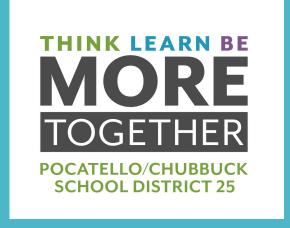


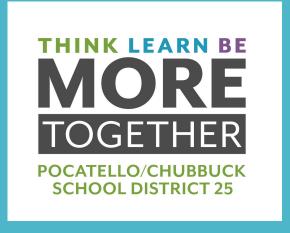
AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

November 19, 2024





Tonight we will recognize several individuals who, through their actions, support and embody our District's Mission to THINK MORE, LEARN MORE, and BE MORE TOGETHER.









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Elementary School Learner-of-the-Month

Brooklyn Nalley 1st grade, Greenacres Elementary School

Nominated by: Meghan Rios

In her nomination letter, Ms. Rios wrote, "I am the Behavior Tech at Greenacres, and I visit Brooklyn's classroom frequently; I always see her participating during whole group instruction, cleaning up after herself and others, and saying kind things to her peers. Brooklyn has demonstrated great qualities of character on many occasions. In class when another student was very upset and crying, I witnessed Brooklyn say, 'It's okay, there's always next time. Take a deep breath; I'll do it with you!'

Additionally, she was caught on camera boldly assisting another student on the playground who needed help standing up for themself and seeking an adult; this took a lot of bravery. When one of her classmates won a sub ticket, something students in her classroom can earn by having excellent behavior for a substitute teacher and can redeem for a prize, instead of being disappointed that it was not her - she celebrated that classmate and congratulated them genuinely. I am continuously impressed by her kindness, thoughtfulness, and desire to help others."



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Secondary School Learner-of-the-Month

Aiden Moss

7th grade, Alameda Middle School

Nominated by: Lyndsey Matthews

In her nomination letter, Ms. Matthews wrote, "Aiden is a great student, first and foremost. He takes his education very seriously. When Aiden comes to school, he is here to learn and then to chat and have fun with friends. I can always count on Aiden to be one of the most engaged learners in the room. He will answer my questions, give me a pity laugh for my bad jokes, and get his work done. Aiden will also help anyone around him who needs help. Because he is so capable, he finishes his work rather quickly, but he never wastes class time. If he is not working on other assignments or reading quietly, Aiden will be helping another student in the class who needs it. He will also push those students to genuinely try it themselves before he helps them.

A couple of weeks ago, when students had the time to read or silently work on assignments, one of his peers from Honors Math needed some help. Aiden and I coined the term "struggle silently" that day. Aiden wouldn't help until that student tried, without disrupting others and with true intent, for at least 5 minutes until he agreed to help. And his helping was not giving this student the answers, but actually helping this student work on the formula and equation. When one of his friends tried to sneak AirPods in during class, Aiden politely called them out and told me. This really impressed me because most kids are very loyal to their friends and think I'm strict for not allowing AirPods.

To Aiden, doing the right thing is what matters most. He truly demonstrates great Character, Attitude, Kindness, and Engagement. He is a great learner and all-around kid!"







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The Employee-of-the-Month P.I.E.S. award recognizes our employees who Positively Influence Educational Success. The award is for employees who go above and beyond in that effort.

PIES Award recipients receive a \$50 gift card from Lookout Credit Union, our educational partner for this award.

Christa Neifert

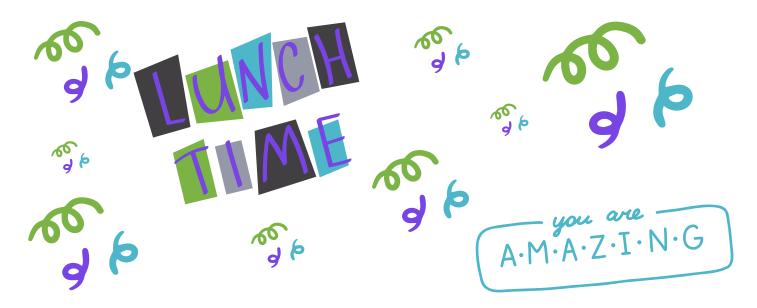
Kitchen Manager, PCSD 25 Food Services

Nominated by: David Dodd

In his nomination letter, David Dodd wrote, "Christa consistently goes above and beyond to ensure everything runs smoothly—and not just in the Central Kitchen, which is a major responsibility on its own. To enhance the consistency and accuracy of food deliveries to the grade schools, she developed a new online also streamlined the work for those of us who pull the orders and place them in the cages and on the carts. (The system has been so effective that Heather has adopted it for the secondary schools as well.) Additionally, to further reduce stress and improve accuracy and efficiency, Christa reorganized the cages and carts into a more user-friendly setup.

Last year, Christa dedicated many hours over several months to help a new field supervisor learn to perform her job more accurately and efficiently. She also supports other leaders. She has helped me improve my work in the warehouse, as well as that of my drivers, by teaching us computer-related skills and helping us all see the bigger picture. Despite her busy schedule, she always finds time to connect with her kitchen staff and welcome back former employees who stop by to visit. She is a vital part of PSNA. I started calling her 'Sistah Christah' because because that's the kind of cool person she is."

Thank you for your contributions to our learners and to our school district.





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