Our Faces of Education honorees this evening are Sandy Dunn, Cheryl Maxwell, Lisa Voss, and Deborah Zigler. These wonderful teachers preside over the special area instruction at Grandview Elementary School, each teaching physical education, art, media/technology, and music respectively. They are nominated this evening by their Principal Lily Albright in conjunction with the MCCSC Human Resources Department.

Collectively, the tour de force represents nearly 60 years of teaching experience and dedication to students. Ms. Albright describes her Related Arts Faculty as a “world-class” team that goes above and beyond for students. She also submitted the following statement in honor of the ladies:

“**Deborah Zigler**, our media specialist, holds a technology club once a week before school. Through this technology club she develops our students’ leadership qualities while also enhancing their self-esteem. Recently, she mentored two students who placed in the Martin Luther King Jr. Web Design Contest and received their awards yesterday during a reception at First United Methodist Church. **Cheryl Maxwell** is our art teacher. For many students, the art room is a sanctuary, and Cheryl nurtures each student’s interest and ability in art, allowing them to feel at home in her classroom, and thus in our school. In addition to regular art classes, she provides opportunities for students to be creative through Art Club. Currently, the Art Club is working on a life size, three-dimensional cast of several Grandview students, which will be placed in the school lobby after completion. **Sandy Dunn**, our PE teacher, instills a love for moving in our students. She also instills a love for school. In February, she will transform our gym into a roller rink. You can imagine the excitement that creates. Sandy always brings a smile to the faces of the Grandview children and adults. As our music teacher, **Lisa Voss** leads the Grandview Choir, a large group of students who meet once a week before school to practice. As cliché as it sounds, Lisa creates “magic” on the stage. Her music performances are not only entertaining, but educational and often moving. Our students take pride in performing. Lisa has made performing a part of our culture.”

These teachers are truly experts in their field. They not only provide students with high quality instruction in their specialty area, but this year, they have joined the rest of the Grandview faculty in working collaboratively to support the student’s academic growth. Sandy, Cheryl, Lisa, and Deborah exemplify the collaborative nature we will all need to exhibit in order to continue to be high performing schools. Tonight, it is our pleasure to recognize each of them as trailblazers and as our next Faces of Education honorees. Congratulations!