

# MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

**MEETING DATE:**

March 16, 2009

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

Marion Perry  
Education Committee Member

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

Maureen Herndon  
Community Services

**AGENDA ITEM:**

(please check one)

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	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other:

**PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:**

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

**TITLE:**

Presentation of GREAT (Gaithersburg Recognizing Educational Achievement Today) Award to Brown Station Elementary School and Washington Grove Elementary 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 Brown Station Elementary School and Washington Grove Elementary School.

Washington Grove Elementary School would like to celebrate their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Reading Night. Over 400 parents and students attended! Families shared a dinner at the school and worked on creating a family poster that shared some of their family's story through pictures and writing.

Congratulations to Washington Grove Elementary School for fostering a wonderful opportunity for families to come together, learn more about each other and foster a more positive school environment!

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**DESIRED OUTCOME:**

Presentation of GREAT award and small plates for plaque to:  
**Jan Riley, Principal and Doug Robbins, Assistant Principal, Brown Station Elementary School**  
**Susan Barranger, Principal and Jan Leighty, Reading Specialist, Washington Grove Elementary School**

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## **SUPPORTING BACKGROUND Continued:**

Brown Station Elementary School is here tonight to celebrate their “Read to Me, Talk to Me” Program for grades K-2. Each week students take home a self selected book and reads it to their parents as part of their homework. After reading, the parent and child answer discussion questions. The focus is on making family reading time fun and enriching students’ literacy skills. What a wonderful example of creative teaching and family involvement in their children’s learning!

Congratulations to Washington Grove ES and Brown Station ES!