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## PRESS Release

### Local Teacher of the Year, Mary Jean Wodahl, Receives Accolades

Johnson County School District #1 teacher, Mary Jean Wodahl, received the district Teacher of the Year award for 2015, according to Superintendent of Public Instruction Cindy Hill. Wodahl, a teacher for 3 years, serves as first grade teacher at Meadowlark Elementary.

“I knew that becoming a teacher was a calling that I could not ignore,” says Wodahl. “One of my greatest contributions and accomplishments would be the positive relationships that I have built with children and families.”

Speaking about the teaching profession, Wodahl comments, “Children are of the utmost importance to our world. They are the future. It is my great pleasure and responsibility to offer them thoughtful, personal and beautiful spaces to grow and develop into caring individuals and stewards. Giving of my time to students and their families is a large part of the reason I enjoy teaching.”

Wodahl, who will receive a crystal apple award from the Wyoming Department of Education, says, “As an educator I have one of the most important careers in the world. Equipping our children with skills that will lead them into the 21<sup>st</sup> century is not a light undertaking.