



Harford County Public Schools

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Ronald Wooden is Harford's 2008-09 Teacher of the Year

Ronald C. Wooden, fifth grade teacher at George D. Lisby Elementary School at Hillsdale, was named 2008-09 Harford County Public School Teacher of the Year at the Harford County Teacher of the Year Banquet on Thursday, April 24th at the Bayou Restaurant in Havre de Grace.

Board of Education of Harford County President Tom Fidler along with Superintendent Jacqueline Haas, made the announcement on Thursday evening at the banquet/program that included Senator Nancy Jacobs, Senator Barry Glassman, County Executive David Craig, members of the Maryland delegation, the county council as well as school administrators, educators, students, family and friends.

Mr. Wooden has been teaching in Harford County for nine years and is grade level chair, School Improvement team member, Professional Learning Community (PLC) activist, and Middle School Ad Hoc Committee member. Active in his church, Mr. Wooden works with a youth group where he mentors at-risk boys and teaches an adult Sunday School group. He also earned a master's degree last December with a 4.0 GPA and has twice been named Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year.

Coordinator of the school's "21st Century" after school program since its inception seven years ago, he recently spoke at a national Title 1 conference on the Lisby/Hillsdale successful experience and serves on several countywide committees that are impacting the way instruction is delivered.

Recently, Mr. Wooden helped found and meets with regularly a group of fourth and fifth grade at-risk boys called "Acorns to Oaks," providing them with guidance for productive futures. He is also on the school's Playground Committee, raising funds to build a new play area for students.

As the Harford County Teacher of the Year, Mr. Wooden will receive free use of a new Toyota Camry for a year courtesy of Jones Junction, a Dell laptop computer and printer, a watch from Talles Jewelers, an engraved clock in addition to many dinner certificates and \$1,200 from HARCO Credit Union provided to all 10 finalists.

Visit www.hcps.org for more information on 2008-09 HCPS Teacher of the Year Mr. Ronald Wooden as well as the other 10 Harford County Teacher of the Year finalists.

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