SPIRIT OF METHACTON AWARDS

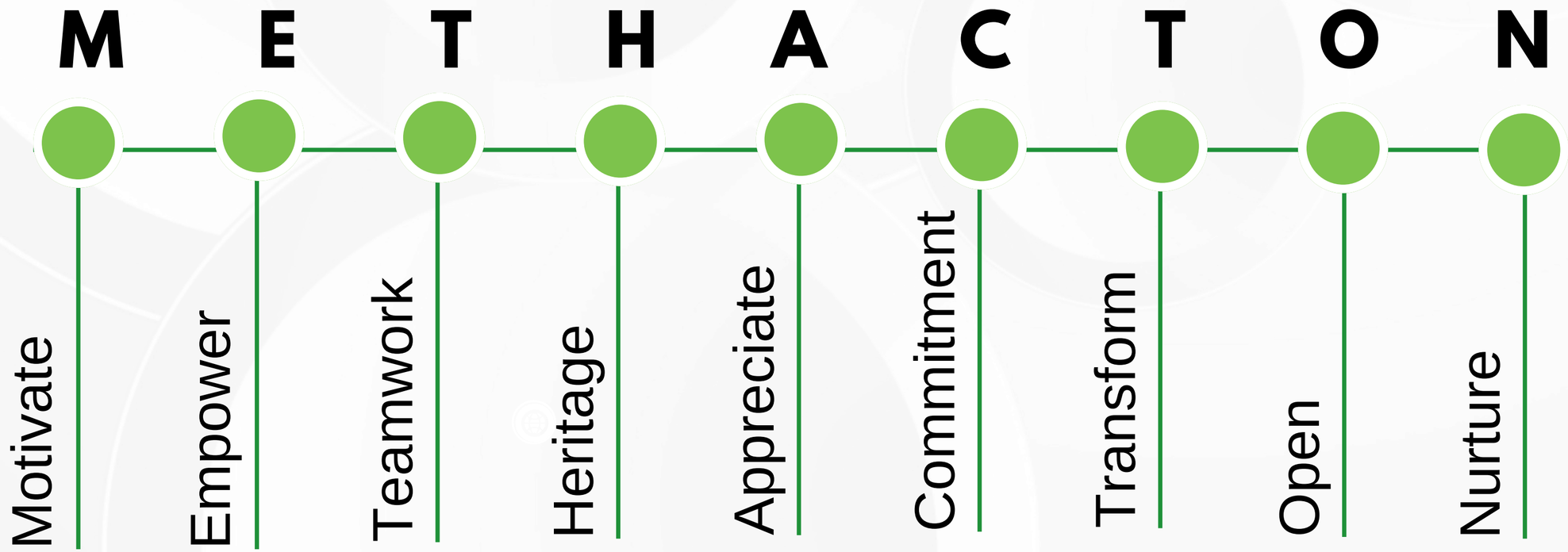
Woodland
Elementary School

OCTOBER 2026 - AWARDEES



Our Core Values

The Spirit of Methacton Award is an opportunity to recognize our students, staff, and volunteers. Spirit of Methacton Award recipients are individuals who **consistently model the qualities of the 9 core values** of the Methacton School District. These individuals enrich our school community with their knowledge, commitment and support.



Dawn Hess

3rd Grade Teacher



- Continuously goes above and beyond to elevate students, families, and colleagues.
- Uses creative, outside-the-box thinking to meet each child at their unique educational stage.
- Prioritizes the best interests of her students when facing complex challenges.
- Brings unwavering passion and an adaptive approach as an extraordinary asset to the 3rd-grade team.

Professional Staff

Jennifer Malloy

Physical Education Teacher



- Demonstrates forward-thinking leadership by anticipating details and decision impacts.
- Organizes seamless, building-wide events like Field Day by managing complex logistics.
- Focuses relentlessly on student safety during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal.
- Fosters school unity through proactive planning and organizational excellence.

