

Hello. My name is Connor Chlebicki, and I have been in this school district since kindergarten. At the end of third grade, when I was leaving Milne Grove I remember crying as I was saying goodbye to all the teachers. I was scared of Kelvin Grove in the beginning of fourth grade; I'm definitely not now. So much has changed since my first time entering this school. I have a whole new group of friends and I've grown up so much.

Every teacher here at Kelvin Grove has pushed me so much to achieve every goal that I have set for myself, and I want to say thank you to all the teachers for that. I'd like to thank Miss Bonner for putting up with all the hard days that block three gave her. I appreciate all the times Mrs. Peil awarded us popcorn or ice cream for our work or let us earn free time on Fridays. I am grateful for all the times that Miss Erb engaged in class activities and let us talk to each other as we worked. I'm always going to remember the good times I had in Mrs. Soulian's class and Mr. Burdette's class because of the impactful moments we shared.

I also have to say thank you to all my coaches. Mr. Welch, Mr. Lindstrom and Mr. Burdette, who not only helped me improve in basketball and volleyball so much, but helped me grow as a person outside of the court.

I would also like to give condolences to Noah's family. Some people may say that he is gone but will never be forgotten, but I think as long as his KG family carries a memory of him in our hearts, he will never be truly gone.

Now, I think that everyone here, on this stage, has the ability to achieve great things if they put their mind to it. So, if you want something and desire it enough, don't ever quit trying to achieve your goal. I truly believe that if you always keep pushing, you will become whatever you want to be.

Remember to surround yourself with people who will help you at your lowest points and celebrate with you at your highest points, with people that you love and people that love you. I have been able to do that here at KG.

Everyone here has put in effort and love, and this is the positive result that we all deserve. So as we begin a new chapter in our lives, I wish everyone a positive start.