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Local Teacher of the Year, Kathy Stephens, Receives Accolades

Campbell County School District teacher, Kathy Stephens, received district Teacher of the Year award for 2015, according to Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill. Stephens, a teacher for 29 years, serves as elementary teacher at Hillcrest School.

“I feel that my greatest contribution to education has been to inspire young minds to love to learn,” says Stephens. “I push my students to reach their highest potential. I do it in a way that the students don’t feel stressed and overwhelmed, but excited about getting better and better.”

Speaking about student testing, Stephens comments, “Some people feel the best way to make sure that teachers are doing their job is to look at norm-referenced test scores. What people don’t seem to take into account is all of the variables in that scenario.”

Accountability is a current buzz word in educational circles. Stephens addresses this topic: “I have worked with some extremely excellent and hard-working teachers. I have worked with some average teachers who enjoy their job and have a love for children. I have known a very tiny portion of teachers who just come to work for the paycheck and have no passion for children at all. How can passion for children be measured? It can’t.”

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