

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

It is time to recognize one of our excellent teachers as Weber School District's **Teacher of the Year**. This program was created to honor individuals who attain and personify the highest level of professional excellence. The award also celebrates the potential of all teachers as valued professionals and leaders in the education community. Please take this opportunity to nominate your candidate.

The following criteria for selection may be helpful:

- Each candidate should be an exceptionally skillful and dedicated teacher, pre-kindergarten through grade twelve, who is planning to continue in an active teaching status.
- Selection will be based on:
 - Appearance and Communication Skills
 - Professional Development
 - Community Involvement
 - Teaching Effectiveness
 - Innovation and Creativity

The person selected will be honored by our Board of Education and the Superintendent at the May 6th board meeting. A banquet will also be held in April to honor the Classified Employee of the Year, First Year Teacher, and Teacher of the Year award nominees.

If you are interested in nominating someone, please use this form.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Our school's nominee for Weber School District's **Teacher of the Year** is:

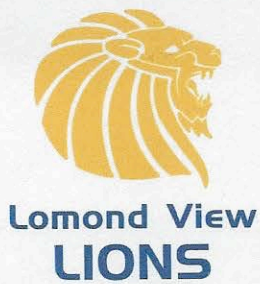
Name: Alan Rhees

School/Location: Lomand View Elementary

Position: 6th grade teacher

Principal: Justin Skeen

PLEASE ATTACH A LETTER, PHOTO, OR OTHER MATERIALS explaining why this person is such as exemplary employee and why you feel he/she is deserving of this honor.



March 23, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to nominate Alan Rhees for the 2019-20 Weber School District Teacher of the Year Award. I have been Alan's principal the past 3 years at Lomond View Elementary. He has taught for 34 years in Weber School District.

Alan is an excellent Teacher of the Year candidate. He epitomizes what it means to teach the "Weber Way". This is evident in Alan's ability to not only provide quality instruction in core subjects, but in his focus on the "whole child" through the rich and robust school experience for students. In addition to core instruction students learn PE, music (various instruments), 3-D printing, MakerSpace opportunities with STEM based learning. Students are participating in AR and VR activities as he shows them different aspects of the world around them. His focus is providing his students with various learning opportunities. Alan's passion is evident and felt by the students and colleagues he works with. He takes time to connect with students and support them in ALL aspects of learning. Students trust him and enjoy being in his classroom. Mr. Rhees's focus is on each child!

Mr. Rhees is a life-long learner. Over the course of his career, technology has changed significantly, yet he is on the cutting edge of what works. Alan effectively implements technology to improve student learning. He is an excellent example for others to follow on how to continue to learn and grow as a teacher. This past year he put together a plan on creating a MakerSpace room to extend learning opportunities. He has received grants to continue to provide resources for his students and our school. In fact, last year he received a grant to purchase five 3-D printers. With the printers Alan had the 6th grade students meet with each class in the school to design a project they could print for younger students. It was amazing to see what these 6th grade students learned through this process. The end result is every student received a 3-D printed item that could help them in their classwork. This was under Alan's vision and direction. His efforts have had a tremendous impact not only in his classroom but on our whole school and district.

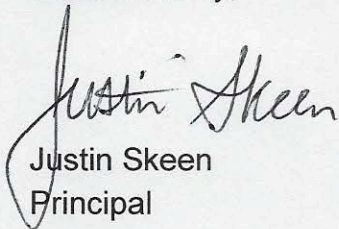


Lomond View
LIONS

In addition to Alan's teaching responsibilities he has extensive involvement as our school Edtech coach providing ongoing individualized support for teachers. He is a district ISM mentor, Brainblast instructor, works on different district technology committees and school webmaster. These past few weeks I have been even more impressed with Alan's selfless support and service to others. As we have recently moved to online home learning Alan has spent his weekends and evenings getting his material together for his class so he is available to other teachers during the week. I have no doubt his efforts have had a huge impact on all of our teachers providing learning for students. He really goes the extra mile for all. In addition, Alan lives and is involved in the Lomond View community and is highly respected. He is an advocate for all kids and our profession.

In conclusion, I highly recommend Mr. Alan Rhees to receive the 2019-20 Weber School District's Teacher of the Year Award. His impact extends to many students, teachers and staff in our district. Not only is Alan a master teacher who truly serves those around him, but most importantly, he is a great man who would do anything for anyone. It is an honor to work with Alan Rhees. Please contact me with any questions or additional information I can provide regarding Mr. Rhees.

Professionally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Skeen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Justin" and last name "Skeen" clearly legible.

Justin Skeen
Principal