Professional Staff

Jackie Halpin

Recess Aide



- Serves as a key pillar of playground care and supervision while prioritizing student safety.
- Helps students navigate friendship challenges and social dynamics, fostering personal growth.
- Steps in with warm encouragement and timely check-ins tailored to a child’s needs.
- Maintains clear, proactive communication with staff while embodying Methacton values.

Support Staff

Nerissa Spampanato

Instructional Assistant



- Intuitively tunes into individual needs by providing academic support, encouragement, or a listening ear.
- Acts as a proactive problem solver, resolving minor issues before they become larger obstacles.
- Empowers students to build confidence by offering tailored guidance where they struggle.
- Serves as a vital pillar of the instructional team through quiet vigilance and compassionate support.

Support Staff

Jillian Sharp

Volunteer



- Shows tireless dedication by helping organize and support Home and School events.
- Captures school memories with an eye for detail in the annual yearbook.
- Empowers the community and nurtures a warm, connected environment for students.
- Contributes generosity, expertise, and a vibrant spirit to the school.

Volunteer

John Dougherty

Volunteer

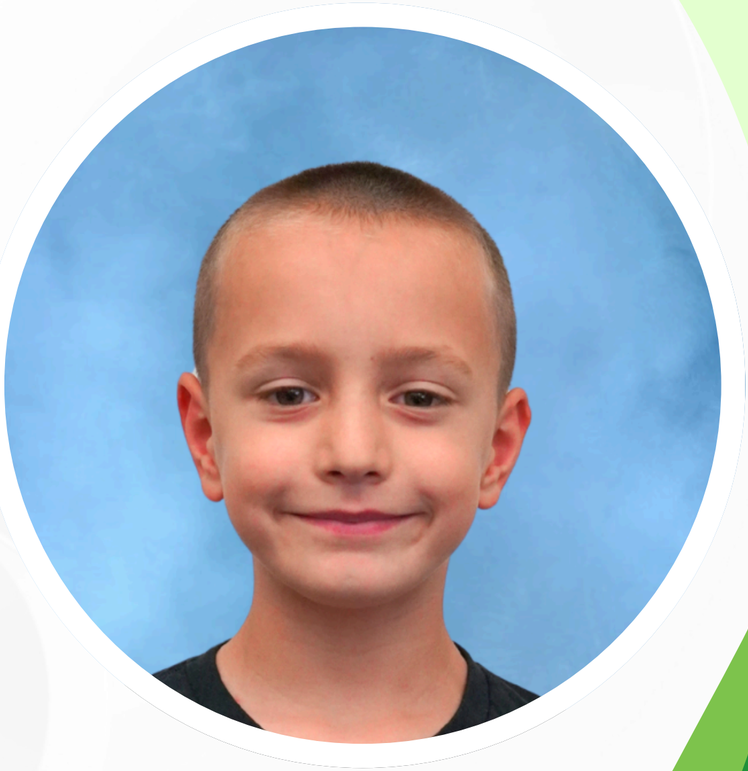


- Serves as resident DJ for Woodland family events, connecting people through music.
- Creates an inclusive atmosphere filled with singing, dancing, and joy by volunteering his time.
- Motivates everyone to celebrate through his infectious enthusiasm and positive energy.
- Transforms school gatherings into unforgettable community celebrations.

Volunteer

Hudson Ruibal

4th Grade



- Brings an exceptionally caring and kind-hearted spirit that adds warmth to the school community.
- Consistently goes out of his way to ensure every classmate feels included and welcomed.
- Demonstrates a remarkable work ethic and dedicated effort in everything he does.
- Offers a thoughtful presence that makes the school a brighter, more supportive environment.

Ava Gupta

4th Grade



- Exemplifies leading by example through gentle kindness in every classroom and hallway.
- Provides constant support to peers, offering a helping hand or reassuring word.
- Shows unwavering integrity by consistently doing the right thing, even when unobserved.
- Demonstrates a quiet strength and steadfast character that makes her deeply deserving of the award.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THANKING THEM FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT!


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