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## PRESS Release

### Local Teacher of the Year, Renee McKain, Receives Accolades

Platte County School District #1 teacher, Renee McKain, received the district Teacher of the Year award for 2015, according to Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill. McKain, a teacher for 17 years, serves as pre-kindergarten teacher at Libbey Elementary School.

“I am confident that my students know I care about each and every one of them. I take time each day to listen to the children in my classroom. I come to school each day ready to give my students my best,” she says.

Accountability is a current buzz word in educational circles. McKain addresses this topic: “In many places, student test scores are used as a basis for teacher accountability. I believe that this type of accountability can do more harm than good. Test scores should not be the deciding factor as to whether or not a teacher is doing an effective job. Teacher evaluations are a reliable source when used as a basis for teacher accountability. A building administrator should be able to walk into a classroom at any given time and see quality instruction taking place.”

McKain will receive a crystal apple award from the Wyoming Department of Education.