



KEENEY ELEMENTARY'S 2017 – 2018 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**** LARA WALLMARK ****

****MPS District Teacher of the Year****

Lara Wallmark is a teacher who is loved at Keeney by students, parents, and staff. Her ability to build relationships with all kids and consistently demonstrate a belief in their ability to do great things is widely known and respected in our school community. She is a positive force in her classroom, expressing joy for her content and love for her students. When entering her room, you are immediately struck by the climate that has been established and that supports the learning, risk taking, and community building among her students. In addition to her positive work and relationship building with students, Ms. Wallmark is a strong collaborator with adults in our school community. She is a member of a grade level team that works relentlessly to establish a positive grade level experience for all students, and to establish a professional learning experience for the teachers. Her contributions to the professional growth of her colleagues is acknowledged by teachers and staff in many ways and her own growth and development is in response to the strong team-mentality that exists with her partners. Ms. Wallmark is also an active contributor to our overall school improvement efforts and has taken a leadership role in our personalized learning work throughout the school. She has supported both teachers and students as they learn to cultivate their own curiosity and strengthen skills and behaviors that allow for that. The enthusiasm for personalized learning that runs through our building is largely due to the enthusiasm Ms. Wallmark expresses and shares with our community. She is truly a gift to her students, her colleagues, and our school-wide culture.

~ PRINCIPAL JULIE MARTIN-BEAULIEU