

MEETING DATE:

December 15, 2008

CALL TO PODIUM:

Member of Education Committee
(TBD)

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Maureen Herndon
Community Services

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

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PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

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Policy Discussion	

TITLE:
Presentation of GREAT (Gaithersburg Recognizing Educational Achievement Today) Award to Ridgeview Middle School

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:
On behalf of the Mayor and Council and the City’s Education Committee, we would like to present this month’s GREAT award.
GREAT stands for “Gaithersburg Recognizing Educational Achievement Today” and its mission is to promote and celebrate higher achievement and successes in Gaithersburg area schools. The goal of GREAT is to recognize schools, increase school success and promote “best practices” models. Tonight we are happy to present GREAT awards to Ridgeview Middle School.
Ridgeview Middle School would like to celebrate and recognize Debra Hogan, Financial Assistant for her creation of the “Ridgeview Boutique” A project that created a true sense of family within the school community! Through the hard work of staff, student and parent volunteers, a collection of “gently used” household and clothing items, books and toys were collected. A school “Boutique” was opened on November 15 th . Over \$800 was collected to benefit Ridgeview families in need for the Holidays. Congratulations to Ms Hogan and the entire Ridgeview MS community for this wonderful example of community giving!
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DESIRED OUTCOME:
Presentation of GREAT award and small plates for plaque to: Carol Levine, Principal, Ridgeview Middle School Erica Morse, Assistant Principal, Ridgeview Middle School Magdalena Yanes, Spanish Teacher & Alternative 1 Program Teacher, Ridgeview Middle School Sylvia Jarquin, Parent Community Coordinator, MCPS Dept. of Community Partnerships Debra Hogan, Financial Assistant, Ridgeview Middle School

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND Continued:

Ridgeview Middle School would also like to celebrate their “Padres en Accion” program which meets monthly and presents parent outreach meetings in Spanish to the school community. Sessions have covered: Internet safety, Parents’ role in the schools, Connect Ed, what to expect during the adolescent years. This program was developed in partnership with MCPS’s Dept of Family and Community Partnerships and is a wonderful example of Best Practices in our schools and promotion of parent involvement!

Congratulations to Ridgeview MS and for truly working together as a community to build teamwork and partnership for the good of its students and families!