

# The man behind the field

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In the fall, hundreds of people packed the Lakes home stadium, many of which did not think twice about who Polley Field is named after.

His name was Warren Polley; he worked faithfully for District 117 for 37 years. Preceding his role as superintendent in 1972, Polley was a business teacher and the sophomore basketball coach, dean of boys, athletic director, and assistant superintendent. Polley was superintendent until 1985.

Before Polley had become superintendent, the faculty had not been working well because of the structure of the administration. Polley could see this from his many years of working

in this situation.

The teachers went on strike just as Polley was being appointed superintendent. With his new title he changed this setting and made the Board of Education and the top administrators, department chairmen, and Business Manager one team.

According to many of Polley's peers he was a good man for the job. He had a friendly nature and was comfortably laid back. He was also extremely intelligent.

"He was very intelligent and he sometimes skipped words as he was speaking because he was thinking faster than he spoke," said Arthur Blecke, Polley's long time friend and mentor. He had strong

convictions and as his wife, Mary Polley, said, "He believed in order."

Polley was also an avid car enthusiast who owned and refurbished a late 1960s Mustang convertible. Being raised on a farm in Mooseheart, he also loved to sightsee the country side.

Polley died of cancer, but is still remembered today by Lakes' home field, Polley Field.



Polley Field was lit up and the stands were crammed with fans during the heated Antioch v. Lakes football game.

The home stadium of the Eagles, the field carries the name of one of District 117's most distinguished former superintendents.

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## His name is not Luigi

Lakes security guards have hidden pasts

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Richard Karolczak walks down the hallway. He greets the students with a hello, all the while keeping his eye out for trouble.

This is what the average student sees, but is there more the man than meets the eye?

Karolczak, a tall man with a large distinguishing moustache, didn't always aspire to be a security guard. For more than 20 years, the man who students often refer to as Luigi because his appearance reminds them of the popular Nintendo character, was a fire fighter.

He retired from the force because, "The fire department is for young men," said Karolczak.

Janice Poglitsch, a small woman with dark hair, was in the veterinary profession for more than 30 years. At one point she owned her own veterinary office. After selling her business and moving, she chose a new job at Lakes because it was less stressful and much more fun.

Amy Kubes, the newest security guard at Lakes, was previously a social worker for children in foster homes. Kubes liked this job because it still gave her a chance to work with kids, but in a less stressful environment.

All three of them say they believe that Lakes is a great atmosphere to work in. Their main duties are to make sure the kids are safe. The most common problem that they have to reprimand students for is just getting to class and not wandering.

Poglitsch, Kubes and Karolczak are unanimous in their policy of leaving their personal life at the door.

For example, if they are having a bad day they don't let it affect the job. For the most part, they consider themselves fair in their judgment.

The one thing that the kids could do to make their job easier is to not give them attitude and at least respond when talked to.

They are not out to punish the students, just to make sure that all goes safely.

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