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Portland Council PTA Announces Principal and Teacher of the Year Award Recipients

Portland, OR., (May 17, 2017) – Early this week, Portland Council PTA announced their 2017 Principal and Teacher of the Year award recipients. These annual awards are given to a Teacher and a Principal in the Portland area who promote community involvement and participation, support and aid in student success and welcome family engagement in their school buildings. Nominations for these awards come from community members, fellow staff, parents and students from each nominee’s school.

The 2017 Portland Council PTA Principal of the Year is Deanne Froehlich of both Hayhurst Elementary and Odyssey K-8 Schools. Ms. Froehlich has risen to the challenge of serving as Principal for two schools on two separate sites and is a fierce advocate for her students, staff and families. Ms. Froehlich’s networking and outreach within the community has been beneficial to her schools and she has built community despite the challenges she faces with multiple sites.

The 2017 Portland Council PTA Teacher of the Year is Greta Bergren, of Creston K-8 School. Ms. Bergren is a Literacy Specialist at Creston, serving a diverse community of approximately 360 students. In an effort to create life-long readers, she created a summer book program, mailing books to students over the summer months, hosting a multicultural book club for parents and students and was instrumental in bringing dyslexia specific reading intervention to the school.

Awards for these dedicated individuals will be given at the annual Portland Council PTA/Portland Public Schools Volunteer Celebration on May 25, 2017.

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Portland Council PTA is dedicated to promoting children’s health, well-being and educational success through strong parent, family and community involvement. Portland Council PTA serves 75 local PTA units in the Portland area, providing resources, training and support to PTA leaders to engage and empower families in their communities.