



## 2023 Wall of Fame Award Recipients

The Beaver Dam Unified School District is pleased to announce the 2023 Wall of Fame Award Recipients. Dr. Alan Ehrhardt and Playground Movement – Beaver Dam have been selected as Friends of Education. The Friend of Education award recognizes individuals and organizations or businesses who have given distinguished service to the district and its students.

### **Dr. Alan Ehrhardt**

Dr. Ehrhardt's dedication to education and service to students is evident in his involvement with district programs, including Project Aware, and his service as a member of the Board of Education from 1993-1999. Dr. Ehrhardt supported school music, drama, and athletic programs, in addition to his involvement with the High School FFA and local 4-H Clubs. Over the years, he sponsored FFA Awards, hosted tours of his farm along with hosting FFA meetings.

Dr. Ehrhardt led the way in providing annual vision screenings for elementary and preschool students. He understood the importance that good vision has on a child's ability to learn. Through his leadership, approximately 1,400-1,600 students were tested each year since 2018. He was also involved with the AFS student exchange program which not only provided students from other countries and cultures the opportunity to experience a Beaver Dam education, but also for Beaver Dam students to learn about those countries and cultures.

### **Playground Movement – Beaver Dam**

Playground Movement – Beaver Dam was created to provide support and resources for neighborhood children and families and create a place for children to gather and play in a welcoming environment. They created an area for children to play that includes playground equipment, a basketball hoop, and picnic tables. The playground is available at all times and includes several supervised activities throughout the year to promote community. They host a variety of activities including "Kickball, Cupcakes, and Backpacks", along with Christmas, Halloween, and Valentines events. Playground Movement – Beaver Dam also hosts educational events and provides resources on parenting and translation services.

Playground Movement – Beaver Dam promotes student involvement through their Global Youth Service Day. This is a food drive event that students participate in and it encourages them to become advocates for their community and learn how to provide solutions. The Food is Free Pantry is a result of the Global Youth Service Day event. Playground Movement - Beaver Dam sponsors the pantry which is available 24/7 and includes a garden and food forest.

Playground Movement – Beaver Dam is a non-profit organization that operates with a seven-member volunteer board and a volunteer executive director. They foster a community effort with the number of projects and services they provide with the support of volunteers and organizations.