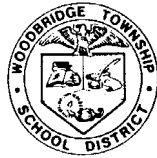


WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Woodbridge Township Lynn Crest School #22 Achieves National Recognition as a 2010 Blue Ribbon School

The Woodbridge Township School District and Superintendent Dr. John Crowe today announced that Lynn Crest School #22 in the Colonia section of Woodbridge Township has been named a 2010 “Blue Ribbon School” by the U.S. Department of Education ~ a national award that recognizes schools, teachers and students that have achieved academic superiority and success.

The prestigious national award honors schools whose students achieve at high levels and which have helped close gaps in achievement especially among disadvantaged and minority students. Lynn Crest School #22 is one of only 10 schools in the State of New Jersey to achieve the national award.

“Lynn Crest School #22 school motto is, ‘Where the Sun Always Shines.’ Certainly, the 2010 Blue Ribbon award affirms the farsighted vision and actions of the teachers and students involved in creating that bright future where the sun will always shine and where education and learning stand as the hallmark of Lynn Crest School #22. Their pride is well-earned,” said Dr. Crowe.

The U.S. Department of Education’s “Blue Ribbon Schools” Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels. The schools are selected based on one of two criteria:

- Schools with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that dramatically improve student performance to high levels on state tests; or
- Schools whose students, regardless of background, achieve in the top 10 percent of their state on state tests.

According to Scott Osborne, Principal, Lynn Crest School #22, is a K-5 school serving more than 300 students in one of the largest urban/suburban districts in the State. Lynn Crest School is a diverse elementary school, with 25 percent of the students speaking a language other than English. Despite these challenges, the school creates a sense of community and pride, establishes high expectations for learning and addresses students’ unique learning needs. The faculty and staff of Lynn Crest School #22 share the philosophy that all students can and will learn.

“I am extremely proud of Lynn Crest School’s accomplishment. This award represents the hard work and dedication of the principal, faculty, students, and families. I wish to congratulate the entire school community as the school is recognized by the Department of Education in Washington, D.C.,” said Woodbridge Mayor John E. McCormac.

Principal Osborne announced that Lynn Crest School teachers, students, and parents, along with members of the Woodbridge Township Board of Education and invited guests, will unveil the national award at a “Blue Ribbon” celebration and “open house” in November, after receiving the award in Washington D.C. on Nov. 15-16. The special program will recognize the teachers and students that have worked to achieve the scholastic excellence through a positive learning experience.

For more information contact Principal Scott Osborne at 732-499-6558 for further details regarding the Blue Ribbon School award.