



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
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Magpye's Pizzeria *Business*

In the Sterling community, there are many businesses that are strong supporters of Sterling Elementary School. For more than a decade Magpye's Pizzeria has been supporting Sterling Elementary. A multi-generation, family-owned business, "Margaret "Maggie" Lupton and Jeffrey Clonts of Magpye's Pizzeria offer constant, unquestioning generosity to our school," said Principal Denise Kelly.

Many years ago, Sterling Elementary School established a Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) system which continued to cultivate and focus on the students who demonstrate school wide expectations of being respectful, responsible, and safe. Sterling Elementary celebrates students' prosocial school behaviors with pompoms. Last year, Sterling Elementary started giving students a *golden pompom* for going above and beyond the school's expectations, or showing an extraordinary random act of kindness. Students who earn the golden pompom have the opportunity to win a pizza party, and Magpye's Pizzeria has been donating pizzas for golden pompom parties all year. Principal Kelly said, "There is never a question of why, rather questions of how many, and when do you need them? Magpye's has donated pizzas to our Students of the Month prior to the golden pompom celebrations. Additionally, at the end of every school year, Magpye's Pizzeria donates a free personal pizza to every student at Sterling Elementary to enjoy a meal with their family."

Not only does Magpye's Pizzeria provide for all 230 Sterling Elementary students, every so often, during lunch, a student will have a Magpye's personal pizza box. When asked about it, students excitedly say, "It's from Magpye's!" James Graybeal says, "It makes me feel good when Mr. Jeffrey brings me a pizza. He's my friend!" Mariah Carrasco received a pizza for her birthday and she said, "I like that they remembered me!" In talking with Ms. Lupton and Mr. Clonts about it, they will often say that they needed to do it for the kids. Even when no one asks, they just give!

Magpye's Pizzeria has been in the Sterling community for many years. Sterling Elementary School is grateful for the support that Magpye's Pizzeria shows to the school, and the love and dedication they show to the children of the Sterling community.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education is proud to recognize Magpye's Pizzeria for dedication to the students of the school district, past, present, and future.