

West Park Volunteers

Dear Members of the Moscow School District Board of Education,

I am very pleased to share a letter with you and announce that West Park Elementary School has been selected as one of three finalists (secondary and elementary schools combined!) as an Exemplary School Finalist award. This recognition was made available by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools and sought for the ongoing outstanding program of volunteerism and service learning at West Park.

To provide some statistics on the grand scale of volunteerism to our students during the 2008-09 school year, I offer the following statistics. In the fall of this year 442 volunteers and service learning students totaled 2266 hours of service!

Some of the special programs that volunteers have helped us with are: Reading Buddies, Recess Buddies, Breakfast, Lunch, Math, Special Needs Students, Extended Reading, Parenting With Love and Logic classes, Dinner and a Book, First Grade Reading Party, Book Drives, various evening programs (too many to count), and many others

West Park students and staff are also involved in renewal through giving. Daily efforts as well as special projects enable the West Park community to experience the benefits of volunteering. A few examples of these efforts are: volunteering to clean up litter, helping each other in big brother/sister programs, giving books to children in need as well as a hat and gloves drive, and raising money for a myriad of causes throughout the year. These efforts assist our school members in feeling renewed by giving throughout the year.

The dedicated volunteers at West Park Elementary were recognized during the 07-08 school year for their outstanding volunteer work in the State of Idaho and were awarded the Governor's "Brightest Star Award". This award represents all the volunteer efforts that West Park Elementary and the community have provided while helping students to be successful.

I am very proud of my staff, the University of Idaho and community or Moscow for joining in our effort of teaching our students. I look forward to our site visit and hopefully having all these volunteer efforts recognized in this new and prestigious honor.

Sincerely,

William Marineau, Principal
West Park Elementary School