

Staff and Student Recognition North Kitsap Board Meeting

Retirement Recognition
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November 10, 2014

On Thursday, November 6, 2014, fifth grade teacher from Suquamish Elementary, Kristy Dressler was recognized by the Kitsap Peninsula Business Journal and the Kitsap Sun as a “20 Under 40”, which is a program recognizing the talent and achievements of twenty of the Kitsap peninsula’s most promising new leaders. This program was formerly conducted as “40 Under 40” and is in its tenth year.

The awards ceremony featured Congressman Derek Kilmer as the keynote and recognized each of the twenty honorees and their nominator. A panel of six judges chooses the honorees. The judges this year included; David Emmons, Chairperson of the Olympic College Foundation; Rob Gelder, Kitsap County Commissioner, District 1; Brent Morris, Publisher/CRO of Kitsap Sun; Rex Oliver, President and CEO, Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce, John Powers, Executive Director, Kitsap Economic Development Alliance; and Julie Tappero, President and owner of Westwound Workforce.

Kristy Dressler is recognized as a dedicated teacher and educator who is passionate about her job. Her colleague, Jan Kragen, AGATE fifth grade teacher, nominated Kristy.

Kristy’s profile:

Kristy Dressler is a fifth-grade teacher at Suquamish Elementary, where she has taken various leadership roles. As a teacher, she creates a classroom culture where every student feels valued and successful. She works with other staff to help fifth-graders become positive leaders at their school and help parents be more involved.

Dressler sees her job as more than teaching in the classroom. She has been involved with many projects and committees at the school, including the PTSA annual fundraiser, curriculum adoption committees, and the art docent program.

Among many other things, she served on the school’s leadership team for five years, trained staff on the new Common Core State Standards, and work with the regional literacy team to support teachers and provide professional development opportunities.

Even as a young child, Dressler loved kids—she earned her first dollar babysitting and as a high school student, worked as a nanny for two families.

She considers her parents her personal heroes, whose work ethic and love for her family is especially admirable. Her best leadership advice is to love what you do because passion is contagious and when you’re confident, excited and optimistic, others will be inspired and motivated. She says she loves her job so much that she sees herself doing the same thing—teaching fifth grade or another level—in 10 years.

A mother and soon-to-be wife, Dressler is an avid reader who loves to hike, kayak, and paddleboard.