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Local Teacher of the Year, Patricia Mischke, Receives Accolades

Sheridan County School District #1 teacher, Patricia Mischke, received the district Teacher of the Year award for 2015, according to Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill. Mischke, a teacher for 32 years, serves as Family and Consumer Science teacher at Tongue River High School.

“One of my greatest contributions to education is my empathy for and understanding of students,” says Mischke. “I really like kids. I look forward to each year and each new group of students.”

Accountability is a current buzz word in educational circles. Mischke addresses this topic: “I am not convinced that teacher performance rating should be based on test scores. Teachers do need to be held accountable. I think if the evaluators are familiar with the setting and spend a great deal of time observing and participating in each classroom, they will know whether effective strategies are being used,” she comments.

Mischke, who will receive a crystal apple award from the Wyoming Department of Education, says, “I do the same things to strengthen and improve the teaching profession that I do to maintain the positive environment in my classroom. I model pride in my professional and a passion for my students. I truly believe that teaching is an honorable profession.”