



# AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

March 17, 2026

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**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 essential to learner success. The School District 25 Education Foundation, in partnership with the Johnson Family McDonald's, sponsors the C.A.K.E. Award to recognize one elementary and one secondary learner each month from October through May. C.A.K.E. stands for Character, Attitude, Kindness, and Encouragement. Nominations are submitted by teachers who observe these qualities in their learners and are approved by each school's principal.

Recipients are recognized at the Board of Trustees meeting, receive a gift card for both the learner and their nominating teacher, and a \$50 book donation in the learner's name for their school library, courtesy of the Johnson Family McDonald's.

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

**Anela Jake**  
**5th Grade, Indian Hills Elementary School**

Nominated by:  
Kerry McNulty & Ann O'Donnell

This month, we recognize Anela Jake, a 5th-grade learner at Indian Hills Elementary, as our Elementary C.A.K.E. Award recipient.

In their nomination, Mrs. Kerry McNulty and Mrs. Ann O'Donnell described Anela as a learner who consistently leads with empathy, perseverance, and kindness. They shared that Anela demonstrates patience and respect toward all of her classmates and often chooses to support peers who may need extra encouragement or understanding.

Her teachers noted that Anela approaches challenges with determination and a positive mindset, always putting forth her best effort. Even when learning becomes difficult, she remains focused and committed to improving.

They also highlighted that Anela is a natural encourager in the classroom. Whether helping a classmate work through a challenging task or offering kind words when someone feels discouraged, Anela helps create a supportive learning environment for everyone around her.

Her teachers wrote that Anela is not only a dedicated learner, but also a compassionate friend whose actions reflect the true spirit of the C.A.K.E. Award.

Please join us in congratulating Anela on this award and for setting a positive example in her school.





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.

C.A.K.E. Award recipients receive recognition at the monthly Board of Trustees regular meeting; a gift card for the recipient and their teacher, and a \$50 donation to purchase books in the recipient's name, both courtesy of the Johnson Family McDonald's.

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

#### Lilly Russell 11th Grade, Highland High School

Nominated by:  
Pauline Smith

As the Yearbook Design Editor, Lilly Russell is described by her advisor and nominator, Ms. Pauline Smith, as an exemplary leader any team would be lucky to include.

According to Ms. Smith, Lilly works incredibly hard and consistently goes above and beyond what is expected of her. She is quick to help anyone who needs support—whether that means answering questions, solving problems, or stepping in when a teammate feels overwhelmed. Ms. Smith noted that Lilly holds people to high standards, but she does so with kindness and respect, creating an environment where others feel encouraged to do their best.

One moment that stood out occurred when the yearbook staff was facing major software issues that caused frustration and stress across the team. During that challenging time, Lilly remained calm and positive. Instead of complaining or becoming discouraged, she focused on solutions, finding workarounds and helping keep her teammates grounded when emotions were running high.

Ms. Smith shared that Lilly's steady leadership and positive attitude helped the team navigate a difficult situation and continue moving forward together. Her willingness to support others and lead by example makes a lasting impact on the yearbook staff and the Highland High School community.

Please join us in congratulating Lilly Russell, our March Secondary C.A.K.E. Award and Learner-of-the-Month recipient.





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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.

### **Tawna Eborn** **3rd Grade Teacher, Ellis Elementary School**

Nominated by:  
Mandi Burrell

This month, we recognize Tawna Eborn, a 3rd-grade teacher at Ellis Elementary School, as our PIES Award recipient for going above and beyond to support learners and colleagues.

In her nomination, Mandi Burrell shared that when she thinks of someone who has positively influenced educational success, Mrs. Eborn is the first person who comes to mind. Mrs. Eborn served as Ms. Burrell's mentor teacher when she first began her career. During one early classroom visit, Mrs. Eborn taught a lesson to Ms. Burrell's first graders that left a lasting impression—not only on the learners in the room, but also on Ms. Burrell as a new educator. The example she set that day helped shape the kind of classroom environment Ms. Burrell strives to create for her own learners.

Now, twenty years later, Ms. Burrell shared that she continues to learn from Mrs. Eborn and deeply respects the example she has set throughout her career. She described Mrs. Eborn as someone who is positive, respectful, and understanding while maintaining high expectations for every learner.

Through strong relationships and thoughtful support, Mrs. Eborn helps her students grow and succeed.

As Mrs. Eborn prepares to conclude her career this year, her colleagues reflect on the lasting influence she has had throughout the Ellis Elementary community. Her mentorship has shaped fellow educators, and her care for students has left a meaningful mark on countless young people. Ellis Elementary will not be the same without her presence, and many who have worked beside her are grateful to have learned from her and to call her a friend.

Through her dedication, mentorship, and lasting influence on both learners and educators, Tawna Eborn truly exemplifies what it means to Positively Influence Educational Success.

Please join us in congratulating Tawna Eborn, our March PIES Award recipient.



The following learners from Pocatello/Chubbuck School District 25 recently earned outstanding results in Career Technical Education assessments and competitions.

### Fall Qualifier – Top 10 in the State of Idaho

The following instructors are recognized for their role in preparing learners who achieved Fall Qualifier status and placed in the Top 10 in the State of Idaho:

- Lori Lombard – Century High School
- Nick Sorrell – Highland High School
- Jordan Smith – Pocatello High School

### Microsoft Office Specialist Competition Results - Office 2019 Version

#### Microsoft Word

- 2nd Place – Seth Rasmussen, Highland High School
- 10th Place – Clara Brown, Pocatello High School

#### Microsoft Excel

- 4th Place – Paetyn Petersen, Pocatello High School
- 5th Place – Ellayna Harrison, Pocatello High School
- 7th Place – Emmitt Richins, Pocatello High School
- 9th Place – Bryce Holverson, Pocatello High School
- 10th Place – Hunter Bassett, Pocatello High School

#### Microsoft PowerPoint

- 1st Place – Austin McDonald, Highland High School
- 8th Place – Samuel Follett, Century High School
- 10th Place – Seth Rasmussen, Highland High School

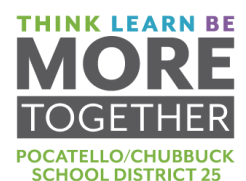
### Fire I Skills Assessment – 100% Passage Rate | Instructor: Mark Brood

The following learners took and successfully passed the Fire I Skills Assessment, resulting in a 100 percent passage rate for the group:

- Case Brown
- Gabriel Capson
- Fabian Cedeno-Hernandez
- Andrew Cox
- Amelia Curr
- Carlos Gutierrez
- Jenna Jemmett
- Parker Jensen
- Jake Larsen
- Josiah Reynolds

Additional learners recognized:

- Mason Rowberry
- Marek VanderSchaaf
- William Woodin





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