



AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

April 15, 2025

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MORE
TOGETHER
POCATELLO/CHUBBUCK
SCHOOL DISTRICT 25



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

Jay Whitehead 5th grade, Greenacres Elementary School

Nominated by:
Aubrey Eldredge

Mrs. Eldredge wrote in her nomination letter, "Jay is an outstanding example of the C.A.K.E. Award. Every day, he enters our classroom with a bright smile and a cheerful, 'Good morning, Mrs. Eldredge,' setting a positive tone for the day. His character shines through in everything he does. On the playground, he is a natural problem solver, always stepping in to help others when they need support.

Jay's attitude is just as remarkable. He approaches every subject with an 'I can do it!' mindset and encourages his classmates to do the same. No challenge is too big for him if he struggles with a concept, he doesn't give up. His determination and growth this year have been truly inspiring.

Jay is always encouraging his classmates. Whether a friend is struggling with an assignment, feeling down, or just having a tough day, Jay is always there. Jay is a friend to everyone! He celebrates others' successes, no matter how big or small, and makes sure everyone feels valued and included.

Most of all, Jay exemplifies kindness. He has a huge heart and spreads positivity wherever he goes. He sees the best in everyone and makes our classroom a better place simply by being in it. Jay's character, attitude, kindness, and encouragement help make Greenacres a truly wonderful place!"





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Secondary School Learner-of-the-Month

Dennis Taylor

11th Grade, New Horizon High School

Nominated by:

Jenny Park, Christy Taylor,
and Patti Covert

Dennis Taylor received multiple nominations for this month's C.A.K.E. Award, each highlighting his outstanding character, attitude, kindness, and encouragement.

Jenny Park shared, "Dennis came to class every day prepared, ready to work hard, and always with a smile. He consistently encourages others and sets a positive tone through his engagement and effort."

Christy Taylor added, "Dennis is respectful and kind to everyone—students, teachers, and staff. He brings a strong work ethic and a positive attitude that sets a great example for our school community."

Patricia Covert, who taught Dennis in third grade, wrote, "It's been a joy to see Dennis grow into a thoughtful, motivated learner. His kindness and determination make New Horizon a better place. As he plans for life after high school, I'm confident he'll succeed in anything he pursues."

Thank you, Dennis, for the positivity and leadership you bring to our school community!





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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.

Jennifer Senecker

Behavior Interventionist at Indian Hills Elementary School

Nominated by:

Whitney Curzon, Charise Balmer, Jenny Higgins, Michelle Bull, Heidi Smith, and Lisa Jorgensen

Jennifer Senecker, Behavior Interventionist at Indian Hills Elementary School, received several nominations for the April PIES Award recognizing her outstanding contributions to the school community. Each nomination submitted highlights Jennifer's consistent support for both learners and staff.

Ms. Curzon shared that Jennifer's calm, reassuring presence has become a vital support at Indian Hills. Whether through thoughtful gestures, listening, or words of encouragement, she helps foster a positive and trusting environment. Her work with learners—particularly in providing a calm space for de-escalation—helps them return to learning with confidence.

