Stars in the Sagebrush celebrates excellence

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The Redmond Education Foundation will be hosting its first annual â€œStars in the Sagebrushâ€• event at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 20. The event, to be held at Eagle Crest Resort, celebrates individuals and initiatives that have made a major impact on the lives of children by embracing one or more of the districtâ€™s SIMPLE (Service, Innovation, Mentorship, Partnership, Leadership, Excellence) values and beliefs.

Nominations can be made by anyone and should be based on the impact an individual has had on the lives of children. This is a great opportunity to honor those who have made outstanding contributions to the growth and success of students.

â€œThis is the first event of its kind in the Redmond School District and we expect it to be well received,â€• states Toni Duff, Stars in the Sagebrush Chairman. â€œWe ask that everyone take a moment to review the nomination packets and help promote this very positive recognition event.â€•

Deadline for nominations is Tuesday, March 6. Packets will be available at the district office, each school, and may be downloaded here.

Stars in the Sagebrush Award Categories include:

Business/Education Partnership Award â€“ Two (2) awards will be given.

This award will honor an exemplary business that promotes student achievement. The business commits not only time and resources but serves as a mentor to students. Examples of winning projects might be school-to-work programs, internships, developmental programs and cooperative work experience along with a record of meeting community needs.

Volunteer Achievement Award â€“ Two (2) awards will be given.

This award will go to two deserving individuals who have given of their time and energy to help implement programs and learning opportunities while serving as role models for others. Their service has positively impacted the community and the education system.

Education Achievement Award â€“ Four (4) awards will be given. Two Licensed (example: teachers), One Classified (examples: bus driver, custodian, FAN advocate, instructional assistant, secretary), One Administrator (examples: building principal, director, manager, superintendent).

Licensed â€“ This award will be given to two individuals who reach beyond the basic curriculum to provide learning opportunities to match the uniqueness of each student. Examples of focus areas are:

- innovative instructional strategies,
- learning activities that will equip students to become productive citizens,
- creative strategies that develop excitement and a lifelong love of learning,
- modeling and encouragement of active learning,
- observable and measurable achievement.

Classified â€“ This award will go to an individual who is able to communicate and connect with the students and the staff during the course of his/her day. It could be said that he/she goes â€œabove and beyondâ€• the call of duty on a regular basis and that his/her enthusiasm and positive attitude is contagious.

Administrator â€“ This award will be given to an individual whose leadership provides a learning environment rich in support and encouragement for student and staff innovation. This individual creates a school atmosphere within which excellence is an expectation. Qualities inherent in being a productive citizen are an

integral part of this community atmosphere. This individual is a leader in developing and maintaining successful parent, community and school partnerships.

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