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## PRESS Release

### Local Teacher of the Year, Amy Asbell, Receives Accolades

Teton County School District teacher, Amy Asbell, received the district Teacher of the Year award for 2015, according to Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill. Asbell, a teacher for 25 years, serves as fifth grade teacher at Colter Elementary School.

“I feel blessed to be a part of this humble profession,” says Asbell. “My colleagues are ever supportive, my administration is behind my decisions, and working with children is the world’s premium profession. I am a teacher; I am fulfilled.”

Speaking about the teaching profession, Asbell comments, “My belief about teaching is: If you love them, they will learn. Getting to know each child as a person with both outside interests as well as in-school interests instead of knowing them by a test score or what their reading and math ability is--this benefits the learning process,” she says.

Accountability is a current buzz word in educational circles. Asbell addresses this topic: “If teachers are expected to be accountable, shouldn’t parents be held to some sort of accountability measure as well? The more parents know and understand what is going on in their child’s classroom, the more supportive they can be.”

Asbell, who will receive a crystal apple award from the Wyoming Department of Education, says, “The rewards I find in teaching are abundant. I thrive on a room full of happy children who are longing for more knowledge while reaching for high standards. I believe that we begin the year as a class; we end the year as a family.”