

EANESPIRATION AWARDS

Congratulations to our EANESpiration winners from Forest Trail Elementary!

Good Samaritan Award

Ms. Lisa Palmer

Ms. Palmer is known for utilizing resources to ensure she is meeting each student's individual needs. She seeks out resources such as communicating with 5th grade teachers to keep her instruction and pacing with her resource classes similar to what is going on in general education. Ms. Palmer also tutors after school multiple days a week and meets with students on her own time to provide individualized attention to them at every moment. Ms. Palmer is also terrific with the Forest Trail staff, organizing recycling programs, Boot Camps and personal trainers for staff. Her nomination reads, "Ms. Palmer is someone that both students and colleagues alike can look up to. She sets a high standard of what can be done in school and outside of school to make Forest Trail such an amazing place to work."

Educational Impact

Ms. Teresa Bowerman

Ms. Bowerman is one of Forest Trail's most active volunteers. She came aboard understanding what it would take to build and sustain a top-notch science program and accordingly tasked her energies to advance all areas of science education and curriculum at Forest Trail. Ms. Bowerman also spearheaded a task force to visit and learn from other campuses' science fairs then worked tirelessly to bring the Falcon Science Fest at Forest Trail to life. The event was a great success and has become a new tradition that challenges and enriches students. Her nomination reads, "Experienced as a teacher, invested as a parent, Ms. Bowerman has truly emerged as a leader on our campus and has made an extraordinary impact on the teaching of science."

Ms. Cynthia Lueck

ESL teacher Ms. Lueck is dedicated to delivering outstanding classroom instruction during the school day and also outside of regularly scheduled instruction. She tutors 12 students free of charge in math, reading, writing, vocabulary, science and social studies. She does this before and after school every day of the week and also makes home visits for students after school and on weekends. She has crafted an incredible schedule of delivering remarkable instruction that exceeds expectations in every way. Her nomination reads, "Ms. Lueck's tireless, can-do attitude and sense of responsibility, caring and philanthropy are inspiring to her peers. She demonstrates in every way the things that are best about Eanes ISD."

Ms. Jana Guerra & Mr. Freddy Herrera

First grade teachers Ms. Guerra and Mr. Herrera set an amazing goal to create weekly Smart Board lessons based on newly-adopted curriculum. With such a lofty goal, one's enthusiasm could easily fizzle – not for these two! They spend extra hours after school every week to create the lessons. Their donated time allows the other first grade teachers to daily integrate the Smart Boards into the curriculum and allows the students a great visual tool to learn new reading and writing skills. Their nomination reads, "Ms. Guerra and Mr. Herrera have displayed leadership among their peers and a commitment to their students by making a positive, noticeable and significant impact and we are very thankful and proud of our teammates!"

Innovation Award

Ms. Janet Adkins and Archie

Ms. Janet Adkins and Archie are part of the Austin Dog Alliance's Bow Wow Reading Program, dedicated to improving the reading skills of children using certified therapy teams as literacy mentors. Archie is a wonderful Golden Retriever who has been trained to work with children in this capacity under the direction of Ms. Adkins. This wonderful team makes visits to the library and first graders are selected to go and read to Archie. The students love to read to him and of course, Archie enjoys it as well! After the students read their story, they receive a hug, a



Forest Trail Elementary EANESpiration winners with Dr. Wellman (l): Adkins, Herrera, Guerra, Lueck, Bowerman, Palmer.

bookmark and their picture is taken for classroom newsletters.

Their nomination reads, "We have loved working with Ms. Adkins and Archie. We thank them for their commitment to help our first graders improve their reading skills."

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