships with parents and teachers to ensure that each child receives services that meet their needs to excel in the classroom; and

WHEREAS,

principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, develop mission statements, and set performance goals and objectives for schools to achieve educational excellence; and

WHEREAS,

school principals are faced with extraordinary decisions and they show relentless determination to move education forward while serving their communities in a meaningful way; and

WHEREAS,

the Village of Addison recognizes our outstanding principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students, as well as their exemplary contributions to the profession.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOM HUNDLEY, Mayor, do hereby proclaim October 18-24, 2026 to be “Principal Appreciation Week” and October 23, 2026 to be “Principals Day” in the Village of Addison in honor of the service of all elementary, junior high, and high school principals, including Addison Trail principal Jack Andrews. I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of their school leadership so that every child has access to a high-quality education.

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

Mayor

**PROCLAMATION
PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION WEEK/DAY**

WHEREAS, school principals play an important role in the education and growth of children in elementary, middle and secondary schools across the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, school principals are responsible for promoting education and working with parents and teachers to ensure that each child receives services that meet their needs to excel in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, it is the primary responsibility of the State of Illinois to preserve and improve resources for schools so that all students have the opportunity to receive a quality education and foundation for a successful future; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Principals Association, which represents more than 5,000 educational leaders statewide, believes that learning is a lifelong process and that the education of our children is the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, for that reason, the Illinois Principals Association is dedicated to developing, supporting and advocating for innovative school leaders; and

WHEREAS, educational leaders face many challenges in educating our young people and it is through their perseverance and passion that Illinois is able to continue to produce quality, career-ready students; and

WHEREAS, we must continue to encourage, support, and recognize those who have a positive impact on Illinois students and the educational system in the State of Illinois and the Village of Lombard; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard recognizes outstanding principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students, as well as their exemplary contributions to the profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony Puccio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim October 18 to 24, 2026 as **Principals Week**; and October 23, 2026 as **Principal Appreciation Day** in honor of the service of all elementary, middle level, and high school principals and do further recognize the importance of school leadership so every child has access to a high-quality education, and to celebrate school leader accomplishments.



Anthony Puccio
Village President





Village of Villa Park

20 South Ardmore Avenue, Villa Park, Illinois 60181-2696

Proclamation Recognizing October 2026 as Principal Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, in 1990 the state endorsed recognition and was approved by the Governor of Illinois and is celebrated annually statewide;

WHEREAS, school principals play an integral role in the education and growth of children in elementary, middle and secondary schools across the State of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, school principals are responsible for promoting education and building relationships with parents and teachers to ensure that each child receives services that meet their needs to excel in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, develop mission statements, and set performance goals and objectives for schools to achieve educational excellence; and

