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“She rocks!”

Madison MS Music Teacher is Named Golden Apple Fellow



Golden Apple Award winner Betsy Van Dyke (back row, left) is shown here with several of her Madison MS students: Addison Ozakyol (back row), Kayla Strickler and Kylie Disch (front row, left to right).

Betsy Van Dyke, band and chorus teacher at Madison Middle School, received the surprise of her life at a recent concert when her principal announced to the audience that she had been named a Golden Apple Fellow!

The Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico is a nonprofit organization that recognizes outstanding teachers from across the state. Award recipients must meet rigorous standards and agree to teach in New Mexico for at least two more years. Over the past decade, the Golden Apple Award program has grown considerably and now ranks among the most prestigious education awards in the state. Van Dyke joins high school orchestra teacher Art Sheinberg as only the second APS Fine Arts teacher to receive this distinction.

Van Dyke is more than deserving of the recognition and acknowledgement of her skills that come with the Golden Apple Award. She is a 23-year veteran of APS, having spent the last ten years at Madison. While at Madison, Betsy’s bands and choruses have consistently garnered

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Annual Art Exhibits Showcase Student Work

Each and every spring, the Fine Arts and Indian Arts galleries at Expo New Mexico are teeming with activity due to the efforts of art students and art teachers across the district. These generally quiet buildings come alive as their walls are covered with art from the Metro Youth Art Exhibit for APS secondary students, and “Art is Elementary,” the district art exhibit for elementary students.

Metro is a professionally juried show of student work in 15 different categories such as drawing, painting, sculpture, and ceramics. A scholarship from the UNM College of Fine Arts was awarded and five pieces of art were purchased by the City of Albuquerque to become part of the City’s permanent public art collection. In addition to the ribbons given for place awards and honorable mentions in each category, Merit Awards of either cash or gift certificates are also given.

The awards ceremony on March 6th was packed with hundreds of students, teachers, parents and friends who came

to admire the work and to congratulate all of the artists.

In addition to the wide variety of excellent art throughout the gallery, visitors were also treated to music from eight different high school orchestra ensembles on the weekends during the exhibit.



Over 1,000 pieces of student work in 15 categories were on display at this year’s Metro Youth Art Exhibit.

Housed in the Indian Arts Gallery, the “Art is Elementary” exhibit is the highlight of the school year for elementary art students. Animals of every size and shape, insects, self-portraits, abstracts and landscapes shone with bright colors and vibrated with lines and patterns along the walls.

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Strategic Direction:



Excellence in Academic Achievement in a Standards-Based Approach



Quality, Safe Learning and Working Environments



Effective and Efficient Systems