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Making a Difference at Madeira City Schools

Part of what makes Madeira City Schools one of the top districts in the country is its ongoing group of parents and community members who consistently donate their time and talents. Once a year, the Madeira Board of Education recognizes some of those people with its highest honor - the 'I Make a Difference Award.'

The award is bestowed for actions that are beyond the scope of direct job responsibilities, enhance the district over a number of years, or a one-time event that significantly impacted the district. At its May 20 board meeting, the Madeira City School Board presented the prestigious 'I Make A Difference Award' to seven recipients who have gone beyond the expected to make a difference in the district.

Aaron Wagner created "Point of Sale" for the Madeira Elementary School PTO's Changing Hands Sale ten years ago. This computer coding and check out system has helped make the consignment sale a huge success by easily recording sales and co-signors, and distributing proceeds in half the time. Twice a year for the past decade still monitors the sale and troubleshoots issues.

Nate Wagner has equally contributed to the coding and problem solving necessary to keep the "Point of Sale" for the Madeira Elementary School PTO's Changing Hands Sale active and working. He is the first student to receive the I Make Difference Award, and with his father Aaron has made an incredible impact on the MES PTO's ability to raise funds and have an efficient Changing Hands sale.

Chuck Jonas is a Madeira grandparent who for the last 2-3 years has helped in the designing of sets for the Madeira Marching Band and Theatre Arts departments. His craftmanship and ability to design and think about how it all comes together has been remarkable. He has traveled with the band, getting her early to help make sure everything is loaded and gotten home late after long rides in the band trucks.

Madeira Police Chief Dave Schaefer, Lieutenant Paul Phillips, Lieutenant James Roy, and Detective Richard Byram met with Madeira Middle School (MMS) students in small classroom settings to educate them about Digital Citizenship - a term given to the safe and responsible use of technology by anyone who uses computers, the Internet, or digital devices to engage with other people on any level. The officers helped the students understand that anything they post, email, or text can become permanent and part of their digital footprint forever. A pledge between the Police Department and all MMS students was woven into the school district's culture playbook.

Any Madeira Schools employee or volunteer may nominate any other employee or volunteer for the award any time throughout the year. Recipients are honored by the Madeira Board of Education and their name(s) added to a permanent plaque in Madeira High School's Perin Learning Commons. Call 513.924.3707 for more information.

Pictured (l to r) Aaron Wagner, Nate Wagner, Chuck Jonas, Detective Richard Byram, Lieutenant James Roy, and Chief Dave Schaefer. Not pictured: Lieutenant Paul Phillips