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The pieces of the puzzle are coming together as we wrap up World Autism Month and head into Mental Health Awareness Month. This photo is one of many wonderful signs I saw during building walk-throughs this month. Thank you for your commitment to making Vike Nation a place where all people can reach their full potential and are empowered for success.

This week, Princeton continued to celebrate students and their future pathways. We celebrated the Military Commitment Signing, Senior Academic Awards, and the Ceremony for DECA Business Program Graduates. [Ceremony for Business Program Graduates/DECA](#).

Mental Health Awareness Month comes at a time that is very busy for educators - reminding us how important workplace wellness is, while also highlighting the stresses our students may be facing. We have focused on many areas of wellness in our Parent and Community Education Series this year; this is not a focus for just one month. Mental Health is built into our Strategic Plan as we establish programming and resources to promote the overall well-being of each student and staff member, and build strong partnerships with physical health, mental health, social service agencies, and local law enforcement.

Speaking of local law enforcement, we are proud to announce that Officer Jim Beckman of the Springdale Police Department has been awarded the 2020 Larry Cox D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Officer of the Year in Ohio. Officer Beckman provides the program at both Heritage Hill Elementary and Springdale Elementary schools. Also, Laura Condo, a fifth-grade teacher at Springdale Elementary, has been recognized as the D.A.R.E. Educator of the Year! Congratulations, Laura!

The Hall of Fame School presentation for Evendale Elementary School was held virtually today. Thank you to all of the teachers, support staff, and administrators who took part in earning this incredible recognition. Next week, Sharonville Elementary School will hold their virtual Hall of Fame School presentation.

May you continue to follow healthy practices and protocols to allow our community to finish the school year strong!

Respectfully,

Tom Burton

Superintendent

