

Things You Should Know May 19, 2010

Principal of the Year for Hanover Township



U-46 principal, Jennifer Bond-Stoever of Heritage Elementary School, has been selected as the Principal of the Year in Hanover Township. The Hanover Township Committee on Youth hosted a celebration for her on May 18. During her speech Jennifer stated, "It is hard for me to stand here and accept this award because it is the work of many people who make the students at Heritage successful." She went on to thank her staff at the school and the volunteers for their support.

An example of her leadership is apparent in some of the ideas she has brought into the school. Jennifer initiated the [Take One](#) program at Heritage. That means that every teacher at the school

is taking the first step toward National Board Certification, the highest certification a teacher can achieve. Jennifer is a part of this effort right along with her teachers. This requires her to go from being the principal to being a classroom teacher. She teaches a class and participates in the work involved in the Take One process.



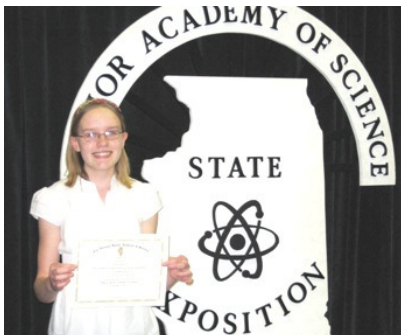
Jennifer's drive to improve herself and her school make her a stand-out. Judging by the picture of Jennifer and her staff at this reception they feel that way about her too.

U-46 Music Teacher Accepts Award

The YWCA of Elgin held its annual Leader Luncheon on May 13. A number of community members were recognized for their contributions. One of the award recipients was U-46 staff member Rosalind Zager. Rosalind is a professional musician and for the past 15 years has shared her skills with children in the district at all grade levels teaching kindergarten through 12th grades.

Rosalind inspires her choral students at Elgin High School where she currently teaches full time. She goes out of her way to ensure all students feel welcome and a part of the group. Away from U-46 she is a recognized professional in her own right.

The students of U-46 are lucky to have this dedicated teacher.



Larsen Student Earns State Award

While the science fair at the Gail Borden Library was news a few weeks ago, one U-46 student is still making news with her science project. In February, Larsen Middle School held their first annual science fair for the students in the gifted program (SWAS). Three projects were chosen to proceed to the Regional Science Fair at Northern Illinois University. At the Regional Science Fair, Jessica

Rusick won “Best in Category” for her project, *How do different fertilizers affect the growth of basil plants?*

Jessica advanced to the state science fair at University of Illinois sponsored by the Illinois Junior Academy of Science on May 8. At state, Jessica received a Gold Award for her oral presentation, written research paper, and visual display. Teachers at Larsen report “Jessica is a student with a heart of gold and a young woman with a bright future.”

Graduation is Right Around the Corner

Seniors at the 5 traditional high schools in the district are looking ahead to graduation. Big events like prom are in the past and it is getting harder to sit in class when May 29th, graduation day, is so close. Graduations will, again, be held at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates. The schedule is 8:00 a.m. – South Elgin High School, 11:00 a.m. – Elgin High School, 2:00 p.m. – Bartlett High School, 5:00 p.m. – Larkin High School, and 8:00 p.m. Streamwood High School. Congratulations to all the graduates and their families.

Retirement Celebration

The high school seniors are not the only ones celebrating. This year U-46 will “graduate” the class of 2010 retirees at a recognition dinner thanking them for all they have done. For years they have worried about, nurtured, challenged and celebrated with the children of our district. They have served as administrators, support staff, food service staff, secretaries, bus drivers, and teachers. Some have been serving the district for over 25 years. They each played a unique role in providing a positive learning environment for students as they made their way through the schools and on to their graduation.

In leaving they provide parting words of advice that can be applied, in some way, to almost any occupation. Some samples:

“Think young, constantly evolve and improve your skills through staff development and engagement in school projects and committees.”

“The years pass very quickly. Take time to appreciate the opportunity you have to make a difference in students’ lives, and to cultivate relationships. These are the things you will celebrate.”

“...When you work with enjoyable co-workers they become your friends and it is not hard coming to work each day.”

When asked about plans for the future one employee responded, “Disneyland – relax – Vegas – relax –Italy –relax – then look for something interesting to keep me busy.”

Good luck to them all as they enjoy their well deserved relaxation and time to explore new interests.

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