



Ocean View School District

Press Release

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WESTMONT ELEMENTARY WINS GOLDEN BELL AWARD

Ocean View School District will be honored in the 28th Annual Golden Bell Awards program of the California School Boards Association. The award was won in the Instruction category for English/Language Arts for “Westmont’s Instructional Needs (WIN)” program under direction of principal Dr. Kristine White and teacher Barbara Davis.

The highly respected Golden Bell Award will be presented at a special ceremony during CSBA’s Awards luncheon at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina, on Saturday, December 1, 2007, from 11:45 to 1:15 p.m. The event is held in conjunction with the California School Boards Association’s Annual Education Conference.

The Golden Bell Award is being presented for Westmont School’s “Westmont Instructional Needs (WIN)” program, a language arts program which meets the literacy needs of all students. Assessment-based groups using a variety of state-approved programs are taught by a range of staff members, lowering class sizes. The goal of WIN, aligned with “No Child Left Behind,” is to have all students reading at proficient level. In order to meet this goal Westmont is meeting the students’ reading needs in flexible groups, regardless of students’ educational labels, and lowering class sizes using regular and support staff to provide intervention instruction for our intensive and strategic students. WIN was developed to improve reading proficiency through provision of a tailored program for each student to enable them to become proficient readers. The program is exemplary and innovative in allowing students and staff to move beyond the boundaries of their classrooms and their educational labels or titles to best promote literacy for all.

The CSBA Golden Bell Awards program promotes excellence in education by recognizing outstanding programs in school districts and county offices of education throughout California. The Golden Bell Awards reflect the depth and breadth of the educational programs necessary to address students’ changing needs. The goal of this program is to contribute to the development and evaluation of curriculum, instruction, and support services.

CSBA is a nonprofit association representing more than 1,000 K-12 school districts and county offices throughout California.

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