

KIRKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Teachers of the Year

1975-76 Dorothy Welhoelter, Tillman Elementary School, and District TOY
 1976-77 Martha Schwarz, KHS and District TOY
 1977-78 Marion Brooks, KHS, District TOY, Missouri Teacher of the Year,
 National Teacher of the Year Finalist
 1978-79 Homer Hall, KHS, District TOY, Missouri Teacher of the Year
 1979-80 Glen Chute, KHS, District TOY

In the 1992-93 school year, a new Teacher of the Year program was implemented to allow staff in individual buildings the opportunity to recognize a teacher as "1993-94 Teacher of the Year" for their schools.

The option of applying for district teacher of the year was open to those individual school teachers of the year who were eligible as a candidate for the state program.

School Teachers of the Year for 1993-94

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ms. Trisha Yettke	KECC	Preschool Education, Ages 4-5
Ms. Linda Spina	Keysor	Grade 3
Ms. Shirley Cantriel	N. Glendale	Library Media Specialist
Ms. Meida (Mimi) Steele	Robinson	Music
Ms. Zoe Jane Nuernberger	Tillman	Grade 1
Ms. Terry Shank	Westchester	Gifted Education
Mr. Wayne Baldwin	Nipher	Grades 6/7 Science
Mr. Jim Lockhart	NKMS	Grade 8 Language Arts
Ms. Jeanne Oliver	KHS	English (District Teacher of the Year, State Finalist)

School Teachers of the Year for 1994-95

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ms. Vicki Walker	KECC	Infant Room
Ms. Joan Champion	Keysor	Counselor
Ms. Kate Knowles	N. Glendale	Chapter 1 Reading
Ms. Heidi Ford	Robinson	Grade 2
Ms. Cynthia Myszak	Tillman	Grades 3/4
Ms. Barbara Truax	Westchester	Kindergarten (retired June 1994)
Mr. Robert Curry	Nipher	Physical Education (retired June 1994)
Ms. Cary Tuckey	NKMS	Language Arts/Math Grades 6/7
Mr. John Dean	KHS	Art (District Teacher of the Year)

School Teachers of the Year for 1995-96

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ms. Caroline DeLargy	KECC	Preschool/kindergarten, co-teacher
Mr. Rich Auer	Keysor	Physical Education
Dr. Ruth Ann Faison	N. Glendale	Grade 3 (retired June 1995)
Ms. Terry Anderson	Robinson	Grades 1/2
Ms. Sandra Burton	Tillman	Grade 4
Ms. Sheila Campbell	Westchester	Art
Ms. Frances E.(Beth) Reynolds (District & Missouri Teacher of Year)		Nipher Social Studies, Gr.7
Mr. Jerry Pensel	NKMS	Counselor (retired June 1995)
Ms. Suzanne Kirkpatrick	KHS	English

School Teachers of the Year for 1996-97

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ms. Jan Munger	KECC	Special School District Preschool
Ms. Nancy Berg	Keysor	Gifted Education, K-5
Ms. Mary Block	N. Glendale	Gifted Education, K-5
Ms. Mary Meihaus (District Teacher of the Year)	Robinson	Kindergarten (District Teacher of the Year)
Ms. Joann Gambaro	Tillman	Grade 3
Mr. George Michael Hulseay	Westchester	Grade 3
Ms. Sandra Whitman	Nipher	Mathematics, Grade 8
Ms. Amy Prenavo	NKMS	Special School District
Ms. Janet Eto	KHS	Special School District

School Teachers of the Year for 1997-98

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ms. Charlotte Buchhold	KECC	Music
Ms. Pamela Miller	Keysor	Reading Specialist (Title 1, Reading Recovery)
Ms. Jeanette S Thomas	N. Glendale	Language Arts Facilitator, K-8
Ms. Carole Bloeser	Robinson	Grades 1 and 2 (multigrade loop)
Ms. Bev McNeely	Tillman	Art, K-5
Ms. Jacqueline Rausch	Westchester	Grade 1
Ms. Ann Geiler	Nipher	Instrumental Music - Orchestra
Mr. William E. Gillespie (District Teacher of the Year)	NKMS	Mathematics, Grade 7 (District Teacher of the Year)
Mr. Frank E. Czapla	KHS	Physical Education/Coach (retired June 1997)

