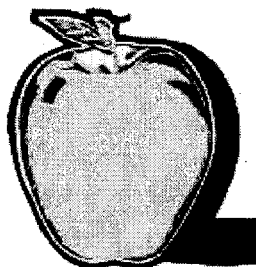


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# The Golden Apple Award

## LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOMINATION FORM

The purpose of the **Golden Apple Award**, is to recognize an outstanding contribution of time, talent and effort in support of the students, parents and staff of the Livonia Public Schools. Some of the qualities of the nominee might include: a positive attitude, dedication, dependability, self-motivation, helpfulness, etc. Please fill in the areas below which you feel are the basis of

this nomination.

Name of Nominee Donna Beardslee

Is a positive representative of the District by: (give examples) See attached.

Is a positive role model for others by: See attached.

Is innovative and seeks new ideas or methods by: See attached.

Is self-motivated by: See attached.

Other reasons this person is deserving of this award: See attached

Nominee's position: Principal, Title I para Worksite: Garfield Elementary

Name of Nominator: William R. Green Phone: 734-744-2715  
Mary Ann Ingram on behalf of Garfield staff

Do you wish to remain anonymous?  Yes  No

Are you a (Please check one.):  Student  District Employee  Parent/Guardian  
 Citizen  PTA Volunteer  Other

Please return to Donna McDowell, Communications Office, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154

Any questions should be directed to 734-744-2533: Donna McDowell, Administrator of Communications

Thank You

Donna retired from Livonia Public Schools in 2010. She served as a classroom teacher and trainers for both LPS and Wayne County RESA, She was a Reading Recovery teacher and trainer for years before her retirement, and worked with struggling elementary school readers.

During the 2009-2010 school year, Donna became part of the Title I program at Garfield Elementary. She continued to work with struggling readers. Following her retirement in June, Donna saw the need to continue to help the little ones. She began her volunteer services when she returned to Garfield in September of 2010. Since that time, she continues to work with the Title I team to ensure that the young learners get additional reading and writing help. She begins her day at 9:00 and stays most days until 2:30. She doesn't leave the building until she works with all of "her" kids. She meets regularly with classroom teachers and the Title I staff to ensure that the boys and girls with whom she works are progressing. She regularly re-evaluates her teaching methods and differentiates her instruction as needed. She takes work home, as needed, and continues to expand her own personal professional development to remain updated on pedagogical principles and LPS curriculum.

Donna does all this with no remuneration at all--except the knowledge that she's helping the little ones gain their knowledge of reading strategies, increase their confidence, and otherwise ensure their learning success.

Garfield could not attend to the needs of so many struggling students without her daily help. The staff is extremely grateful for her knowledge, expertise, and willingness to assist in training them, as well.

The Garfield staff is hopeful that the Livonia Public Schools will formally recognize Donna's efforts and award her a Golden Apple for her positive attitude, dedication, dependability, self-motivation, selflessness, and commitment to the education of our students.