

Weston Public Schools
TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2009-2010
Andrea Noble



At the annual Teacher Convocation, traditionally opening a new school year, Andrea Noble was introduced as Weston's Teacher of the Year 2009-2010 to an appreciative audience of teachers, support staff, Board of Education members and several Town officials. Andrea has served as a Reading Specialist at Hurlbutt Elementary School since 2001. This year Andrea has a split assignment as a Reading Specialist at Weston Intermediate School and K-2 Language Arts/Social Studies Curriculum Instructional Leader at Hurlbutt Elementary School. She also has eight years of prior teaching experience in Greenwich.

Andrea Noble holds a BS Degree in Elementary Education from Pace University, graduating Magna Cum Laude. She earned a MS Degree in Educational Foundations, Curriculum and Teaching from Fairfield University and most recently received an Advanced Graduate Degree as a Reading Specialist from the University of Bridgeport.

Andrea has made major contributions to the improvement of the Weston Public School's Reading Program as well as her continued professional growth and development. She co-authored the Grade 2 Language Arts Curriculum, attends numerous workshop, seminars and conferences on Reading and creating a balanced literacy curriculum. Andrea has made presentations on phonemic awareness, decoding and oral language acquisition within our school district. She also works with new teachers as a Mentor Teacher with the Beginning Educator Support and Training program sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Education.

A resident of Weston for the past 16 years, Andrea is actively involved in community activities, devoting much of her time to Norfield Congregational Church, serving on the Board of Christian Education and the Church Council.

In her comments at the August 31st Convocation, Andrea Noble stated, “I am truly honored to be selected at the 2009-2010 Weston Teacher of the Year. This award is not a personal recognition, it is a celebration of what we can and do accomplish when we work collaboratively together, with passion and hard work. I share this recognition with my colleagues in our reading program, our school and our district.”

Andrea concluded her remarks with a quote from Plato, “Do not train children to learning by force and harshness, but direct them to it by what amuses their minds, so that you may be better able to discover with accuracy the peculiar bent of the genius of each.”

Teacher of the Year Program

The Teacher of the Year Committee is made up of teachers and administrators representing all schools and the last three teachers of the year. Teachers and administrators in the district may nominate candidates that most closely align with the selection criteria. Teacher nominees are required to submit a lengthy application packet with several essay questions and personal data. Finalists undergo a rigorous interview with the district Administrative Council. The Superintendent of School makes the final selection based on the recommendation of the administrative leadership group. Weston has participated in this state sponsored program since 1984. Past Teachers of the Year include:

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| 1985-1986 | Chris Sidoli | 1997-1998 | Cindy Brown |
| 1986-1987 | Lonny Clark | 1998-1999 | Trish Epifanio |
| 1987-1988 | Eileen Bengston | 1999-2000 | Linda Froschauer |
| 1988-1989 | Doris Fiotakis | 2000-2001 | Sharon Dominici |
| 1989-1990 | Alan Chalk | 2001-2002 | Dewey Strohmeyer |
| 1990-1991 | Wendy Cudmore | 2002-2003 | Margaret Taylor |
| 1991-1992 | Nancy Mehos | 2003-2004 | Linda Lazar |
| 1992-1993 | Alan Strauss | 2004-2005 | Lorraine Westervelt |
| 1993-1994 | James Burch | 2005-2006 | Janis Larrabee |
| 1994-1995 | Wilma Donaldson | 2006-2007 | Susan Hand |
| 1995-1996 | Shelley Hall | 2007-2008 | Sydney Girardi |
| 1996-1997 | George Miller | 2008-2009 | Amanda Quaintance |