School Teachers of the Year for 1998-99

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
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Ms. Mitali Sarkar	KECC	Preschool, Ages 3-5
Ms. Leigh Mincks Teacher of the Year)	Keysor/NKMS	Art, K-5; Art, Grade 7 (District)
Ms. Maureen Vaugier	N. Glendale	Grade 3
Ms. Melanie Avery	Robinson	Grade 1 and 2
Ms. Mary Bonkoski	Tillman	Librarian/Media Specialist
Ms. Shirley Hetherington	Westchester	Grade 5 (retired June 1998)
Ms. Janelle Jones	Nipher	Science, Grade 6
Ms. Audrey Tarde	NKMS	Science, Grade 6
Mr. Art Stout	KHS	Mathematics (retired June 1998)

School Teachers of the Year for 1999-2000

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ms. Joncey Rubich	KECC	Preschool Co-Teacher
Mrs. Syndi McIntire	Keysor	Grade 1
Ms. Robin Jones	N. Glendale	Grade 2
Ms. Jody Massa	Robinson	Counselor (Retired June 1999)
Ms. Susan Busch	Tillman	Grade 5 (Retired June 1999)
Ms. Gail Velten Teacher of Year; State Finalist)	Westchester	Physical Education (District)
Ms. Mary Jo Brown	Nipher	Gifted Education
Ms. Rosemary Manley	NKMS	Family and Consumer Science
Ms. Lillie Taylor	KHS	Resource Room

Beginning in 2000-2001, Teachers of the Year receive the KSDF Award, a monetary award sponsored by Robert and Lynn Piening, longtime friends and supporters of the school district where Mr. Piening served on the Board of Education from 1976 through 1986 and on the KSDF Board.

School Teachers of the Year for 2000-2001

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ms. Melissa Hoyer	KECC	Preschool Co-Teacher
Ms. Cathy Renkins	Keysor	Grade 1
Mr. Don Galbraith	N. Glendale	Grade 3
Mrs. Linda Scanlon	Robinson	Title I Reading
Mrs. Sharon Schulze	Tillman	Grade 1
Mrs. Rachel B. Jenness	Westchester	Grade 2 (moved out of state June 2000)
Mrs. Sandra Drake Teacher of Year)	Nipher	Social Studies, Grade 7 (District)
Mr. Bob Stobie	NKMS	Technology
Mrs. Judy Moeller	KHS	Mathematics (retired June 2000)

The program expanded in the 2001-2002 school year to include Parents as

Teachers. With the reorganization of the Kirkwood Early Childhood Center in the 2005-06 school year, the early childhood center began selecting one teacher of the year to represent all the programs at KECC. The option of applying for district teacher of the year is voluntary for eligible school teachers of the year.

School Teachers of the Year for 2001-2002

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Jayne Montrey	PAT	Parent Educator*
Lisa Clarke	KECC	Co-teacher 4/5 Bears
Linda Fobian,	Keysor	Grade 2
Maureen Eveler	N. Glendale	Grade 2
April Maldonado	Robinson	Art K-5
Lynn McCrary Teacher of Year)	Tillman	1 & 2 Together Class (District
Mary Ann Sutton	Westchester	Grade 2
Sherri Kulpa,	Nipher	Grade 6 Language Arts
Michelle Lankheit, Studies/Reading	NKMS	Grade 6 Math/Social
Connie Copley	KHS	Language Arts

* First school year for Parents As Teachers to name a Teacher of the Year

School Teachers of the Year for 2002-2003

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mrs. Edie Quick	PAT	Parent Educator
Laura Cochran	KECC	Preschool Teacher for
Two-Year-Olds		
Mrs. Trish Gaines	Keysor	Grade 2
Mr. Keith Price	N. Glendale	Physical Education
Mrs. Jennifer Sisul	Robinson	Grade 2
Mrs. Kathy Grzesik	Tillman	Full-Day Kindergarten
Mrs. Nancy Grow	Westchester	Grade 5
Mr. Adam Smith	Nipher	Grade 7 & 8 Industrial Technology
Mrs. Perry Cizek	NKMS	Grade 7 Communication
Arts/Journalism (moved June 02)		
Mr. Philip McFarland of Year)	KHS	Social Studies (District Teacher

