

Agenda Item E – Curriculum Spotlight

Teacher of the Year

Each year, the Mineola Kiwanis Club asks every campus in Mineola I.S.D. to nominate one of their teachers for Teacher of the Year. A Kiwanis Club committee read the nominations and then made their decision.



Bonnie Garrett was chosen by the Kiwanis as Teacher of the year for Mineola Independent School District. As the Teacher of the Year for our district, Mrs. Garrett is eligible to run for Teacher of the Year (Secondary) for Education Service Center (ESC) Region 7.

Mrs. Garrett was nominated by the middle school campus. She has been teaching for 12 years, with the last 11 of those years spent teaching math at Mineola Middle School. She is a graduate of Midwestern State University. Mrs. Garrett is a team player on her campus and a member of the M.M.S. leadership team seeks to instill in her students a desire to be the best.



Teri Bedford Is Teacher of the Year for Mineola Elementary School and is the nominee for Region VII Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Science is Mrs. Bedford's focal point in the fifth grade. She makes learning come to life for the children, with multiple experiments and hands-on experiences. Her enthusiasm is contagious in her classroom. The children can't wait to see what is in store for them each day.



Raquel Palma is Teacher of the Year for Mineola Primary School.

Raquel teaches 4 year old Head Start and is an outstanding role model for her students. She is fluent in English and Spanish, and is most helpful when working with parents and students alike. She has several certifications and strives to continue her education. She is always going out of her way to help other staff members and it is clearly evident she loves teaching.



Gerald Cameron is Mineola High School's Teacher of the Year.

This is the second year in a row that Mr. Cameron has been elected Teacher of the Year for the high school campus. He is respected by students and teachers alike. Mr. Cameron is a teacher who makes math come to life in his classroom. He makes every effort to make lessons interesting through experiments and manipulatives. As a result, students in his class are engaged and eager to learn.