

Whitehouse Independent School District held its district-wide assembly on August 22, welcoming both new and familiar faces, as faculty and staff members prepared for the start of school.

Each year, the assembly gathers all district employees together to recognize administrators and staff, honor years of service, recognize Employees of the Year recipients, and set the tone for teachers and staff as they prepare for the new school year. Listed below are those who received awards.

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Service Awards

15 Years of Service: Bob Arnold, Charles Brown, Johna Clemons, Tammy Dickson, Joel Harris, Sherrie Lloyd, Kenneth Mason, Linda Newton, June Pendergrass

20 Years of Service: Robin Ballard, Joel Brown, Lannette Burlingame, Brenda Klueppel, Jann Langley, Elizabeth Meredith, Robyn Pittinger, Jane Power, Alicia Toole, Diane Whitesides

25 Years of Service: Melanie Causey, Sharee Condry, Wendy Howard, Beverly Kelly, Barbara Richards, Patty Smith, Sandi Terry, Angie Tucker, Denny Whitley, Tom Young

30 years of Service: Rebecca Carroll, Sylvia Reel

40 Years of Service: Betty Lough

45 Years of Service: Doris Pitts

Employee of the Year Awards

Teachers of the Year: Morgan Cavender, Cheryl Cobayashi, Cynthia Foster, Tiffany McFadden, Marcy McLeod, Dena Mitchell, Lee Anne Smith, Christine Workman

Elementary Teacher of the Year: Christine Workman

Secondary Teacher of the Year: Cynthia Foster

Support Staff of the Year:

Campuses: Shaundra Collins, Robert Freeman, Marcia Groves, Venita Peacock, Amanda Pyle, Cynthia Smith, Pamela Struble

Departments: Joel Harris, Maintenance; Sondra Ramirez, Transportation; John Riaz, School Nutrition; Scott Starkey, Technology; Darlene Young, Custodial

Dr. Mark Edge, CEO of the Work Edge Company, delivered a message entitled, "Because People Matter." During his presentation, Dr. Edge delivered a positive and uplifting message that encouraged all who heard it to view everyone including themselves as special.

Dr. Edge shared stories and personal experiences that showcased both expected and unexpected important people in his life. Faculty and staff members were encouraged not only to make each person they encounter know that he or she matters but also to know that they themselves matter.

Many employees expressed that they left the assembly inspired to make the 2014-2015 school year a positive, successful year.

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