

## National Principals Month

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the American Federation of School Administrators recognize October as National Principals Month;

**WHEREAS**, the week of October 21-27, 2018, is also proclaimed as Principal Appreciation Week and Friday, October 26, 2018, as Principal Appreciation Day in Illinois by Governor Bruce Rauner;

**WHEREAS**, the vision, dedication, and determination of a principal provides the mobilizing force behind any school reform effort;

**WHEREAS**, principals are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, disciplinarians, community builders, public relations experts, budget analysts, facility managers, special programs administrators, and guardians of various legal, contractual, and policy mandates and initiatives, as well as being entrusted with the education and development of young people, the most valuable resource;

**WHEREAS**, principals will play a vital role in successful implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA);

**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;

**WHEREAS**, DuPage High School District 88 recognizes outstanding principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students, as well as their exemplary contributions to the profession;

**WHEREAS**, to honor and recognize the contribution of all school principals and assistant principals at all grade levels to the success of students in Illinois elementary and secondary schools; and to encourage residents of Illinois to observe “National Principals Month” with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of school leadership’s role in ensuring every child has access to a high-quality education.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, in honor of the service of all elementary, middle level, and high school principals – including Addison Trail High School Principal Michael Bolden and Willowbrook High School Principal Dr. Daniel Krause – and to recognize the importance of their school leadership so every child has access to a high-quality education, and to celebrate school leader accomplishments, the DuPage High School District 88 Board of Education recognizes the month of October 2018 as “National Principals Month” and October 26, 2018, as Principal Appreciation Day.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

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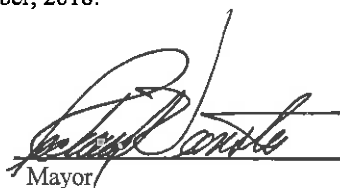
# Proclamation

*DECLARING OCTOBER, 2018  
"PRINCIPALS MONTH"*

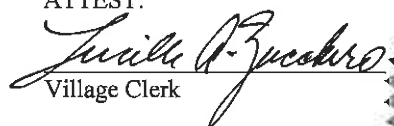
- WHEREAS,* school principals play an important role in the education and growth of children in elementary, middle and secondary schools across the nation; and,
- WHEREAS,* school principals are responsible for promoting education and working with parents and teachers to ensure that each child receives services that meet their needs to excel in the classroom; and
- WHEREAS,* principals work as educational visionaries, disciplinarians, community builders, public relations experts, facility managers, and guardians of various policy mandates and initiatives; 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 their schools to achieve educational excellence; and
- WHEREAS,* the Village of Addison recognizes our outstanding principals who continuously succeed in providing high-quality learning opportunities for our students, as well as their many exemplary contributions to the profession.

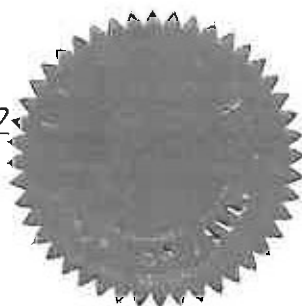
***NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICH VEENSTRA,*** Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2018 to be "Principals Month" in the Village of Addison in honor of the service of all elementary, junior high, and high school principals, including Addison Trail principal Michael Bolden. I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of their school leadership and to celebrate their many accomplishments.

READ AND PROCLAIMED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2018.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Village Clerk



**PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH**

**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,** Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard do hereby proclaim October 2018 as **National Principals Month**; the week of October 21-27, 2018 as **Principal Appreciation Week** and October 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



Keith T. Giagnorio  
Village President





# Village of Villa Park

## Proclamation

**Proclaiming October 21 – 27, 2018  
“Principal Appreciation Week”**

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- 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,** 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 profession.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, AL BULTHUIS,** Village President, do hereby proclaim October 21 – 27, 2018 to be “Principal Appreciation Week” in the Village of Villa Park in honor of the service of all elementary, junior high, and high school principals, especially those serving the students of School Districts 04, 45, 48, and 88 in the Village of Villa Park. I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of their school leadership so that every child has access to a high quality education.

PROCLAIMED THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 2018.

Village President

ATTEST:

  
Village Clerk



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**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 Land of Lincoln;

**THEREFORE**, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the week of October 21-27, 2018, as **PRINCIPALS WEEK** and Friday, October 26, 2018, as **PRINCIPALS DAY** in Illinois to recognize principals and the Illinois Principals Association for all 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.*



*Debra White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,  
this Tenth day of SEPTEMBER, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundredth.*

*Bruce Rauner*

GOVERNOR



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

October 1, 2018

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**Illinois Principals Association Encourages Principal Appreciation in October**

**Springfield, IL** – Lifetouch and the Illinois Principals Association (IPA) encourage all communities in Illinois to celebrate Principal Appreciation Week October 21-27, 2018, and Principal Appreciation Day on Friday, October 26, 2018. This state-endorsed recognition was first approved by the Governor of Illinois in 1990 and is annually celebrated. The IPA also joins the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), and the American Federation of School Administrators (AFSA) to recognize October as National Principals Month.

"I am proud to have served as a principal in the state of Illinois for the past 16 years," said Jeff Knapp, Principal at Rockland Elementary School in Libertyville and IPA President. "It is rare to have a job where there are so many immediate rewards when impacting students, staff, and communities in which we serve. Getting to make personal connections and developing relationships over time are the most special parts of working as an educational leader. I remain excited each day as I walk through our school doors to have this opportunity to influence our nation's future. Principals from all over pour in countless hours each day to provide for their schools, and during the month of October I'd like to say thank you to them for the work in which they do. During the month of October, I ask everyone to take a moment and extend gratitude to a school leader in your community for the time spent leading and promoting education. A little note or heartfelt words can be so rewarding for the dedication and perseverance our leaders put forth each day. I'm proud to be a member of the Illinois Principals Association and am grateful for the recognition bestowed upon the principals across the state of Illinois."

"School leadership matters," said Dr. Jason Leahy, IPA Executive Director. "As a former principal and having visited dozens of schools throughout Illinois, the quality of a school's learning environment and the ability of a school to do what is best for its students comes as a direct result of the leadership provided by the school's Principal and leadership team. Courageous leadership is essential to effectively educate students and work to provide the resources and support they need to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It is important that we recognize and encourage our schools' leaders today and every day."

Principal Appreciation Day provides learning communities an opportunity to publicly recognize the work, commitment and importance of principals, assistant principals, and deans throughout the state. Lifetouch and the IPA invite all teachers, students, parents, and community members to perform some act of appreciation on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> to acknowledge the leadership of building administrators in Illinois' public and private schools.

*Lifetouch is proud to be the official school photographer for the National Association of Elementary School Principals. Lifetouch is honored to support local members of the Illinois Principals Association in recognition of "Principal's Appreciation Day. Lifetouch is excited to have joined forces with Shutterfly earlier this year to bring together two industry leaders who share a common purpose – to share life's joy through capturing and preserving memories with the click of a camera. While we continue to deliver the quality photography and service you expect from Lifetouch, we are creating a new, innovative experience that will allow you to do more with your photos than ever before. As a part of our mission to help you share your memories, Lifetouch and Shutterfly are truly better together! Learn more at: <https://schools.lifetouch.com/shutterfly/>*

*The Illinois Principals Association is a leadership organization which serves over 5,000 educational leaders throughout the state of Illinois and whose mission is to develop, support, and advocate for innovative educational leaders.*

*For more information about the IPA, please visit [www.ilprincipals.org](http://www.ilprincipals.org)*

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