



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 Livonia Public Schools. Some qualities of a nominee may include: a positive attitude; dedication; dependability; self-motivation; helpfulness; etc. Please fill in the areas below with your thoughts supporting a Golden Apple Award for your nominee.

Name of Nominee: Nancy Kelley

How is this person a positive representative of the district (give examples)? Nancy represents LPS in a humble role as a volunteer teacher of reading. She is retired teacher and trained reading specialist. She works with students from all four kindergarten classes at Buchanan reinforcing and teaching reading to small groups of our students. Not only does she teach the students, her expertise is valued by myself and my colleagues and I personally have asked her advice about improving my own teaching many times.

How is this person a positive role model for others? Nancy has a wonderful way with students. She is full of energy and always wears a smile. Her encouraging words and interesting lessons create a positive feelings. Her kind and loving demeanor give children a feeling of self-worth and instill confidence.

How is this person innovative? How do they seek new ideas or methods? Watching Nancy teach is truly like watching a Master Teacher. She listens and watches the students and lets their interests and ideas guide the lesson. She often lets the students play teacher or has them use their imaginations as they shop at the store for words.

How are they self-motivated? Nancy brings her BIG binder to Buchanan filled with her evaluations of students and plans for the following lesson. She is well organized and glides in and out classrooms working with five different small groups on each visit.

List any other reasons this person is deserving of the award. Nancy has been volunteering for the last four years. She also shares her love for her Irish roots by presenting a lesson on Ireland that includes dancing, singing, and story about Patty O'Shea. Her presentation reached a record high, she visited 6 kindergarten classes on March 18th!

Nominee's position and work site: Nancy Kelley volunteers for all four kindergarten classrooms at Buchanan.