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What Outstanding Work (W.O.W.)

Stephanie Collins Caywood Elementary Music Teacher

On behalf of the students, staff, and administration at Caywood Elementary I would like to nominate Mrs. Stephanie Collins, music teacher at Caywood Elementary for a WOW award. Mrs. Collins exemplifies a teacher who cares deeply for her students and develops positive, nurturing, long lasting relationships with them. Mrs. Collins shows a dedication to her profession that goes well beyond her classroom. While her music classes are engaging and filled with lessons that are directly related to the music and performing arts standards, it is her ability to bring out the best in her students that is so impressive! Mrs. Collins offers chorus to our 4th and 5th grade students and for the past six years she has had no less than 60 students involved in this program. Over those years, our students have performed regularly at numerous events throughout the community including board of education meetings, NKU basketball games, Independence Christmas Walk, numerous nursing homes, Joseph Beth Bookstores, Sweet Frog Yogurt Shop, Florence Mall, just to name a few. It is a common request from local community groups to ask them to provide music for events. Her students also have an annual winter and spring concert and are the focal point of our Veteran's Day program every year. She also spends lots of time looking for outside opportunities for students who are gifted in the arts, getting them involved in the Strings program, piano lessons, vocal lessons and any other opportunities that may become available. Just recently, she had three students qualify to be a part of the All State chorus and she spent countless hours preparing them for this event. There is seldom a week that goes by that we do not get a call, an email, or have a personal conversation with a parent or community member who let us know what an amazing person Mrs. Collins is and how much their children love her. We are so very blessed to have such a compassionate and caring educator at Caywood.