School Teachers of the Year for 2003-2004

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mrs. Mary Kay Krietler	PAT	Parent Educator
Ms. Allison Davis	KECC	Inclusion Facilitator
Mrs. Stephanie Byrne	Keysor	Grade 4/5 Multiage Class
Mrs. Tracy Winslade	N. Glendale	Grade 5

Ms. Amy Matrisotto June 2003)	Robinson	Grade 4 (moved to Memphis TN
Mrs. Betty Polles	Tillman	Vocal Music
Dr. John Kulla-Branz	Westchester	Full-Day Kindergarten
Mrs. Patty Goeke	Nipher	Grade 8 Math/Science
Mr. Patrick Jackson (District Teacher of Year)	NKMS	Instrumental Music/Orchestra
Mrs. Debra Shrout	KHS	Language Arts

School Teachers of the Year for 2004-2005

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mrs. Margie Zitko	PAT	Parent Educator
Ms. Allison Davis (Three-year-olds)	KECC	Preschool Teacher
Mrs. Gail Stobie (Special School District)	Keysor	Special Education, Grades 2-5
Mrs. Marcia Hansen	N. Glendale	Music, K-5
Mr. Steven Pursley Year, Missouri Teacher of the Year Finalist)	Robinson	Grade 3 (District Teacher of the
Mrs. Connie Smith	Tillman	Literacy Specialist
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Phillips Coan	Westchester	Music, K-5
Mrs. Laura Schowalter	Nipher	Grade 6 Math
Mrs. Meagan Mottl	NKMS	Grade 7 Language Arts
Mr. Larry Anderson	KHS	Foreign Language (German)

School Teachers of the Year for 2005-2006

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Joanne Wickenhauser	PAT	Parent Educator
Mary Pat Blaskiewicz Teacher	KECC	Early Childhood Special Education
Allison Brown	Keysor	Grade 4
Megan Reznicek	N. Glendale	Physical Education
Carrie Merritt	Robinson	Grade 3
Helen Ermel	Tillman	Grade 1
Donita Hippensteel	Westchester	Kindergarten
Barbara Pener of the Year)	Nipher	Grade 8 Science (District Teacher
Bonnie Nicholas	NKMS	Gifted Education/Math
Julie Hundman	KHS	Physical Education/Health

School Teachers of the Year for 2006-2007

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Megan Conner	KECC	Speech Language Pathologist
Keri Ems	Keysor	Grade 3
Nancy McCormac	N. Glendale	Grade 4

Diane Moffitt	Robinson	Physical Education/Health
Leslie Johnson	Tillman	Guidance Counselor
Marla Drewel-Lynch	Westchester	Physical Education/Health
Barbara Browmell	Nipher	SSD Speech Language Pathologist
Tammy Dowell	NKMS	Grade 8 Mathematics
Steve Jonak	KHS	Mathematics (District Teacher of the Year)

School Teachers of the Year for 2007-2008

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Susan Talley	KECC	Parent Educator, PAT
Tracy St. Clair	Keysor	Vocal Music
Vicki Johnson	N. Glendale	Literacy Specialist
Erika Bell	Robinson	Grade 5
Clay Mosley	Tillman	Art, K-5
Jennifer Vernon	Westchester	Grade 3
Sarah Shuster	Nipher	Grade 8 Mathematics
Ruth Baldwin	NKMS	Grade 8 Science (District Teacher of the Year)
Paula Stevens	KHS	German Levels 1-AP

School Teachers of the Year for 2008-09

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ms. Dana Opperman	KECC	Early Childhood Educator
Mrs. Chris Ostendorf	Keysor	Grade 5
Mrs. Laura Sammon	N. Glendale	Grade 2
Mrs. Rochelle Weidinger	Robinson	Kindergarten
Mrs. Camille Fried	Tillman	Grade 5
Ms. Janet Mueller	Westchester	SSD Spech/Language Pathologist
Mr. Ed Bielik	Nipher	Physical Educatin
Mr. Chris Hooker	NKMS	Grade 8 Science/Reading
Mr. Joe Bartin	KHS	Science/Physics (District Teacher of the Year)

