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Our Mission:

The purpose of North Park Elementary is to guide ALL students in developing their own self-confidence through High levels of academic, social, and emotional learning in order to ensure whole community success.

Dear Nominating Committee,

I am nominating Jolyn Emerson for the Classified Employee of The Year award. Jolyn has been an integral part of North Park Elementary and deserves to be recognized for the efforts she makes that go far beyond expectations held for an elementary school librarian. Here are a few things that make Jolyn so exceptional.

- Jolyn makes the library an exciting place to visit! She develops a theme and enlists the artistic talents of her daughter to create table decorations, toppers for the bookshelves, a reading nook, wall decorations, and so much more. She then ties that theme to posters for our main hallway to keep track of each classroom's reading minutes and the reading minutes of the school as a whole.
- Weekly Jolyn announces the grade level classrooms that have read the most minutes for the week and cheering can be heard erupting from those classrooms. She then goes to each one of those classrooms and takes the "tiger" award for them to display for the week.
- When classes come into the library, they bring a bucket with them with slips of students names that have done their reading, she pulls a name from the bucket and the student whose name is drawn chooses a bookmark and fun eraser.
- Jolyn plans a quarterly celebration for students to qualify as the highest readers for the month and makes it a very special occasion for them.
- At the end of the year, when our students have met the collective reading goal, Jolyn reaches out to community partners and arranges for an incredible end of year celebration. Last year she had a ping pong drop from a helicopter, the year before a hot-air balloon.....need I say more????
- Annually Jolyn dresses up for the week for special occasions, such as the Cat in the Hat for Dr. Seuss Week, as an umpire for Super Bowl Week (at which time they have a quiz bowl game), as the Grinch near Christmas. The students absolutely love to come to the library to participate in these fun weeks.
- Jolyn always finds time to volunteer when the book fair is here. We have a difficult time filling slots, and Jolyn feels that since the library benefits from the fair, that she is more than willing to spend her own time supporting them.
- Jolyn always volunteers to help at our Family Engagement Nights. She helps to pass out the free books we have for students and promote our WSD online SORA program.
- Jolyn has created a monthly Leader in Me powerpoint lesson and ties each habit to books that are in the library.
- We have a challenging Title 1 school. Jolyn is so clear about her expectations. Students know exactly what they should do when they enter the library and it is so calm and peaceful there. She is positive with the students and holds high expectations.

Simply put, Jolyn Emerson is an outstanding librarian. She is “all in”. Her efforts go far beyond the job description and she is such an important part of what makes North Park a wonderful place to work and learn. I sincerely hope you will consider her as your choice for classified employee of the year.

Sincerely,

Michel Strate

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