

Douglas County Federation

Rapping Paper

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Charles Kercheval presents Jodene Kissler a \$5,000 check.

The Douglas County Education Foundation raised approximately, \$60,000 at the first annual Apple Awards Ceremony. Money raised at this event, will be used to enrich education within Douglas County Schools.

Jodene Kissler, Apple Award Recipient

Jodene Kissler, Douglas County High School Physics Teacher, and member of the Douglas County Federation, was the recipient of the first annual Apple Award. The award was presented by Superintendent, Jim Christensen at a black-tie gala on March 11 at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center Denver in the Grand Ballroom. Ms. Kissler was among 60 teachers honored by the Douglas County Educational Foundation, Douglas County School District and Douglas County Federation. The sold-out event marked the first of its kind honoring teachers who have demonstrated a superior

ability to foster excellence in education, while contributing to the continuous improvement of student learning and the educational environment in Douglas County.

Seven semi-finalists were also honored during the evening's festivities. Those honored were: Kim Herman, Northeast Elementary; Cindi Leitch, Timber Trail Elementary; Jennifer Maggiore, Ranch View Middle School, Jason Moore, Mountain Vista High School; Eric Mullens, Chaparral High School; and Anthony Verbsky, Highlands Ranch High School.

Douglas County Federation Plays Integral Role in District Decision Making

The Douglas County Federation of Teachers plays an integral role in District decision making by serving on various committees within the District. President, Pat McGraw, serves on Superintendent's Cabinet. Combined with that role is the task of appointing DCFT members to other committees helping shape the direction of education and instruction in the District.

Members serve on the following:

Performance Pay Improvement Committee; Calendar Committee; Infinite Campus; Teacher Compensation; Teacher Evaluation; Effective Use of Resources; Skill Block; Policy Council; Remediation; Elementary Planning; Negotiations; Elementary Systems Improvement Team; Math Systems Improvement; Crisis Team; Group Incentive; Insurance; and 21st Century Partnership.



Pat McGraw, Jed Bowman and Pam Reynolds attended the 3-day training session at the New York State United Teachers training Center in New York City.

“Making Data Work for You” Training in NY

Selected members of the Douglas County Federation of Teachers, along with Jim Christensen, Superintendent, Jed Bowman, Executive Director of Curriculum and Assessment, and Cathie Hill, Director of Staff Development, attended a 3-day training session in New York City to train in a course entitled “Making Data Work for You.” This course provided participants with the tools to understand “data” and various sources of data, be familiar with a process for analyzing multiple sources of data to make informed decisions about school improvement and instruction, along with understanding the

differences between formative and summative assessment data and the uses and limitations of the data produced by each. The team will construct a Skill Block to disseminate the information to teachers in Douglas County. Look for the Skill Block to “launch” in the fall of 2006.



Colleen Lecompte and Kevin DiPasquale pose for the camera while waiting for the next activity at NY’s training session.

Upcoming Events for Spring



April 11 – ER&D Retreat & Dinner: Be sure to RSVP to Joanne Slanovich if you haven’t done so.

May 9 – Student Awards: Be sure to turn in your nomination form and paragraph to Brenda Smith as soon as possible.

PERA: Watch for updates from the Coalition. DCF will try to get information to you as soon as possible.

Address or name change: Be sure to let our office know. Email Cyndie at: Cyndie@dcft.net

Trainers Get Caught Up in Northeastern Blizzard



Members of the Douglas County Federation of Teachers help a “trapped” New York taxicab driver out of a slippery situation. The team members, while attending training in New York, were stranded due to an unusual snowfall. Twenty-four and a half

inches of snow fell during a 24-hour period stranding travelers and motorists, as well as, the team from Douglas County.

Team members arrived back in Colorado two days later than expected.