

Jim Flynn
2013 Friend of Education

Jim Flynn's dedication to leadership, volunteerism, education and especially children are the passions that direct his life. Mr. Flynn has a long history of service to the Beaver Dam Unified School District and its students. He has been very active in many of the district's referendum campaigns, serving as the fundraising chair in 1991, 1994, and 2005. As a member of the Beaver Dam Area Community Theater's Board of Directors, he is involved with a project to provide needed services for the Tell-A-Tale Children's Theater division which partners with the Middle School's summer drama program providing opportunities for hundreds of children. He was also a chapter member of AFS, which provides intercultural learning through an international student exchange program. Mr. Flynn has a strong belief in the value of higher education and serves on the Beaver Dam Scholarship Foundation Board.

Jim Flynn has always seen the value that co-curricular activities bring to students and the community. He is an avid fan of all Beaver Dam athletics and goes out of his way to talk to the student athletes and know something about them. He was involved in the formation of the Beaver Dam Athletic Booster Club and is still involved today. Jim also sponsored the first softball team known as "The Flynnsters" for girls 16-18 years old. In addition, he sponsored a wrestling tournament for over 18 years.

Mr. Flynn also serves students through his involvement in the community. He has served as the Chairperson for the Kiwanis' Annual Corn Sale that provides backpacks and other contributions for students. In addition, many in need have benefitted because of his involvement in Church Health Services. Jim also knows the important role of the Beaver Dam Community Library in helping students learn and grow. He serves as the President of the Library Board and was instrumental in the building of the library.

As stated by his nominator, "Perhaps the greatest contribution that Jim gives during his many and inexhaustible hours of service for children and education is his asset has a role model."