



Celebration of Learning Ceremony

Descriptions for Student, Volunteer and Staff Awards

The Student Awards can be decided in many different ways, depending on the school and the principal preference.

- Principals, please select:
 - 2 (two) students (boy & girl) per 4th grade class ELEMENTARY
 - 1 (one) student per “team” MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 8 - 10 students HIGH SCHOOL
- What these students all hold in common, is that they BEST EXEMPLIFY to their peer students being a living example of the school’s CORE VALUES (Pillars of Character), day in and day out throughout their academic career.
- Teacher and peer input would be helpful, in selecting the best candidates at each school.
- For ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL students **awards should be given as a group**. No personalized mention of accomplishments should be announced. This is due to timing and making sure we keep the program on schedule. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Volunteer Awards can be decided in many different ways, depending on the school and the principal preference.

- Principals please select:
 - 1-2 volunteers ELEMENTARY
 - 1-2 volunteers MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 1-2 volunteers HIGH SCHOOL
- Some schools will use this award, as an opportunity to recognize an innovative parent volunteer in the school, who may have significantly contributed to the overall educational excellence at the school by introducing programs that further enhance many students learning opportunities. They have usually been a member of the school community for one year or longer and have shown proven results in enhancing the children’s education through volunteer based programs that they run or are part of on an ongoing basis.
- Some schools will use this award, as an opportunity to say thank you to a long standing member of the school community - a parent volunteer, PTO officer or director, someone who again has significantly contributed to and enhanced educational excellence as well as the school core values in the students year in and year out, during their tenure as part of the school community. This would be for results shown over several school years, or since joining the school community.
- There are no limitations on the number of ways this award has and can be used to recognize excellence within your school as a principal, so feel free to leverage it to your best advantage and promote excellence as you wish to see it developed in your school community.
- If there are no candidates that you wish to recognize in any given year that is fine also. The principal has great latitude to recognize individuals in any given year as to what has best enhanced educational excellence in their school community.

The Staff Awards can be decided in many different ways, depending on the school and the principal preference.

- Principals please select:
 - 1-2 staff members ELEMENTARY
 - 3-5 staff members MIDDLE SCHOOL
 - 3-5 staff members HIGH SCHOOL
- Some schools will use this award, as an opportunity to recognize an innovative staff member in the school, who may have significantly contributed to the overall educational excellence at the school by introducing programs that further enhance many students learning opportunities.
- The staff member may have taken on an additional project, over and above their assigned responsibilities, or covered for or mentored a peer, in a way that resulted in furthering educational excellence for the children in the school.
- The staff member could have dealt with a difficult school situation that resulted because of their involvement in positive morale building for staff and students and the community as a whole.
- Some schools will use this award, as an opportunity to say thank you to a long standing member of the staff who may be retiring or joining another school community. This staff member would have had a long record of providing educational excellence as well as having supported the school core values in the student's year in and year out, during their tenure as part of the school community.
- There are no limitations on the number of ways this award has and can be used to recognize excellence among your staff, within your school as a principal, so feel free to leverage it to your best advantage and promote excellence as you wish to see it developed in your school community. The principal has great latitude to recognize individuals in any given year as to what has best enhanced educational excellence in their school community.

Please note: *We ask that you use the enclosed Excel spreadsheet listing individuals who have received C.O.L. recognition within that last FIVE years. It is our policy, to ensure that we gather a diverse group of dedicated individuals from our community to recognize each year so please refrain from honoring these individuals for this upcoming celebration. Thank you!*