

Victor Valley College Press Release

Contact: Bill Greulich at 760-245-4271, Ext. 2225

For Immediate Release

December 22, 2008

Village Elementary Teacher Honored by “Teachers R Heroes”

Grade school children who gathered at a special assembly were very excited to see one of their teachers, Diane Calavetta, selected by the “Teachers R Heroes” Program as the December honoree. Mrs. Calavetta was presented the Teachers R Heroes award, a beautiful plaque from Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt’s office, a basket of goodies and treats, a gift certificate for classroom supplies and a gift certificate for a pizza party for her class.

The nomination essay portrayed Mrs. Calavetta as a person who can keep the interest of an eight year old boy who is more interested in summer vacation than being in school. Mrs. Calavetta is a teacher who has found a way to reach her students and motivate them to be active learners, eager participants in class, and excited about coming to school! Her classroom is one of high expectations, engaging lessons, meaningful homework, and lots of love and encouragement. Mrs. Calavetta treats her students with respect and nurturing.

(more)

The sparkle that she has in her eyes and the warm smile she wears on her face are always there to greet anyone who drops by her classroom for a visit.

When you enter room 7, you will see kids buzzing with excitement! They are either working in groups, with partners, or with her for one on one time. The steady hum of learning, along with happy students, is apparent. Whether they are singing our national anthem, looking up words for dictionary drills, square dancing, or learning poems, everyone is doing something to help build a better future for themselves.

With all of the knowledge she has, it's no wonder that each year her students reach a high level of success. Mrs. Calavetta doesn't keep all she knows to herself and her students. She readily shares "secrets of teaching" to anyone who is willing to listen and learn from her. She is a wealth of information to students and parents alike.

The "Teachers are Heroes" Program is sponsored by Victor Valley College, San Bernardino County Schools, and El Dorado Radio.

Teacher nominations may be submitted in the form of 500 words-or-less essays to www.vvc.edu. Anyone interested in making a nomination can go online to www.KATCOUNTRY1007.com, www.Y102FM.com, www.TheFox106.com, or www.Talk960.com, and find a link to the college's website. Nominations may also be sent by mail to Victor Valley College, Teachers are Heroes, 18422 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, CA 92395, attention Dr. Lori Kildal.

###

