

Student's Choice Teacher of the Year Nomination

On behalf of my son I want to nominate his first grade teacher for your student's choice teacher of the year award. Ryan is in the first grade at North Road Elementary School in the Fenton school district. His teacher is Kevin Collins. Ryan has had some difficult circumstances to deal with in his life already, especially the death of his father when he was only four years old. Following that, Ryan had some behavioral problems both in school and at home. Although I have always considered my son to be quite bright and expressive, his behaviors sometimes interfered with his ability to demonstrate his knowledge. Much of my appreciation for Mr. Collins has to do with the fact that he has been a positive male role model for Ryan, that he has been able to see the underlying strengths in my son, as well as in other children in his classroom, has taken extra time to deal with the children on a more personal level, and has taken a "protective" stance with the children in his classroom. My son's behavior has improved significantly over the past year, and he is doing very well in school academically as well. I believe that Mr. Collins has been a major influence in this entire situation. I'm sure that there are hundreds of other teachers in the area who are also doing wonderful work with our children, but I feel blessed that Mr. Collins is in my son's life for this school year. Attached is the letter that Ryan wrote about his teacher. When I spoke with Ryan about doing this, he said, "I know tons of good things about my teacher that I can write."

Sincerely,



Pam Griffin on behalf of my son, Ryan Griffin