



We Build Futures Award

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In your nomination, the following were highlighted:

- You find opportunities to encourage the students and staff to focus on a positive thought and overcome their current issues;
- You are visible everywhere in the building throughout the school day;
- You handle parental, staff and student concerns and work to bring about a positive resolution;
- You are the point person at the bus dock welcoming students and tracking the arrival of buses, making every effort to ensure that a pleasant good morning or a well wish is given to every child crossing your path and, at dismissal, you again are outside helping students with their jackets or book bags, working to ensure the safety and well-being of all Tawanka students;
- On Club Day, you were there early for parent arrivals helping students from their cars;
- You monitor students in class, hold lunch bunch groups, walk around the building with a walkie talkie answering to all in need;
- You give 110% to the staff and students of Tawanka and you do what needs to be done with a smile every day and for every task;
- You put others above yourself and, through your personal interactions, you empower children with the opportunity to learn so they may be productive within and outside the classroom; and
- You are truly a superstar making children and your colleagues days great at Tawanka.

In so many ways, you have helped advance our beliefs that success builds self-esteem; that excellence in education requires support, sacrifice, and involvement from the total community; and that people have a right to a safe and healthy learning environment.