

27 Middle School Students Honored by Board of Education

Each year, District 62 middle school teachers and their principals select middle school students (6th, 7th and 8th graders) who deserve to be honored as "Middle School Students You Should Know." The 27 students who were recognized Monday, May 14, 2007 demonstrate outstanding scholarship, inspire others by overcoming difficulties and challenges, volunteer in their school and community, mentor classmates, and are involved in a variety of school activities. They are not content to let the world pass by - they are an active part of it. Each student received an Achievement Certificate from Martin Wolf, retiring Algonquin Middle School principal, and a Medal of Achievement from Superintendent Jane Westerhold.

Academic Excellence

The Academic Excellence Award recognizes students who consistently achieve a high grade point average and who challenge themselves above and beyond the requirements of an assignment in their desire to learn.

Svilena Bochukova
Algonquin Middle School

Justyna Kaczmarzyk
Chippewa Middle School

Monique Nemes
Iroquois Community School

Enthusiastic Learner

The Enthusiastic Learner Award is given to students who improve and/or strive to achieve under difficult conditions. The following students were recognized for giving their best efforts over the course of the school year.

Jeannalynn Giron
Chippewa Middle School

Jocelyn Hernandez
Iroquois Community School

Erik Morrissey
Algonquin Middle School

Exceptional Service to School and Community

The Exceptional Service to School and Community Award recognizes students for their efforts in improving school and community life by demonstrating pride.

Rebecca Floral
Chippewa Middle School

Kyle Kolling
Algonquin Middle School

Jill Murray
Iroquois Community School

Leadership Qualities

The Leadership Qualities recognition is awarded to students who demonstrate academic accomplishment, leadership qualities, active participation in student affairs and who strive for excellence in a wide range of activities.

Antonia Dumitriu-Morentz
Algonquin Middle School

Gina Larucci
Iroquois Community School

Chirag Thakkar
Chippewa Middle School

Outstanding Character

The Outstanding Character Award is given to students who demonstrate the determination, fortitude, and strength of character to make the right, but not always the most popular choice.

Oralia Huerta
Algonquin Middle School

Brittany Gorski
Iroquois Community School

Dhruv Patel
Chippewa Middle School

Peer Mentor

The Peer Mentor Award recognizes students who display a willingness to cooperate and share their knowledge. They often serve as a critical link for others in need, and foster positive peer relations and communications in their school.

Michael Mimp
Algonquin Middle School

Amy Ksandr
Iroquois Community School

Trevor Krutsch
Chippewa Middle School

Positive Attitude, Behavior and Effort

Recipients of this award demonstrate respect for others, and are trustworthy and cooperative. They are responsible and possess positive leadership qualities.

Rebecca Eisenberg
Iroquois Community School

Emily Pruc
Chippewa Middle School

Ariel Valles
Algonquin Middle School

Positive Role Model

The Positive Role Model Award is designed to recognize students who consistently exhibit the types of behaviors that are stressed in the district.

Daniel Roldan Montes
Algonquin Middle School

Dennis O'Neill
Iroquois Community School

Jennifer Rey
Chippewa Middle School

Positive School Spirit and Good Sportsmanship

The Positive School Spirit and Good Sportsmanship Award recognizes students for demonstrating fair play, athletic ability, personal development, and integrity whether during practice or competition and in the classroom.

Alyssa Phillips
Iroquois Community School

Joanna Toff
Algonquin Middle School

Joanna Gwizdz
Chippewa Middle School

Des Plaines School District 62 educates over 4,800 K- 8 students in eleven schools. Over 750 certified and support staff contribute to and assist in the academic performance of Des Plaines' children.