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FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES 2019 STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR



The Farmington Board of Education and Kathleen C. Greider, Superintendent of Schools, are proud to announce the 2019 Staff Member of the Year for the Farmington Public Schools. Mr. Jean Letourneau, Head Custodian at West Woods Upper Elementary School, has been selected as the 2019 Farmington Staff Member of the Year. Mr. Letourneau has served as a dedicated staff member in the Farmington Public Schools for nineteen years.

Jean Letourneau has had a memorable impact on West Woods Upper Elementary School, a state of the art facility, since its inauguration in 2002. When it comes to making our upper elementary school a welcoming and safe community for ALL, Jean approaches it in a caring, resourceful, and committed way. Colleagues will confirm that Jean approaches each and every day with a can-do attitude. He embraces a new idea or challenge with energy and enthusiasm. Jean will always figure out a way to make it work, fix it, clean it up, or create it!

Beyond his formal duties, Jean's influences tweens through mentoring students, helping to facilitate after school woodworking clubs, assisting with mini-lessons in French class, and instructing students on safety guidelines in the Makerspace. Jean takes pride in his work,

maintaining a gorgeous school facility inside and out, as well as, pride in his relationships, going the extra mile to ensure that teachers and students can engage in active teaching and learning!

Business Administrator Vince LaFontan states, “Mr. Letourneau contributes an extraordinary effort and level of commitment to West Woods Upper Elementary School’s physical condition and appearance. He possesses an outstanding “can-do” and “will-do” attitude and an unmatched attention to detail. The district is fortunate to have such a remarkable employee overseeing one of its schools”.

Superintendent Greider states, “Jean is an outstanding contributor and highly dedicated member of our school district community. His deep commitment to West Woods Upper Elementary School and the Farmington school district is evident in all aspects of his daily interactions with students, staff, faculty and parents. I can’t think of a better choice for our first staff member of the year recipient.”

Board Chair Chris Fagan commented, “Jean is a true expert when it comes to his work, but even more importantly he approaches his work with care, kindness and pride.”

Tim Harris, Facilities Director, commented, “Jean is one of the most energetic and hardworking people I know. He is totally dedicated to maintaining a safe, clean and comfortable environment for the students and staff that work and study in “his “building. An unflappable problem solver, Jean is a tremendous asset to our school district and the citizens of Farmington.”

Ms. Alicia Bowman, Principal, West Woods Upper Elementary School, Alicia Bowman shares, “Jean is so very deserving of this recognition, as Farmington’s first staff member of the year. Since the moment I met Jean, he has been the utmost professional--consistently kind, hardworking, and passionate about his work! The West Woods School Community is fortunate to have Jean as a leader, problem-solver, and colleague. We are looking forward to celebrating this terrific honor with Jean.”

In his free time Mr. Letourneau enjoys the outdoors spending time camping, fishing and snowmobiling. He recently acquired a family Chalet in Quebec and he looks forward to working on it and utilizing his keen woodworking skills.

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