School Teachers of the Year for 2009-10

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mrs. Genna Pennington	KECC	Early Childhood Educator
Ms. Kelly Lauberth	Keysor	Grade 4
Miss Megan Boyer	N. Glendale	Art
Mrs. Miranda Dix	Robinson	Grade 4
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Yeck	Tillman	Instructional Specialist, Grades 4-5
Mrs. Cam Newman	Westchester	Grade 4
Mrs. Kelly Judge	Nipher	Orchestra
Mr. Barry Crook	NKMS	Library Media Specialist (District Teacher of the Year)
Ms. Amy McBride Barker	KHS	English, Grade 12

School Teachers of the Year for 2010-11

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mrs. Margaret (Maggie) Naucke	KECC	Early Childhood Special Education
Mrs. Robin Ehrlich	Keysor	Physical Education/Health K-5
Mrs. Elizabeth Stickley	N. Glendale	Grade 1
Mrs. Christina Wilson	Robinson	Special Education (SSD)
Ms. Melissa Yount	Tillman	Instructional Specialist
(Resigns KSD 6-30-10 for elementary school assistant principal position in Parkway)		
Mrs. Molly Heckenberg	Westchester	Grade 5
Mrs. Maria Phillips	Nipher	Literacy Specialist
Mr. Matt Maniaci	NKMS	Grade 6 LA/Social Studies/Reading
Mr. Robert (Bob) Becker	KHS	Science, Chemistry (District & Missouri Teacher of Year)

School Teachers of the Year for 2011-12

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mrs. Lorrie Kurtz	KECC	Special Education Educator and Parent Educator
Mrs. Melissa John	Keysor	Math Specialist
Mr. Damian Pritchard	N. Glendale	Grade 5
Ms. Rachael Turken	Robinson	Grade 1
Mrs. Lisa Diedrich	Tillman	Grade 2
Mrs. Cindy Bernsen	Westchester	Intervention Specialist
Mr. Mark Banaszak	Nipher	German Language
Mrs. Maria Stobbe	NKMS	Grade 7 Communication
Arts/Reading/Service Learning		
Mrs. Nancy Grimes	KHS	Art

School Teachers of the Year for 2012-13

Name	First Name	School	Subject
Kathy Ury	Kathy	KECC	Early Childhood Special Education and autism consultant
Robyn Hoffmann	Robyn	Keysor	5th grade
Amy Potsou	Amy	N. Glendale	3rd grade
Pam LeSeure	Pam	Robinson	5th grade
Mary Hill	Mary	Tillman	Speech/Language Pathologist
Amy Cobb	Amy	Westchester	Library Media Specialist
Stephanie Ruedlin	Stephanie	Nipher	8th grade social studies

Michelle Fink	Michelle	NKMS	guidance counselor
Margaret DeYoung	Margaret	KHS	Math/ATLAS

School Teachers of the Year for 2013-14

Name	First Name	School	Subject
Melinda Heaton	Melinda	KECC	Early Childhood Special Education Teacher
Jennifer McCoy	Jennifer	Keysor	4th grade
Ellen Caffey	Ellen	N. Glendale	3rd grade
Mitzi Jackson	Mitzi	Robinson	1st grade
Amy Gallant	Amy	Tillman	4th grade
Kathy Collier-Paul	Kathy	Westchester	1st grade
Cyndi Sullivan	Cyndi	Nipher	Nipher Literacy Specialist
Ron Taylor	Ron	NKMS	7th grade social studies
David Olderman	David	KHS	social studies