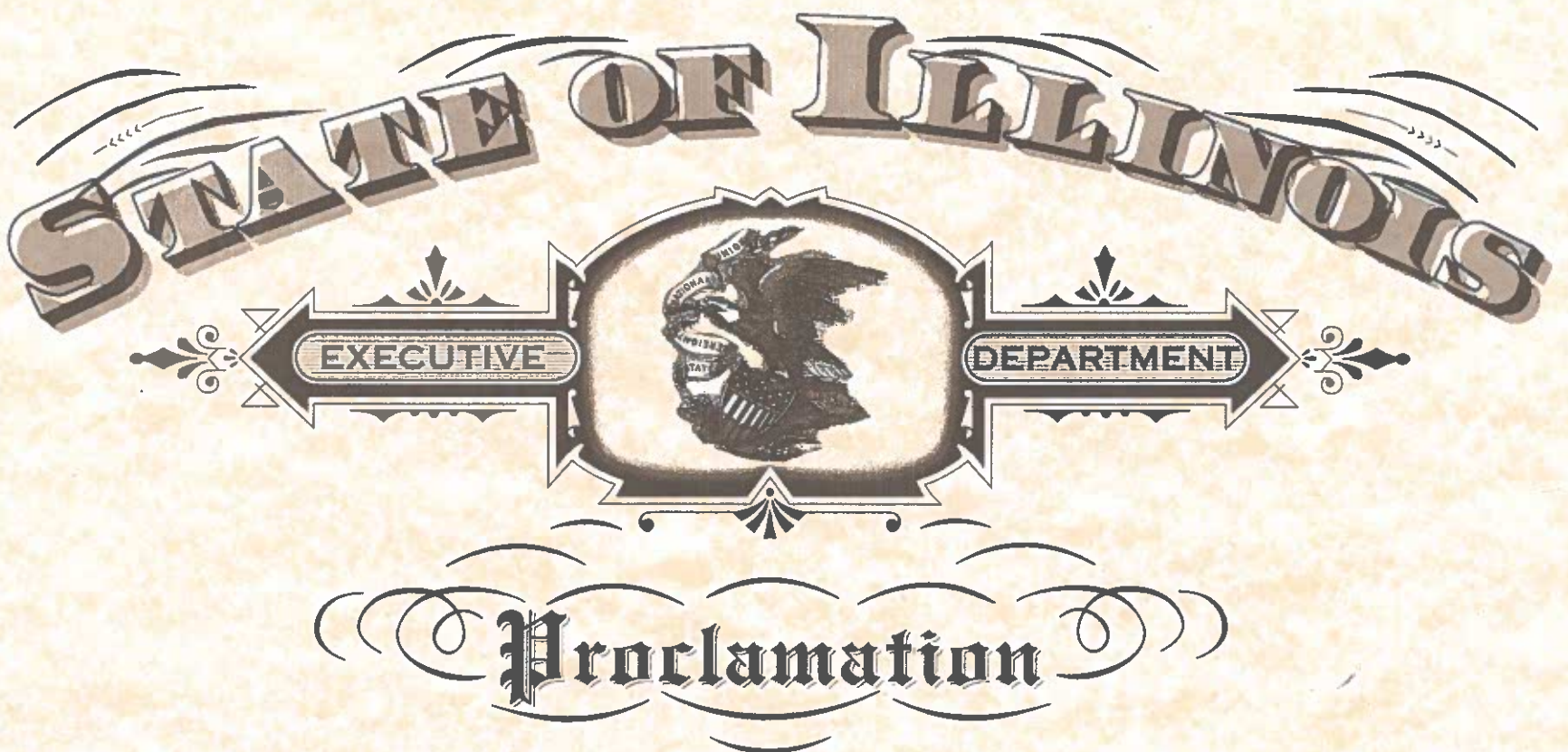
WHEREAS, the Village of Villa Park recognizes our outstanding principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students, as well as their exemplary contributions to the community and their profession.

WHEREAS, the Village of Villa Park hereby proclaims October 2026 to be "Principal Appreciation Month" in the Village of Villa Park in honor of the service of all elementary, junior high, and high school principals. I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of school leadership so that every child has access to a high-quality education

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Kevin Patrick have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of October 2026.

Kevin Patrick, Village President

Rolf Laukant, Village Clerk



WHEREAS, school principals play an integral role in nurturing positive, student-centered cultures in elementary, middle, and high schools across the State of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, school principals attract, support, and retain outstanding teachers and staff to ensure each child has equitable opportunities to reach their full potential; and,

WHEREAS, it is the primary responsibility of the State of Illinois to provide adequate and equitable resources for schools so that all students have access to a quality education and a foundation for future success; and,

WHEREAS, school principals understand the unique needs of their students, staff, and communities and must have the flexibility to exercise sound professional judgment in meeting those needs; and,

WHEREAS, school leaders influence student and adult performance by fostering a growth mindset, guiding research-based continuous improvement, and leading systemic organizational change; and,

WHEREAS, school leaders face many obstacles in supporting and educating young people, and through their perseverance, passion, and hope-filled leadership, Illinois continues to prepare quality, career-ready students; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Principals Association, representing over 7,000 educational leaders statewide, develops, supports, and advocates for innovative school leaders through professional development, networking, legislative advocacy, and the elevation of educators' voices in education policy;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the week of October 18-24, 2026, as **Principals Week** and Friday, October 23, 2026, as **Principals Day** in Illinois, to recognize principals and the Illinois Principals Association for all that they do to help our children learn and succeed.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-FIRST day of SEPTEMBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-SIX, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and SEVENTH.

Alexis Giannouchi
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR