

EANESPIRATION AWARDS

Congratulations to our EANESpiration winners from Valley View Elementary!

Good Samaritan Award

Mrs. Jennifer Dusek

Mrs. Dusek was nominated by two different people, which shows what an impact she has on this community. One of her nominations reads, "Mrs. Dusek cares about each child and would do anything to help anyone in her Eanes Valley View family. I am always amazed at how she is able to make each child feel special and unique."

Mrs. Dusek, Mr. Aaron Ali and Mr. Shane Woytko

Mrs. Dusek, Mr. Ali and Mr. Woytko recognized a family in need and helped rally the Valley View community to help them. They took the lead in planning and coordinating a whirlwind, community-wide effort that resulted in a new mobile home, lovingly furnished and decorated by many Valley View families. The nomination read, "Thanks to the vision and spirited leadership of these three wonderful people, the family was able to celebrate the New Year in their new home."

Educational Impact

Ms. Lisa Bost

When a second grade teacher suddenly required a substitute for several weeks, Ms. Bost came to the rescue. She stepped right in without missing a beat and not only taught the class, but built a loving relationship with each child. Through her ability to learn new things (smart board and other technology) she taught a great lesson of showing the class that, "Everyone is a learner!" Ms. Bogan writes, "She went

above and beyond what is expected of a substitute by building relationships, staying late to grade and be organized for the next lesson, and even studying Teacher's Editions to make sure the academic standards were met."

Innovation Award

Ms. Lorrie Salome

Ms. Salome has shown determination to discover and implement best practices in her teaching. She has also selflessly given of her time and skill with technology to support her colleagues in every grade at Valley View, helping make the learning experience of all students a special one.

Ms. Salome has spearheaded innovation in her classroom using SMART Technology products. She sees the exciting potential of her SMART Board and uses it to enhance her instruction daily. Not only does she implement these technologies in her classroom, she also writes new applications to share and has spent significant time training others. SMART Technology has already recognized her as an innovator, inviting her to its headquarters last summer for an intensive multi-day seminar along with teachers from around the continent.

Ms. Salome's use of technology to improve students' learning and support her fellow teachers extends beyond the latest-and-greatest software and hardware. Recently, she took the entire school's student contact data and

generated assembly notes for every teacher at Valley View to send home, significantly reducing the hours and paper individual teachers would have spent doing the same thing, in several different ways.

Her nomination reads, "Ms. Salome embodies the idea of innovation for which Eanes is known, and I heartily nominate her for this award."



Valley View Elementary EANESpiration winners with Dr. Wellman (l): Ali, Woytko, Dusek, Salome, Bost.

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