

Victor Valley Community College Press Release

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Baldy Mesa Third Grade Teacher Selected as Teacher R Heroes Honoree

Exuberant grade school children gathered in masse on a concrete stage outside of the auditorium to cheer on their favorite teacher, John Moose. Mr. Moose, a third grade teacher at Baldy Mesa Elementary School in Phelan, was overwhelmed by the reception he received by the large crowd of students and staff as he was honored in this month's celebration by the "Teachers R Heroes" program.

The written nomination submitted to the selection committee opened with a simple declarative sentence that read, "Mr. Moose is such an awesome teacher." The writer went on to say, "He goes far and beyond the duties that his job requires. He has been such an important figure in my son's life this school year. He has such passion for his job and genuinely cares for his students. I'm a busy working mom and he always keeps me informed about everything that goes on in his class. Mr. Moose also tells me how my son is doing with his studies and performance. He has not only given me and all the parents his personal cell phone number but his e-mail as well. He emphasizes all the time to call him if we have any questions or if we see our kids are struggling in any area of their studies. He offers after school tutoring if there is a problem. With the budget cuts this

year, I have seen an increase in the number of students that each teacher must work with and he still goes far and beyond with each one. He is helping my son to achieve more, and is teaching him the importance of being a leader. I feel truly blessed to have him for my son's teacher this year and just wish he could be his teacher every year.

This event is sponsored by Victor Valley College, San Bernardino Schools, El Dorado Broadcasting, and First District San Bernardino Supervisor Mitzelfelt's office. The greatest cheer came from Mr. Moose's class when his students learned they would get a pizza party.

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.