

October 24, 2024

Dear WSD Awards Selection Committee,

I am writing to nominate Holly Barker, a dedicated volunteer at Lomond View Elementary, for the WSD Volunteer Award. Holly's contributions to our school community deserve recognition for their lasting impact. I first met Holly in 1990 as she was my 8th grade science teacher at South Ogden Junior High, and I now have the privilege of seeing her regularly as she volunteers at Lomond View.

Holly is a retired secondary science and pre-engineering teacher with a rich career in both the Ogden and Weber School Districts. She taught at South Ogden Junior, North Ogden Junior, Orion Junior, Weber Innovation Center, and as an adjunct instructor at Weber State University. Holly holds degrees and certifications in English, Geology, Earth Science Teaching, Physical Science Teaching, and Pre-Engineering (Project Lead the Way).

For the past four years, Holly has volunteered at Lomond View Elementary. She dedicates two days a week, giving one to two hours of her time each day with dedication. Holly arrives before the students, warmly greeting them as she takes her seat outside their classroom door, ready to support both teachers and students.

Holly works primarily with first graders, some of our youngest learners. One teacher shared, *"She is tirelessly supportive of the struggles teachers face and works with my most challenging little ones. She lightens my load by preparing her own resources, focusing on skills I request, and providing data or thoughtful anecdotes afterward. Holly's kindness and patience with both my students and me is invaluable. I am immensely lucky to have her!"*

Lomond View Elementary is truly fortunate to benefit from Holly's knowledge, experience, nurturing presence, and her generous spirit. She has made a difference in our school community, and I wholeheartedly believe she embodies the spirit of the WSD Volunteer Award.

Thank you for considering Holly Barker for this honor.

Sincerely,

Nanette Watson, PhD  
Lomond View Elementary  
Principal