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## PRESS Release

### Local Teacher of the Year, Lori Feather, Receives Accolades

Washakie County School District #1 teacher, Lori Feather, received the district Teacher of the Year award for 2015, according to Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill. Feather, a teacher for 34 years, serves as first grade teacher at Southside School.

“Students in the early elementary years start off young and impressionable. A teacher needs to teach and work with these young students with a great sense of sensitivity and genuine interest,” says Feather.

Speaking about the teaching profession, Feather comments, “There have been many changes in public education since I first started my teaching career. Programs are adopted and then used for a short time before being dropped; paperwork for teachers has increased due to accountability and liability; the job of teaching and learning has taken a back seat due to the pressure of test scores. There is too much change--too fast and too often.”

“Teachers need to rise above these interferences and do the right thing,” she continues.

Feather, who will receive a crystal apple award from the Wyoming Department of Education, says, “Parents love to hear how their child is doing in school. I make it a habit to let the parent know when their child is doing well as opposed to only where there are problems. At the beginning of each new school year, I call each parent and talk to them about school.”