

MEETING DATE:

May 21, 2012

CALL TO PODIUM:

Barbara Kupperman, Educational Enrichment Committee Member

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Maureen Herndon, Community Services Division Chief

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

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PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

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Introduced	
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Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:
GREAT Award to Diamond Elementary School and Washington Grove Elementary School

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:
On behalf of the Mayor and Council and the City's Educational Enrichment Committee, we would like to present this month's GREAT award to Diamond and Washington Grove Elementary Schools.
GREAT stands for "Gaithersburg Recognizing Educational Achievement Today" and it promotes and celebrates higher achievement and successes in Gaithersburg area schools.
Diamond Elementary School is recognizing Student Government (SGA) and PTA-sponsored activities that promote the pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS! The SGA is involved in ongoing community service projects including paper and plastic recycling, Breast Cancer Awareness programs and Trick or Treat for UNICEF. Over \$500 was collected this year, earning Diamond Elementary the recognition level of UNICEF Delegate. The PTA at Diamond helped raise over \$7,000, enabling the school to purchase classroom technology equipment. The PTA's active outreach has also resulted in a 10% increase in PTA membership. Congratulations to Diamond Elementary staff, parents and students for your hard work and commitment to quality education and service to the wider community.

DESIRED OUTCOME:
Presentation to Diamond ES --- SGA President, Jake Perlman,; Vice President, Arielle Golder; Secretary, Rha Overstreet; and Treasurer, Nikita Waghode.
Presentation to Washington Grove ES ---- Parent Volunteers, Kevin Harwood and Valerie Rivers and Washington Grove ES Principal, Susan Barranger

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND CONT'D:

Washington Grove Elementary School is honoring Kevin Harwood and Valerie Rivers, an extremely dedicated couple that have volunteered and served the school for the past eight years. Collectively Kevin and Valerie have served as PTA president, treasurer, volunteer and membership coordinator, Spring Fair organizers, spirit wear champions and fundraising chairpersons. In addition, they have volunteered for “whatever needs to be done.” Washington Grove Elementary School and the City of Gaithersburg thank Kevin and Valerie for their dedication, sharing their time, talents and commitment for the well being of area children and the Gaithersburg community. They are truly a wonderful example of caring parental involvement in our schools!