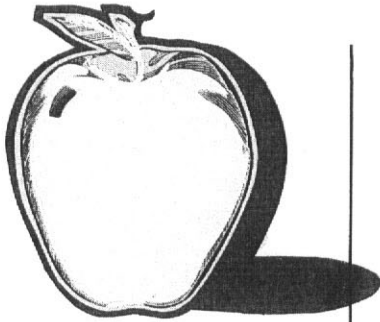


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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOMINATION FORM

The Golden Apple Award

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 Carol Secco

Is a positive representative of the District by: (give examples) ~ see attached ~

Is a positive role model for others by: _____

Is innovative and seeks new ideas or methods by: _____

Is self-motivated by: _____

Other reasons this person is deserving of this award: _____

Nominee's position: _____ Worksite: _____

Name of Nominator: _____ Phone: _____

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: Jay Young, Community Relations Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154
Any questions should be directed to: Jay Young, Director of Community Relations (734) 744-2522.

Thank you.

To Golden Apple Selection Committee:

Carol Secco is an integral part of the Hayes community. She works tirelessly on the behalf of Hayes students, staff and parents. While most of her children are beyond the elementary level, Carol continues to volunteer in classrooms that haven't had one of her children in four years. She is an active part of our PTA, serving as treasurer this year. She volunteers in the office and works lunch duty three days a week. Carol is also in charge of supporting the teachers with organizing and maintaining the leveled book room.

Carol Secco embodies all aspects of the Golden Apple Award, which recognizes the outstanding contributions of time, talent or effort in support of students, parents and staff of the Livonia Public Schools and is very deserving of this award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theresa L. O'Brien". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Theresa L. O'Brien
Principal
Hayes Elementary

The Hayes Elementary Staff would like to nominate Carol Secco for a *Golden Apple Award*. Carol possesses many outstanding and deserving qualities.

Carol is a positive representative of the district. As a parent, Carol spends countless hours of her time each and every day volunteering to help students, staff, and other parents. She is involved in numerous community service projects and after-school events. She greets and assists visitors at our hospitality table in the lobby and answers the phones in the office when our secretary is unavailable. She also serves on the PTA board as a treasurer and a chairperson for various committees. Carol welcomes newcomers and acts as an ambassador for our school in any given situation. She is always there, ready and eager to help in any way that she can.

Carol is a positive role model. She possesses strong family values and has a great rapport with all members of the Hayes' community. She exhibits exemplary communication skills and is always calm and kind when working with students, staff, and other parents. Whether it is acting as a "motor mom" to help children with their gross motor skills or assisting students with a problem at lunch time, Carol treats every child as her own—offering compassion and respect. Her fun personality and positive attitude is something we should all strive to possess.

Carol is an innovative and vital member of our school community. She seeks others' input and contributes well thought-out ideas to help the PTA provide educational activities as well as, fun and ever-lasting memories for our students. Last year, she planned a teacher appreciation luncheon that was truly amazing and quite memorable for us as well. Also, as a parent volunteer, she assists teachers by using her creative and enriching ideas to prepare classroom materials and events that supplement and support our curriculum.

Carol is very self-motivated. She graciously spends her days off from her own career, volunteering at Hayes. She will arrive before school and not leave until the school day is over—often taking "school work" home to complete. She helps all teachers, regardless of whether or not her children were in their classrooms. She is extraordinary at task completion and is flexible beyond belief—frequently taking on multiple tasks at one time. She does not seek praise, recognition, or look for anything in return. She does all of these wonderful acts of kindness out of the goodness of her own heart. She accomplishes so much in one day, and she does it all with a smile.

Carol Secco is very deserving of the *Golden Apple Award* because she has a heart of gold, and she makes everything and everyone around her shine. We hope, for these reasons and many more, that you will recognize Carol Secco's outstanding contribution of time, talent, and effort to support our Hayes Elementary School Community.