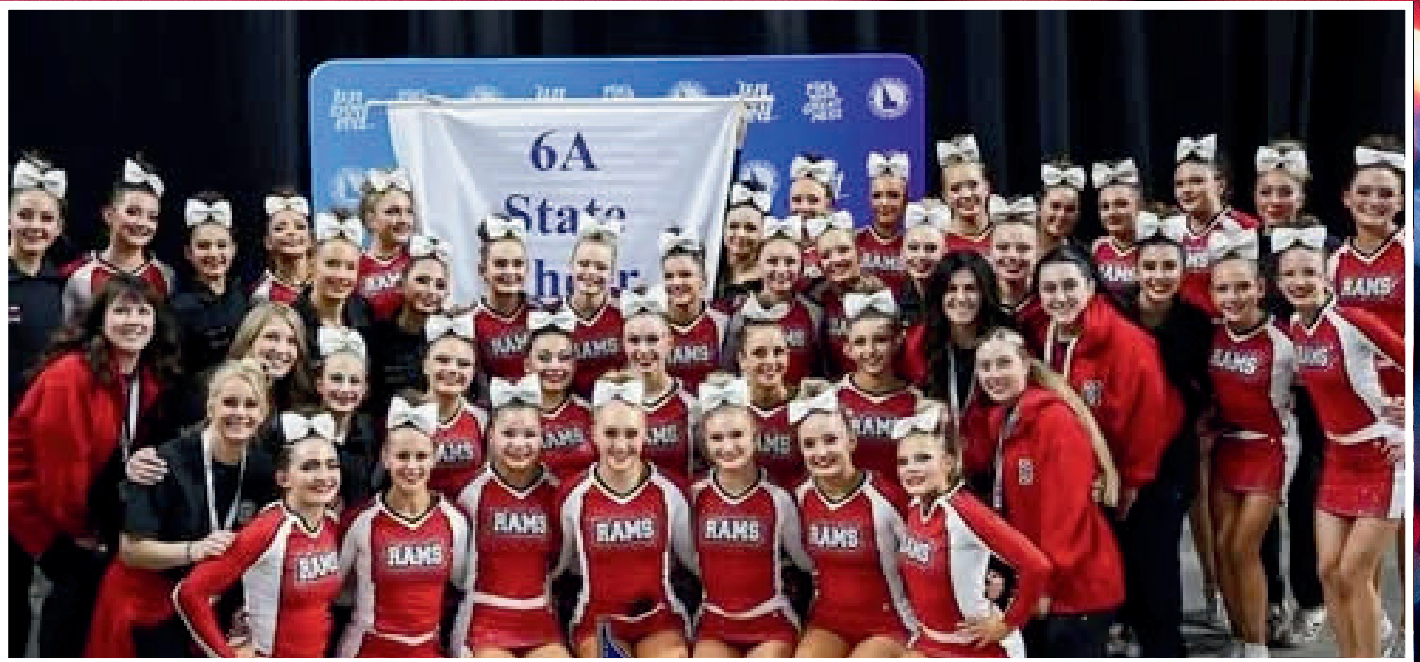
Colleagues emphasized Jennifer's proactive and practical approach to behavior intervention. Ms. Balmer noted her ability to support both teachers and students effectively without enabling, using strategies such as scheduled brain breaks, regulation techniques, and collaborative problem solving to improve outcomes.

Over the past eight years, Jennifer has been a key part of the school community. Ms. Higgins described her use of individualized behavior strategies and positive reinforcement, as well as her initiative in promoting a positive school culture such as organizing a way for students and staff to share uplifting messages displayed daily in the cafeteria.

Mrs. Bull highlighted Jennifer's experience, calm demeanor, and willingness to step in whenever needed. Kindergarten teacher Ms. Smith shared examples of behavior plans and social skill groups Jennifer has led, noting the impact they've had on student success and classroom dynamics.

Ms. Jorgensen added that Jennifer's optimism and creativity contribute to a strong sense of support across the school. Her influence extends beyond individual behavior support—she helps create a culture where students and staff feel encouraged and connected.

Based on the detailed nominations from her colleagues, Jennifer Senecker is recognized as the April PIES Award recipient. Her professionalism, consistency, and dedication play a vital role in supporting a positive learning environment at Indian Hills.



2025 6A STATE CHAMPIONS Highland High School Cheer

Highland Cheer Reigns Again

Continuing an impressive tradition of excellence spanning nearly 15 years, the Highland High School cheer team has once again been crowned the 6A State Champions. Under the exceptional leadership of Head Coach Jessica Gallot, the program has demonstrated remarkable achievement both athletically and academically. This year, the team also earned the 6A Academic State Championship with an outstanding average GPA of 3.77.

Notably, while half of the team is made up of freshmen, seven of the Highland cheerleaders are graduating seniors who have been part of a state title-winning team every year of their high school careers—a testament to their talent, consistency, and commitment.

Cheerleading is a year-round endeavor that requires dedication and discipline. We commend Coach Gallot and the entire team for their extraordinary accomplishments and tireless work. Their continued success brings pride to Highland High School and our entire district. Congratulations to all on this well-deserved recognition.



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