

Ann Bremer White Hawks Award Winners

The Ann Bremer White Hawks Award is named in honor of Ann Bremer, a former Westonka School Board member whose record of service as a district parent, community member and on the school board continues to characterize the contributions made by the award nominees. Bremer served on the Westonka School Board from 2004 until her death in 2017.



Nominees for the Ann Bremer White Hawks Award should:

- Be involved in service that makes a meaningful contribution to Westonka students, an individual school or program, or the district overall, either over a period of time or in a single, significant way
- Demonstrate an on-going commitment to supporting our schools and community
- Model personal and professional integrity
- Help to create a positive and respectful environment in our schools and community

Past Award Winners:

2018 - Jeff Fish and Scott Brown

2017 - Jennifer Velarde, Robert Moulton and Howard Leopold

2016 - Scott Bjorlin and Sarah Reinhardt

2015 - Sharon Thaler, Bill LaTour and Randy Lee

Westonka Teacher of the Year

Westonka Education Minnesota is proud to present the Westonka Teacher of the Year program. Nominees for the annual award must meet the following criteria:

- teach pre-kindergarten through 12th grade,
- hold at least a bachelor's degree and a Minnesota teaching license,
- have completed at least three full years of teaching by nomination deadline, and intend to teach during the next school year.

2018 Nominees and Winner

June Heather Carver - Westonka Early Learning
Kim Collins - Hilltop Primary School
*Jennifer Naslund - Shirley Hills Primary School
Lisa Paul - Mound Westonka High School
Katie Rutledge - Grandview Middle School

2016 Nominees and Winner

Mindy Barrett - Hilltop Primary School
*Sue Simonson - Mound Westonka High School
Dena Spanjers - Shirley Hills Primary School
Julie Thomas - Grandview Middle School

2017 Nominees and Winner

*Corey Bulman—Mound Westonka HS
(Minnesota Teacher of the Year)
Lori Knauf — Shirley Hills Primary School
Cyndi Loewen—Hilltop Primary School
Jean Ann Thayer—Grandview Middle School

2015 Nominees and Winner

*Ali LaLonde—Grandview Middle School
Karen Olaussen — Shirley Hills Primary School
Craig Schmidt—Hilltop Primary School
Sarah Morinville Smith — Mound Westonka HS

Ann Bremer White Hawks Award Winner

Lynne Robertson

Over the past several years, Lynne has provided pro bono marketing communications advice and services to the school district. As CEO and owner of Fame Retail Agency, Lynne has enlisted her team to help the district with a great number of projects. This includes, but is not limited to, the creation of various logos (refreshed district logo, centennial logo, edge21 logo), a comprehensive brand style guide and templates for a wide variety of marketing and print materials. She has also provided strategic advice to the superintendent and the community relations department regarding referendum materials, the district's brand identity, the look and functionality of our physical spaces and district communications.



Lynne Robertson is someone who gives selflessly without asking for anything in return. Most people have no idea what Lynne has done for the district, but her work has made an impact on each building and on each family. Lynne has a high-powered career, and her work keeps her very busy. Nevertheless, I can't remember a time when she said "no" to any request from the school district. As a Westonka alumna and parent, Lynne has pride in our schools, and she has helped make the district brand match its outstanding academics. As a small district, we have a one-person communications department and a modest marketing budget. It's hard to put a price tag on all of the work she has gifted to us over the years, but I'm confident that we could not have afforded one tenth of it without Lynne's generosity. Thanks to Lynne's work, the communication that Westonka Schools puts out makes an impact with its consistent, thoughtful design.

Becca Neuger, District Communications Coordinator, Nominator



Personalized Learning. 21st Century Skills.

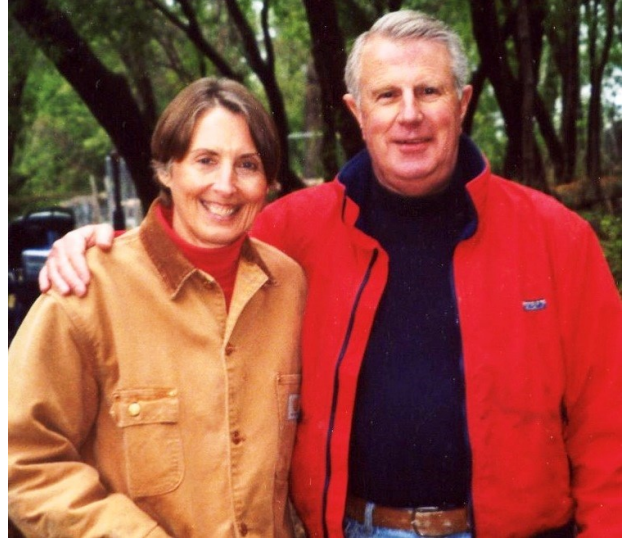
headlines & happenings



Ann Bremer White Hawks Award Winner

John and Judy Lewman

John and Judy have been volunteering in second grade at Hilltop for nine years. They come every Wednesday with a smile on their face. They work on one minute fluency reads, reading with individual students or any other little project we can find! Not only do they come to Hilltop each week, they open their farm up to our second graders each year for a field trip!



The Lewmans reached out to Hilltop many years ago to see how they could help. Since then, they have committed every Wednesday morning to us! They come each week and are willing to help in any capacity. We rely on them each week to help us with various classroom tasks. The biggest contribution they have made to Hilltop is the connections they have made with students. John works with students each week to monitor reading skills. He enjoys working with the children and getting to know each and every one of them. John and Judy have grown children who went through the Westonka schools and they continue their commitment to Westonka through the gift of their time. In addition to time, they donate to a scholarship fund each year to provide funds for college tuition for Westonka graduates.

Mara Drill, Hilltop Second Grade Teacher, Nominator

We love the Lewmans at Hilltop Primary School. Their volunteerism is so appreciated and outstanding. They have consistently helped to serve the students of our school with little fanfare and faithfully serve each week year after year. We couldn't be more excited to recognize the Lewmans!

Mike Moch, Hilltop Principal

