

Woman of Achievement

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Sally Broughton

Sally Broughton wins Woman of Achievement award from Bozeman BPW on April 21, 2009. She is a teacher at Monforton School who has made a significant impact on her community and school. She has been recognized for outstanding qualities in teaching her seventh grade students in Social Studies and Civics, developing an innovative Project Citizen curriculum. She currently teaches Social Studies and Civics and is the Student Council Advisor and Peer Mediation leader. She chairs the Social Studies Curriculum Committee, is the MEA-MFT representative, and is the lead teacher for Montana Indian Education.

The variety of her student's accomplishments is impressive: accomplishing implementation of a safe path to school which included students counting traffic, surveying vehicle drivers and students, developing alternatives, raising funds for the project including getting a donation of asphalt to cover the path, testifying before local county commissioners, who passed a policy directing the road department to construct the path. Through the process, the students developed skills in math, public speaking, research, writing, interviewing, technology, working together, and art.

Other accomplishments include a bike helmet policy, a community playground built with the help of the students, public support for a much-needed new jail, restrooms in the downtown area, early warning and safety measures at a nearby dam, a competitive track program and mandatory community service as part of the k-8 curriculum. In 2008, the National Learn and Serve Corporation selected her class to receive the Spirit of Service Award for "Operation Save the Playground", winning this honor over 1000 Learn and Serve programs in the United States.

In addition to her classroom responsibilities, Sally has been a state coordinator for the Center for Civic Education's "We the People Program" resulting in more schools in Montana using these award winning programs. She serves on professional committees and associations which have helped Montana teachers do their jobs better. She has been an award winning social studies teacher for the last 20 years. Her honors include receiving the national American Civics Education Teacher Award from the Center on Congress, National Conference of State Legislatures and Center for Civic Education. As mentioned above, she and her class received the National Learn and Serve Corporation's Spirit of Service award. She is one of three teachers selected for the 2008 American Civics Educator Award memorialized in the July 14, 2008 Senate Congressional Record. And, this year, she has been recognized as the 2009 Montana Teacher of the Year. On Tuesday, April 28th, 2009, she received the Montana Teacher of the Year award from President Barack Obama in Washington DC.