

EANESPIRATION AWARDS

Congratulations to our EANESpiration winners from Cedar Creek Elementary!

Heroes Award

Ms. Karen Haslund

Ms. Karen Haslund is a devoted doctor and single parent, who spends much time with her twin boys, teaching them responsibility by doing. The family worked long hours to build a garden near where she works in order to beautify the area. She is an amazing, consistent and inspirational parent who loves her kids to the core. She always has a smile on her face and is a tremendous help to all of the staff.

Ms. Nadine Wester

Ms. Wester is described as one who gives the school “pizzazz”. She decorates for every holiday, makes sure the office staff is dressed alike for special occasions and even keeps change for the staff in case they need it for a soda. This week alone, when there was no soda in the machine, she went and bought several cases of soda so teachers would not be without their caffeine. Her nomination read, “She is an absolute jewel! Thank you, Ms. Nadine for all you do!”

Vince and Holly Palmo

The Palmo’s are masterminds at updating the school’s marquee and are incredibly dedicated to such an important – and visible – job. Their nomination read, “They change both sides every day and add such catchy phrases that keep our Cedar Creek Family laughing and informed.”

Good Samaritan Award

Mr. Gus Ruiz

Mr. Gus Ruiz has some pretty big fans at Cedar Creek. Every morning Mr. Gus will stop and talk to any kids walking past him. When they are curious about what he is doing, he stops to explain. His nomination read, “Whether it is rainy, freezing, or sunny, Mr. Gus always has a smile! He truly cares about kids and his job.”

Mr. Wilmer Pineda

Mr. Wilmer (as the students call him) is a huge asset to the Cedar Creek CDC team. Not only does he clean up spills and messes, climb up on ladders to get the cobwebs and scrub away; he brings a happiness and laughter to the building and to the team. You can always count on Mr. Wilmer to be right there when you need him or to make a joke so you can smile. We truly value all that Mr. Wilmer does for us – probably things he shouldn’t even do, but he does because he truly cares. He cares about the school, the district and these kids. The children love to see him, wave and say “hello,” just as he does! What an asset we have! The CDC staff wrote, “He is always willing to help even we when ask for the moon. He inspires all of us to be better examples of joy, happiness and dedication.”

Educational Impact

Ms. Ronda Craft

Ms. Ronda Craft is described as caring and unselfish and always willing to help staff with the many tasks that she takes on. She has a very enduring and positive relationship with all our students..and now as a parent she is devoting lots of her enthusiasm to the Cedar Creek auction campaign. Her nomination read, “Cedar Creek appreciates all the different jobs that she does for our school -- and she does all of this with a big smile and makes it so much fun!”

Innovation Award

Marnie Samuelson

Ms. Marnie Samuelson is new to the 3rd grade team this year. She has been a great team player and she has brought great ideas with her to 3rd grade. Ms. Samuelson has brought the “Spelling Bee” to Cedar Creek and this has sparked such great interest within the students and inspires them to be great spellers. Her nomination read, “Ms. Samuelson is constantly thinking of ways to bring positive, energetic learning to Cedar Creek. Thank you!”



Cedar Creek Elementary EANESpiration winners: Haslund, Pineda, Samuelson, Wester, Ruiz, Craft and Dr. Wellman.

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