



**MAD RIVER LOCAL SCHOOLS
FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARD**

Presented by the Mad River Board of Education to honor a person(s), organization or business that has made, through outstanding service, a significant contribution to the betterment of the Mad River School District and its students.

Completed forms should be postmarked no later than November 30, 2008. They should be mailed to:

Jennifer Birtle
Director of Communications and Public Relations
Mad River Local School District
801 Old Harshman Road
Riverside, OH 45431-1286

Criteria

The Friend of Education Awards Program honors people or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to public education. Each year the Mad River Local Schools presents Friend of Education Awards to honor individual outstanding contributions. The awards recognize people whose service has been in one of these four categories: Distinguished Service, Co-Curricular Activities, The Arts/Technology/Vocational and Education. Members of the community are invited and encouraged to nominate people they feel are deserving of these awards.

Nominees are judged primarily on the significance of contribution to the well being of education in the Mad River Local Schools. Nominees can be individuals, groups and may be district employees or community members. The selection committee will consider if the nominee has:

1. Personally provided a special service or achieved above and beyond what is expected in the usual public school program.
2. Beneficially affected one or more of the following: program development, staff morale, community support, student interest, learning environment, or general support for public education.
3. Provided creative leadership in inspiring or motivating others to achieve or contribute to public education.
4. Demonstrated on-going support for Mad River Schools.

Who they are

1. **School Volunteer** – an individual or couple who provides volunteer services in public schools.
2. **Community Leader** – an individual who has made a significant contribution to public education while serving in a leadership capacity.
3. **Private or Public Institution** – a profit or nonprofit company, business or agency that has made a significant contribution to public education.
4. **Community/Civic Organization** – a club, organization, committee or task force that has made a significant contribution to public education.

Selection Criteria

Nominees will be judged primarily on the significance of their contribution to the well being of public education. Considerations of the selection committee will be:

1. Could the nominee be considered a positive change agent in public education in the community or the state?
2. Has the nominee positively affected any one or more of the following: program development, staff morale, community support, student interest, learning environment or general support for public education?
3. Has the nominee provided creative leadership in inspiring or motivating others to achieve or contribute to public education?
4. Has the nominee personally provided a special service or achieved above and beyond what is expected in the usual public school program?
5. Have others recognized the nominee as a force for constructive change in public education in the community and/or the state?

Friends of Education

2006

Don and Donna Chelman

Maxine Whelan

Pat Zimmerman

2007

Bo Clouser

Alex DiNino

Bob Hocking

Ron McClellan

Gloria-Ann Norwood

Jana Ricker

2008

Pat Spears

Ben Steele

Sandy Toomey

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NOMINATION FORM

You may nominate more than one person.

It is recommended that you receive the consent of the individual(s) that you are nominating.

Date: _____

Name of individual being nominated: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone Number:

Home _____ Work _____

Current employer and job title (if applicable): _____

Name of Person Nominating: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ e-mail _____

How has the nominee personally provided a special service or achieved above and beyond what is expected in the usual public school program? Please describe the nominee's contributions to Mad River Local Schools in the area of: **(circle one)**

Education Co-Curricular Activities Distinguished Service TheArts/Technology/Vocational

How has the nominee beneficially affected one or more of the following?
Program Development, Staff Morale, Community Support, Student Interest, Learning Environment, or General Support for Public Education?

How has the nominee provided creative leadership in motivating others to achieve or contribute to public education?

How long has the nominee demonstrated on-going support for Mad River Local Schools?

If you need additional space, attach a separate sheet. You may also include separate supportive documents such as newspaper clippings, etc. If possible, include the nominee's resume.

Nomination forms will be kept on file for two (2) years following their original date of receipt. If this nominee is not selected the first year, he or she will be reconsidered a second year. **Any additional/updated information for reconsideration should be mailed by November 30, 2008.**

If your nominee is chosen to receive The Mad River Friend of Education Award, information you provide will be released to the media for publication. **Note any confidential information or statements that should not be made public.**

Thank you for bringing this friend of education to our attention.

Signature of Nominator