



# AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

January 21, 2026

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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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### Elementary School Learner-of-the-Month

#### Penelope Lish 5th Grade, Greenacres Elementary School

Nominated by:  
Aubrey Eldredge

We are proud to recognize Penelope Lish, a 5th-grade learner at Greenacres Elementary, as our January Elementary CAKE Award recipient. In her nomination, Ms. Aubrey Eldredge described Penelope as “the definition of kindness,” a description that is reflected in Penelope’s daily actions and interactions with others.

Although Penelope is new to Greenacres this year, Ms. Eldredge shared that she has “embraced our school community with a warm and welcoming spirit.” From the very first day, Penelope has demonstrated strong character by treating every classmate with respect, empathy, and genuine kindness.

Within the classroom, Ms. Eldredge noted that Penelope “consistently leads with kindness.” When learners from the Greenacres ERR program join the class during math and ELA centers, Penelope goes out of her way to make sure each student feels included and supported. Ms. Eldredge shared that Penelope is often seen jumping up to grab a chair, a pencil, or anything else a classmate might need—always without being asked—so everyone feels comfortable and ready to learn. She added that “our ERR friends always want to work with Penelope because she is so patient, encouraging, and welcoming.”

Ms. Eldredge also emphasized Penelope’s positive attitude and determination. “No matter how challenging an assignment may be, Penelope never gives up,” she wrote. Penelope works hard, perseveres, and sets a strong example for her classmates. Ms. Eldredge noted that Penelope walks into the classroom each day with “a bright smile and a willingness to learn,” even on days when she may not be feeling her best.

Ms. Eldredge shared that Penelope’s “character, attitude, kindness, and encouragement make our classroom and school a better place.” Through her actions, Penelope lifts others up simply by being herself, and we are honored to recognize Penelope Lish as our January Elementary CAKE Award recipient.



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### Secondary School Learner-of-the-Month

#### **Aeva Phillips** **8th grade, Alameda Middle School**

Nominated by:  
Amy Mann

We are proud to recognize Aeva Phillips, an 8th-grade learner at Alameda Middle School, as our January Secondary CAKE Award recipient. In her nomination, Ms. Amy Mann shared that Aeva “consistently demonstrates strong character, a positive attitude, genuine kindness, and encouragement toward others,” making her an outstanding example of the CAKE values.

Ms. Mann highlighted Aeva’s strong character through her work ethic and sense of responsibility. She noted that Aeva works diligently on her classwork, takes pride in completing assignments on time, and plans ahead when she knows she will be absent. “She regularly checks her grades, asks thoughtful questions, and shows a sincere desire to do well academically,” Ms. Mann wrote, adding that Aeva’s commitment to learning sets a positive example for her peers.

In addition to her academic dedication, Ms. Mann shared that Aeva maintains a positive attitude—even on difficult days. “She comes to class with a smile on her face and consistently does her best,” she noted. Aeva communicates respectfully with both teachers and classmates, helping create a calm and welcoming classroom environment. Ms. Mann also shared that Aeva takes time each morning to check in and ask how things are going, reflecting her thoughtfulness, maturity, and respect for others.

Ms. Mann also emphasized Aeva’s kindness and inclusivity. During group work, Aeva is attentive to those around her and ensures no one feels left out. Ms. Mann described a moment when Aeva noticed a classmate without a group and, without being prompted, “walked over and kindly invited them to join her group so they would not have to work alone.” This simple but powerful act demonstrated genuine empathy and leadership.

Ms. Mann shared that Aeva consistently offers encouragement to others—supporting classmates who feel nervous speaking aloud and motivating peers who become discouraged. Her kind words and reassurance help build confidence and perseverance. Ms. Mann wrote that Aeva “truly embodies the values of the C.A.K.E. Award,” and her actions make a meaningful impact on the classroom community.



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