

**MEETING DATE:**

May 18, 2009

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

Education Committee Member

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

Maureen Herndon  
Community Services

**AGENDA ITEM:**

(please check one)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proclamation/Certificate
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**PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:**

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Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

<b>TITLE:</b>
Presentation of GREAT (Gaithersburg Recognizing Educational Achievement Today) Award to Diamond Elementary School

<b>SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:</b>
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 a GREAT award to Diamond Elementary School.
Diamond Elementary School would like to celebrate and recognize the ongoing efforts of their Student Government Association and PTA and the sponsoring of activities that encourage students to demonstrate the pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS!
Diamond ES students participated in the Walk for the Homeless, collected non-perishable foods, donated winter coats, monitored the school paper recycling program weekly, and achieved county recognition for recycling and energy conservation efforts.
Congratulations to Diamond ES for truly showing exceptional caring and character through your efforts to help the environment and those in need in the City of Gaithersburg.

<b>DESIRED OUTCOME:</b>
<b>Presentation of small plaque to representatives of Diamond ES: TBD</b>