



We Build Futures Award

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Ashley Patrick

Music Teacher, Joseph Ferderbar Elementary School

In your nomination, the following were highlighted:

- Whether it is teaching your general music classes, preparing your Select Chorus for a musical performance at Attleboro, or rehearsing for the school musical Pirates, you lead the charge in support of a high quality Neshaminy music program;
- Your classes are engaging, tapping into the musical talents of your students;
- Not only do you teach at the elementary school, mid-day you can be found heading to Poquessing to teach a class of fifth grade students;
- For the past three years, you have produced an elementary school musical for the fourth grade students -- early mornings from January until June you can be found holding rehearsals;
- As director and producer for the elementary musical, you teach the songs, choreograph the dances, and design the costumes and props;
- You prepare your Select Chorus for quarterly visits to Attleboro, where you have your students perform songs for the elderly residents. Beyond the music, your students interact with the residents in either the social hall or residents' rooms if they are unable to attend the concert. The students bring letters, cards, crafts and food items to share with their elderly pals;
- You not only teach your students music, but also teach about compassion and empathy;
- You can often be found during your lunch meeting with the choral students so that they do not miss time from their academic day;
- During July, you work as the Summer Stock Theater Workshop Director, leading students in song and dance for the summer musical production;

* You supported our band students and helped them prepare for their musical performance this spring; and

* In everything that you do, you put the students first.

In so many ways, you have helped advance our beliefs that all people have worth and that excellence in education requires support, sacrifice, and involvement from the total community .

You are an asset to the Ferderbar Elementary School and the district as a whole.