

Amesbury among teachers honored by Seminary

Dallas Middle School teacher Norine Amesbury was one of 10 middle-school teachers from throughout the country honored by Wyoming Seminary as the school presented its third annual Middle School Teacher Excellence Awards.

The award recognizes teachers who:

- provide excellent preparation for college preparatory high-school success;
- show a strong command of both subject matter and teaching techniques;
- project enthusiasm and inspire students to value and to love learning;
- treat students with fairness and respect and demonstrate a personal concern and care for them.

The award winners were chosen through a poll of students

new to Wyoming Seminary, in their freshman through junior years, asking them to nominate an outstanding teacher who influenced them favorably through their middle-school years.

Amesbury was nominated by her former student Christine Dempsey of Trucksville, a sophomore at Wyoming Seminary. "What I learned in her class really prepared me for my future study," she wrote in her nomination. "She was always on our cases, but in a good way."

"The middle-school years are particularly crucial to students' future success," noted Sem president H. Jeremy Packard. "We want to recognize excellent middle-school teachers and honor them for their work."

The teachers were honored at a dinner and reception at Wyoming Seminary's Kingston campus.



DMS honors outstanding students

Recently an assembly was held at the Dallas Middle School to honor the outstanding academic students for the first marking period. Anthony Martinelli, Dallas Middle School principal, announced that 29 students achieved Honors With Distinction. To be eligible students must have a 3.8 to 4.0 average with no F or D grades.

Pictured from left, with grade level in parenthesis, row 1: Coral Stredny (6); Sarah Vodzak (6); Michelle Luksh (6); Jared Weinstock (6); Samantha Decker (6); Frank Buzin (7); Andrew Schweitzer (7). Row 2: Rebecca Pincofski (8); Michael Swartwood (7); Joseph Bednash (7); Tim Kerestes (7); Shannon Thomas (7); Meredith Lacey (7); Sylena Marmo (7); Andrew Gialanella (7); Corey Phillips (8). Row 3: Gabrielle Huh (8); Dustin Bednarz (7); Matt Katyl (8); Jeff Pace (7); Rachel Kukosky (8); Laura Vanderhook (8); Jonathan Morgan (8); Jaime Bozentka (8); Jill Krakosky (8); Michael Yenason (8); Carolyn Thimot (8); and Adam Morgan (8). Absent from photo, Philip Miller (7).

Misericordia offers new teacher scholarship

College Misericordia is offering a new scholarship for teacher education students.

The scholarship, called "School Partnership Scholarships," will provide a total of \$10,000 in financial aid to full-time college students interested in teaching in elementary schools. Students who receive the Misericordia scholarship will receive \$2,500 per year for four years while they are enrolled in the College's teacher education program.

For more information about the School Partnership Scholarship, call the Misericordia Admissions Office at 1-800-852-7675.

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Dallas launches water safety program

Dallas School District successfully launched a Water Safety Program for third grade students, which began in September, 1998. Students received instruction in water safety and swimming skills at College Misericordia Pool as part of their Health and Physical Education class. Christina Neyman, Health Education teacher and a Red Cross Certified Water Safety Instructor coordinated the program. Qualified College Misericordia students assisted with instruction and safety. For the 1998-1999 school year, each student in the third grade will have the opportunity to learn water safety and to practice swimming skills for one quarter of the school year.

Christina Neyman said, "The class is split into three levels of swimmers. Level I swimmers learn to swim and be comfortable in the water. Level II swimmers learn and practice different strokes. Level III swimmers



polish their strokes and work at the highest level of the program. All students learn safe behavior and what to do if there were a water emergency." Providing Dallas students with a water safety program was the dream of Dr. Gilbert Griffiths, Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Michael Speziale and Christina Neyman developed the curriculum. Parents will be invited to observe their child's progress during the last class each quarter.

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Beanie raffle aids DES PTO

Recently the Dallas Elementary School held a raffle of Beanie Babies. The Beanie Babies were donated by Janet Lozo, owner of Humphrey's Apparel, Shavertown. The DES-PTO raised several hundred dollars thanks to Mrs. Lozo. Pictured above are the winners, first row, Eric Cannon, Maria Maas, Jared Brown. Second row, Dan Savage, Katie Confer, Lindsey Davenport, Kim Litz, Taylor Dunn. Not pictured was Diana Glicini.



Beanie raffle helps Lehman-Jackson

Humphrey's (Back Mountain Shopping Center) offered a way to help the PTA at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School raise funds for a much needed large screen television for the school. Janet Lozo of Humphrey's donated nine Beanie Babies to the PTA and held a raffle at the store with all proceeds benefiting the PTA. Shown from left, front row: John Sweeney Ranya Grzyboski, Adam Blaszcak; back row, Marissa Harrison, Sharon Blaszcak, PTA president; Mr. Kunkle, Lehman-Jackson principal; Elizabeth Sullivan, Kevin Tomayko, Ryan Bloom. Winners missing from photo: Melissa Attanasio, Jane Maneval, 1st grade teacher.

Lake-Noxen activities

The Lake-Noxen Elementary School is sponsoring the following events in December:

Wednesday, Dec. 23, Visit from Santa: Santa will visit each classroom and each child will be given a small gift.

Volunteers are always needed. If you have not previously signed-up for, and would like to participate, please contact Linda Schuler at 639-2541.

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