

Dear Woodland Families,

As we enter 2019, we once again plan for the Village of Gurnee Teacher of the Year award that was introduced in 2014. This award recognizes the excellent teachers who support the students in our Gurnee community. Previous recipients were Roshaunda Henson from Elementary East, Rian Bogdala from Primary, Tamara Graham from Elementary East, Darlene Lipczynski from Middle, and Traci Strieter from Elementary West.

The Gurnee Teacher of the Year award is given to a teacher from Woodland District 50, Gurnee District 56 and Warren Township High School. The teacher will receive a plaque, be given a check for \$1,000 and will be formally recognized at a Village Board meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

We invite you to nominate a teacher in your school. We encourage you to complete the nomination online via our website <https://www.dist50.net/gt>.

Nominations must include no more than 500 words for each of the criterion listed below:

1. Is highly proactive in serving students and inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn.
2. Regularly contributes to and leads events that positively affect school life.
3. Demonstrates a commitment to creating a climate of caring and respect, ownership, acceptance and responsibility, inside and outside the classroom.
4. Takes a leadership role with colleagues and utilizes original and innovative instructional methods.

Nominations begin on Friday, January 11, 2019. We ask that you please submit your nomination form by Friday, February 1, 2019 via the website. The 2019 Gurnee Teacher of the Year will be announced by April 5, 2019.

While this award recognizes our certified staff, we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the fact that this district is made up of exceptional non-certified staff as well. Your contributions are appreciated and recognized.

Thank you in advance.

Dr. Vicki Kieffer and Katie Culver
Chairs, Woodland D50 Gurnee Teacher of the Year Committee

