



AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

December 17, 2024

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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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PCSD 25 believes a safe, supportive, caring, and respectful environment is critical to student learning. The School District 25 Education Foundation, in partnership with McDonald's, supports the Learner-of-the-Month award to recognize one elementary learner and one secondary learner from our district, from October through May. The C.A.K.E. Award celebrates positive character, attitude, kindness, and encouragement toward others. Nominations for the C.A.K.E. Award are submitted by a teacher who has observed the nominee's behavior and are approved by the school's principal.

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Elementary School Learner-of-the-Month

Adyson and Taysom Jaramillo **5th grade, Syringa Elementary School**

Nominated by:
Andrea Gulden and
Cindel Vasquez

Marking a first for twins to receive this award, Mrs Gulden and Mrs. Vasquez wrote in their nomination letters, "This year, Adyson and Taysom Jaramillo, who are twins and have always been in the same class until now, were placed in separate rooms for the first time. Adyson is with Mrs. Gulden, and Taysom is with Ms. Vasquez. While it was a new experience for them, both siblings have continued to shine brightly and make a significant impact in their respective classrooms.

In Ms. Vasquez's class, Taysom has emerged as a beacon of encouragement. He consistently supports classmates who are struggling, reminding them to persevere and never give up. His kindness extends to everyone, and he leads by example, fostering a spirit of teamwork and a positive attitude that inspires his peers to do their best.

Meanwhile, in Mrs. Gulden's class, Adyson's presence is equally remarkable. She is always ready to lend a hand and help anyone in need, often stepping in without being asked. Her kindness knows no bounds, and she has made an effort to befriend new students, ensuring everyone feels welcome and accepted. Adyson's actions encourage others to follow her lead and strive for their best.

Though both Adyson and Taysom were initially nervous about being separated, it is clear that they have each brought their unique strengths and positive qualities to their new environments. We are grateful to have such wonderful learners, each contributing to positive, supportive, and welcoming atmospheres in our classrooms."

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Secondary School Learner-of-the-Month

Crue Lopez

7th grade, Irving Middle School

Nominated by:
Tammy Parker

In her nomination letter, Mrs. Parker wrote, "I would like to nominate Crue Lopez for this award. I am a para that gets the opportunity to work with English Learners in our district. I had a student who was new to our country and was able to understand very little English. He traveled from Irving to Hawthorne to attend ELS class with other peers who are learning the English language. Crue had a few classes with this same student at Irving. I found out that Crue had started to talk using a translator to this student.

Crue also started to use Duolingo at home on his own free time to become better at communicating with the ESL student. Crue also made flash cards at home with the Spanish word and the English word on the back to practice his knowledge. This effort was not something that was asked or assigned to Crue. He chose to do this on his own to help the ESL student be able to communicate easier. He also was a friend to the ESL student, which is something that is not easy when you speak different languages. I feel like this effort by Crue is a real example of what this award is all about, which is going above and beyond what is expected to help someone. I hope that this nomination will be considered and that Crue Lopez will be honored by receiving this award."



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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.

Emily Smith
Transitional Kindergarten Teacher
Lewis and Clark Elementary School

Nominated by:
Mallery Davie

In her nomination letter, Ms. Davie wrote, “Mrs. Smith is the epitome of empathy and personalization as both an educator and a mentor. She truly sees each of her students as individuals with their own stories, challenges, and dreams, making it her mission to create an environment where everyone feels seen and heard. One of the most admirable qualities of Mrs. Smith is her ability to connect with students on a personal level, always meeting them where they are at. She takes the time to engage with each student, asking about their interests, family, and what they enjoy outside of school. Whether it’s remembering a student’s favorite sport or checking in on their weekend plans, her genuine interest fosters relationships within her students.

As the transitional kindergarten teacher at Lewis and Clark, you can find her every morning in the cafeteria, greeting every student and staff member with a caring smile and a personal message. Her warmth sets a positive tone for the day and helps cultivate a sense of belonging among everyone.

Mrs. Smith’s empathy extends beyond academics; she actively fosters a supportive community within her classroom and among the staff. She offers a listening ear, allowing anyone around her to share their concerns without judgment. She offers an open hand, where she helps wherever she is needed, with a smile on her face. This includes shoveling bark on her personal time in the playground to make it a better environment for our learners, helping regulate students’ emotions in other classrooms, and offering advice and direction among her coworkers. This open, accepting atmosphere encourages students and staff to feel comfortable being vulnerable, knowing they have a supportive advocate in Mrs. Smith.

In every way, Mrs. Smith embodies the spirit of Positively Influencing Educational Success (PIES). Her passion, dedication, and genuine love for her students create an environment where everyone can thrive and achieve their goals. Her classroom is not just a place for learning; it’s a nurturing community where she allows students to feel empowered to reach their full potential.

I am honored to know her!



Silver Star Winner
Sheryl Brockett
Principal, Century High School

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Sheryl Brockett

Sheryl is a dedicated and inspiring leader, mentor, and friend, known for her immense impact on students, especially young mothers facing challenging situations. She started the Teen Parent Center helping countless students in need of love, patience, and a second chance, and continued this legacy at New Horizons. The principal of Century High School, where she earned Principal of the Year and Hometown Hero awards, Sheryl also volunteers with cheerleaders, sews costumes for the Palace Theatre, and supports local animal shelter events. In her spare time, she enjoys biking, puzzles and sewing.



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