

Board of Education Highlights

September 25, 2006

Good News:

Blue Ribbon School--Pleasant Hill Elementary School was named a Blue Ribbon School this week by the U.S. Department of Education. The award, given to 15 Illinois schools and 250 nationwide, recognizes the school's high scores on state tests and their incremental improvement over the past three years. In addition, the school was selected to be a presenter at the awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. in November. Principal Mark Kohlmann, Curriculum Leader Ann Piccione, and Dr. Margo Sorrick, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, will speak to the national audience on "The Impact of an On-Site Curriculum Specialist on Student Achievement."

Eighth Grade Author-- Edison Middle School eighth grader Laura Van Oss is a published author who has been making the circuit of regional book stores to sign her recently released children's book, Indigo's Gift, which she wrote for her sister. She was inspired to write the book as a fourth grader at Lincoln Elementary School.

The Board took the following action:

Accepted a gift from Target Corporation to Lowell School for \$601.00.

Approved the appointment of a parent mentor to help parents of children with disabilities effectively navigate the educational system in partnership with the school district. The position is paid for by a grant from the state.