

## Ruth Eickman Award

In 1988, at the Lincoln Public Schools' Early Childhood Fair, an award was made to an outstanding individual for her contributions to the field of early childhood education. That individual was Ruth Eickman. The plaque presented to Miss Eickman at that time reads:

### Ruth Eickman Early Childhood Award

This Award is Made to  
Ruth Eickman  
In Recognition of Her  
Valuable Contribution to the  
"Early Childhood Education"  
Program in the Lincoln Public Schools.

Miss Eickman was present the next year as Rutha Weatherl received the Ruth Eickman Award, but was in Africa working in the Peace Corps in 1990 and 1991. In 1992, after returning from her work in Africa, Miss Eickman arranged to fund a \$250.00 award stipend as part of the Ruth Eickman Award.

This award is presented annually to a Lincoln Public Schools early childhood educator who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to young children and child centered learning, has been involved with the families of these young children, has shown an appreciation of children's and families' uniqueness, uses developmentally appropriate practices when working with young children and has demonstrated the use of innovative practices in the field of early childhood.

Individuals may be nominated by their colleagues, their principals or their supervisors. You are encouraged to nominate an individual with whom you work to receive this prestigious award.

**RUTH I. EICKMAN  
OUTSTANDING EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATOR AWARD**

For the past twenty years, the Ruth I. Eickman Award has been given to recognize and celebrate the teaching talent found in Early Childhood Educators in our district. Any certified LPS early childhood educator (ECSE, ExCITE, Integrated preschool, K-2) is eligible to receive this award.

**Nominee Information:**

Please briefly describe the nominee in relation to his/her:

- Commitment to young children and child-centered learning
- Involvement with families
- Appreciation of children's/families' uniqueness
- Contributions to young children and their families through community activities

You may also include those things that you feel best exemplify the nominee's outstanding contributions to the field and profession of Early Childhood Education. Please be sure to include their name, building, assignment and history of services in the district.

**Nomination Process:**

An individual or a group may submit nominations. Nominations are to be sent to [nogden@lps.org](mailto:nogden@lps.org) or Nancy Ogden, Huntington Elementary School. Please include your name and building. Nominations will be accepted through March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and will be reviewed the selection committee made up of past recipients of this award. The 2010 Ruth Eickman Award recipient will be announced in April at the Early Childhood Celebration at the State Fairgrounds Ag Hall.