

Lutherwood Academy students receive honors

(INDIANAPOLIS) — Students, staff, community dignitaries and family members came together to celebrate the accomplishments of students at Lutherwood Education Academy on Wednesday. During the 2nd Annual Awards Day Celebration, each of the 76 students was presented with an award for academic excellence and improvement.

Lutherwood Education Academy is an Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) Satellite Program that offers students grades K through 12 an opportunity to continue their education in an atmosphere of therapeutic care and small classes. Lutherwood Academy's enrollment is comprised of current Lutherwood Residential Treatment Center

residents and day students that are transported from Marion and surrounding counties to the campus. Lutherwood is a residential treatment center licensed to care for youth age 6-21 who exhibit chronic behavior and/or emotional problems due to abuse and/or neglect, internal neurological, biological or psychiatric disorders.

Dr. Mary Busch, president of the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis, presented the Teacher of the Year for Christine McShane. This honor was especially meaningful because she was nominated unanimously by her peers. McShane started at Lutherwood in 2001 and taught the fourth and fifth grade students at a level they

could understand.

"Chris went above and beyond the call of duty by making learning exciting and using real world applications," said Busch. "She also believed in the power of animals; bringing two golden retrievers to class as therapy dogs."

State Representative for District 89, Lawrence Buell, was in attendance and applauded Lutherwood for being a great agency in the community. "It is especially nice to be here for a ceremony honoring teachers and students," he said. "Some kids have things to overcome to be successful at this school. For that, thank you."

Dr. Algeania Freeman, President of Martin University, delivered the keynote address to the students, applauding students for successfully completing the school year and improving reading scores by 90 percent. She gave the students a charge to be tomorrow's leaders.

"America needs you," Freeman said. "If you continue to work hard you can be leaders in the community and realize how special you are."

"We had a wonderful opportunity to recognize the academic achievement of our students on the last day of the school year. To say that we are proud of the academic accomplishments of our students is an understatement," said Michael Johnson, Executive Director for Lutheran Child and Family Services.

Vision Protection Helps Kids Avoid Eye Injuries

(NAPSI)—Each year in the U.S., more than 100,000 sports-related eye injuries occur. Children under the age of 15 account for 43 percent of these injuries, most of which are preventable by using the right protective eyewear.

Children participating in any activity that uses a ball or racket, involves rough contact with other players or requires travel at high speed—whether on a school team, in physical education class or even just playing with friends—should wear protective eyewear.

An eye doctor can help you identify specific eyewear to protect your child from unnecessary eye injuries. The Vision Council recommends that parents look for safety glasses, goggles, safety shields and eye guards with:

- Polycarbonate lenses, a type of clear plastic that is impact resistant;
- 100 percent ultraviolet (UV) protection and a scratch-resistant coating;
- Padded or rubber bridges for comfort;
- Deep-grooved eyewires to keep the lenses from falling out if the frame is hit hard;
- A face-formed shape to provide a wider field of view;
- Headband attachments to keep the frames from slipping.

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