School Teachers of the Year for 2014-15

Name	First Name	School	Subject
Patty Fisher	Patty	KECC	Early Childhood Special education teacher
Robin Wellman	Robin	Keysor	2nd grade
Christie McClain	Christie	N. Glendale	2nd grade
Barb Sondermann	Barb	Robinson	Reading Specialist
Lisa Hendry	Lisa	Tillman	Kindergarten
Cindy Voller	Cindy	Westchester	Gifted
Chris Anich	Chris	Nipher	Drama/Speech
Melissa Banjak	Melissa	NKMS	Language Arts
BJ Kenyon	BJ	KHS	Social Studies

School Teachers of the Year for 2015-16

Name	School	Subject
Lillian Hesselbach	KECC	Early Childhood teacher
Ta'Keshia Parker	Keysor	3rd grade
Deb Preuss	N. Glendale	5th grade
Jennifer Clark	Robinson	Speech/Language Pathologist
Dan Mueller	Tillman	3rd grade
Laura Young	Westchester	Physical Education
Florence Borman	Nipher	Social Studies
Alyssa Baumann	NKMS	Math
Sharon Taysi	KHS	Science

School Teachers of the Year 2016-17

Name	School	Subject
Sue McGhee	KECC	Occupational Therapist
Jennifer Bartin	Keysor	2nd grade
Barb Swalina	N. Glendale	1st grade
Sally Miller	Robinson	Guidance
Joe Schoen	Tillman	Vocal Music
Nathan Alwood	Westchester	5th grade
Fariga Drayton	Nipher	Performing Arts/Instrumental Music
Jennifer Erby	NKMS	Social Studies
Madeline Raimondo	KHS	Social Studies

School Teachers of the Year 2017-18

Name	School	Subject
Monica Ealy	Kirkwood Early Childhood Center	Early Childhood Educator
Vanessa Lang	Keysor	Art
Caitlin Ahearn	North Glendale	3rd grade
Jennifer Morgan	Robinson	Physical Education
Lisa Grommet	Tillman	Gifted Education
Amanda Wyman	Westchester	Kindergarten
Adam Scimone	Nipher	Gifted Education
Brenda Alexander	North Kirkwood Middle School	7th grade Math
Randy Kriewall	Kirkwood High School	Math Teacher

School Teachers of the Year 2018-19

Name	School
Christa Payton	KECC
Leslie Smart	Keysor
Jane Fairbanks	North Glendale
Pam Harris	Robinson
Tamala Merritt	Tillman
Jenni Ono	Westchester
Brandy Fink	NKMS
Kerry Schendel	Nipher
Gina Woodard	KHS

School Teachers of the Year 2019-20

Name	School	Subject
Molly Brockmeyer	Keysor	3rd Grade
Shannon Applebaum	Robinson	3rd Grade
Chelsea Witwer	Westchester	5th Grade
Lori Wehrman	North Glendale	Vocal Music
Molly Boesch	Tillman	Speech Language Pathologist
**Denise Ford	NKMS	Gifted
Luis Actis	Nipher	Math
Mitch Eden	Kirkwood High School	Journalism
Penny Chastain	Kirkwood Early Childhood Center	Parent Educator

School Teachers of the year 2020-21

Name	School	Subject
Sarah Johnson	Kirkwood Early Childhood Center	3 year olds
Amber Lane	Keysor Elementary	SSD
Amy Stephens	North Glendale Elementary	ELL
Teresa Uhles	Robinson Elementary	3rd grade
**Christy Newsham	Tillman Elementary and KSD Teacher of the Year	4th grade
Andrea Beckerle	Westchester Elementary	Art
Jennifer Sievers	Nipher Middle School	ELA

Katie Murphy	North Kirkwood Middle School	SSD
Kelly Schnieder	Kirkwood High School	Drama/Theater

School Years of the Year Program hit pause due to COVID. We celebrated all with our #ThankfulForYou Campaign

School Teachers of the Year 2022-23

School	Name	Subject
KECC	Susan Tiffany	early childhood
Keysor	Katie Lorenz	kindergarten
North Glendale	Julie Pritchard	kindergarten
Robinson	Dr. Laura Grayson	3rd grade
Tillman	Elizabeth Curtis	Library Media Specialist
Westchester	Adrienne Fox-Ray	3rd grade
Nipher	Scott Warren	social studies
NKMS	Kristin Siebert	health/physical education
**KHS	Katie Meyers	English