

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 that you feel are the basis for this nomination.

Name of Nominee Stephen Mac

Is a positive representative of the District by: (give examples) _____

Is a positive role model for others by: See attached

Is innovative and seeks new ideas or methods by: _____

Is self-motivated by: See attached

Other reasons this person is deserving of this award: _____

Nominee's position: Building Supervisor Worksite: Emerson Middle School

Name of Nominator: Liz AMison and the Phone: 36830
entire staff at Emerson

Do you wish to remain anonymous? () Yes (X) No - It is from ALL the staff

Are you a (Please check one.): () Student (X) District Employee () Parent/Guardian

() Citizen () PTA Volunteer () Other

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Any questions should be directed to 734-744-2533

Stacy Jenkins, Administrator of Communications.

Is a positive representative of the District by: Matt Moll, our assistant principal, wrote that Steve takes ownership and pride in how Emerson looks and feels. He makes Emerson literally shine. He is always safety-conscious and is outdoors before his actual start time to shovel and salt in inclement weather. Julie Kaniewski commented, "Steve makes sure the walkway is cleaned. Knowing there was a drip from the roof, he then checks in with her to make sure the ice is gone from when he went out earlier." Julie and many other staff members added that he works tirelessly and does so with a smile on his face.

Is a positive role model for others by: One example was shared by Tina Jeter: "Previously, we had a student in the county program that struggled behaviorally. He showed an interest in what Steve did in the cafeteria and Steve took him 'under his wing', and his plan was set up so that he could earn time to be 'Mr. Steve's helper'. This interaction with Steve was very positive, and often we could get compliance because he really wanted to spend time with 'Mr. Steve'. He had expectations for appropriate behavior but was always welcoming and friendly."

Chris Kleimola's MoCI class discussed Mr. Mac, and Chris recorded their comments:

Darionna said, "He works hard."

Asia said, "He protects the ducks."

Sidney said, "He feeds the ducks."

Zoey said, "He feeds our school turtle."

Abdullah says, "He is always smiling."

Damon said, "The school looks good."

Sean said, "He gets us paper towels."

They all agreed, "We like Mr. Mac!"

Is innovative and seeks new ideas or methods by: Our principal, Ann Owen, points out that "Steve is even tempered and good under pressure when there are building issues. He is resourceful, fixing items or repurposing them instead of throwing them away. His attention to detail enables him to find solutions."

Lisa Wilson wrote, "Steve has embraced our Gleaners partnership for the past two years and has accepted the mounds of food in Receiving without aggravation or complaints about the extra work it causes. To Steve, these tasks are part of his mission to care for our most vulnerable students. He shares our vision to help students in the community, and, in his gentle, quiet way, he is an important leader in our school."

Is self-motivated by: Steve is proactive and anticipates needs, even in the summer. Elaine Kramer and Art Colling report how Steve makes sure all the classrooms and cafeteria have what is needed at Camp Emerson and Emerson Edge. "He has other projects that he needs to do during the day but he makes sure all the students and staff feel comfortable." He never views these as extra tasks thrust upon him or a burden.

Steve comes in early and often stays late. When we had a packing day on a Saturday, Steve came in on his own time to help facilitate the process.

Other reasons this person is deserving of this award: The staff has generated four pages of accolades about Steve, but this poignant commentary from Jan Leach sums it up best:

Steve Mac

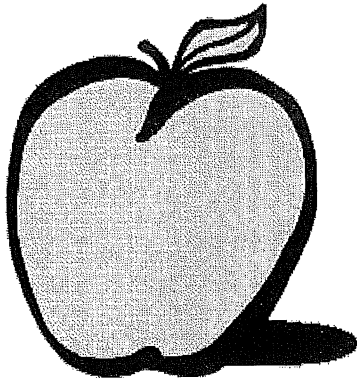
It is difficult to express through mere words how valuable an asset this individual is to the teachers and staff at Emerson Middle School.

I know it sounds cliché, but Steve is the type of guy who would literally give you the shirt off his back. Anytime I ask Steve for anything, he delivers almost immediately. Steve is well organized; he stays a few steps ahead of me, and will remind me of my upcoming activities and what I may need. Once at bus duty, a teacher came in very upset about her car and a warning light that wouldn't go off on her dashboard. I just looked at her and said, "Go ask Steve-he'll know what to do!" She did, and he did! He took care of whatever was wrong with her car and she was able to pull it together to teach her first hour class.

I come to school really early - but Steve comes even earlier. I can always count on him to be working on the snow or ice so that I can make it into the building without falling. He is very concerned about safety - I watch him go the extra mile and put out more salt or shovel more snow - whatever he needs to do to make it the safest he can for anyone to enter our building from any entrance.

Steve takes great pride in Emerson. It is like it is his own home. His eyes are always looking back and forth to be sure that everything is in place. I have worked for LPS for a long time, and I have never seen someone work as hard as Steve Mac. He rarely sits or stands still - always on the move, always willing to help - whether it is his job or not, it doesn't matter. Steve is very responsible and dedicated. He can multi-task and is willing to take over new responsibilities at work without hesitation and contributes creative ideas. He does things that count, but never stops to count them.

Steve Mac is a proud product of Livonia Public Schools and we proudly submit him as a worthy and deserving candidate for the Golden Apple Award.



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Supervisor's Checklist


The following person has been nominated for the Livonia Public Schools' Golden Apple Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions of time, talent, or effort in support of the students, parents, and staff of the Livonia Public Schools:

Stephen Mac

Please help the selection committee by completing the following:

I, **Ann Owen**, agree strongly, agree, disagree, disagree strongly with the above nomination for the LPS Golden Apple Award.

Additional comments: Steve is one of the most caring individuals I have had the privilege to work with in all my years with LPS. He treats the building like his home and he treats the people (students and staff) like his family. He always strives to do the best job possible. I cannot think of a more deserving individual to receive this award.



Signature of Supervisor



Date

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