

3. RECOGNITION

A. SUBJECT

The administration recommends Board of Education recognition for the following individuals.

B. INFORMATION

3.1 Young Authors District Representatives

The Young Authors program celebrates and honors exceptional writing by students in grades K–8. This special opportunity gives young writers a chance to share their creativity and celebrate their work with classmates and the District 200 community.

This year, District 200 students in grades K–8 participated by creating original stories, informational pieces, and poems—each brought to life with their own illustrations. Members of the Literacy Committee, along with staff, faculty, and community volunteers, reviewed and evaluated each submission, selecting one author from every school to be recognized as a Young Authors District representative.

The student books will be available at the Board meeting for members to view, and the *Read Between the Lynes* bookstore on the Woodstock Square will host a Young Authors Night, where students will share a portion of their works with the community.

Congratulations to the following Young Authors District Representatives:

Elaynie Reynoso, Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center, Kindergarten
Dia de playa

Teddy Mule, Clay Academy, Grade 5
The Story of the Little Bear

Sofia Medina & Jaelyn Stoneburner, Dean Street Elementary School, Grade 5
The Girl in the Lake

Callie Hansen, Greenwood Elementary School, Grade 2
The Aliens Part Two

Dawsyn Sheahan, Mary Endres Elementary School, Grade 3
Wacky Hair and Wagging Tails

Kamden Roth, Olson Elementary School, Grade 3
Ryan's Dream

Rebekah Bilyk, Prairiewood Elementary School, Grade 3
Haley's Quest on Candy Island

Lucas Moritz, Westwood Elementary School, Grade 5
Henry's Adventure

Declan Di Guido, Creekside Middle School, Grade 6
Beyond Infinity

Mary Ciccolella, Northwood Middle School, Grade 7
The Secret of Eldra

3.2 District 200 Staff Spotlight – Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center

Staff Spotlight is a Board of Education initiative to recognize outstanding staff members. Throughout the year, school principals will identify one certified and one classified staff member from their building to be honored for exceptional effort in their jobs. We are proud to recognize the following individuals from Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center

Stephanie Pimentel	Dual Language Teacher
Cormack Kranz	Kindergarten Associate

Congratulations to Stephanie and Cormack, and thank you for your outstanding efforts on behalf of your students.

C. RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent recommends Board of Education recognition for these individuals.

D. SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to introduce the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 wishes to recognize the contributions of these individuals, and WHEREAS, District 200 has benefited as a result of these accomplishments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 hereby bestows special recognition and a certificate of achievement on behalf of the citizens of the District.