



# Sparkle Awards

Presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Special Education Appreciation Evening

## What are Sparkle Awards?

The Sparkle Award program is a way of recognizing the distinguished service of people within the Rochester Community School district **whose support of students with special needs is exemplary**. This program is presented by the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), a committee of parent representatives from each school or program level in the Rochester Community School district.

Nominations may be submitted by students, parents, faculty, and staff members of the school district. Every nominee is individually recognized and receives a Sparkle Award at the Special Education Appreciation Evening. In addition, one candidate is selected from each category of service to receive special recognition.

## When will the Awards be Presented?

Awards will be presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual **Special Education Appreciation Evening** on **Monday March 17, 2008 at 7:00pm** in the Stoney Creek High School auditorium. Everyone is welcome and there is no fee to attend.

## Who Is Eligible to be Nominated?

**An eligible candidate is someone who:**

- Has provided distinguished service to one or more special education students this school year **and**
- Is connected in some way to the Rochester Community Schools. This means that paraprofessionals, consultants, teachers, bus drivers, volunteers, after-school program staff members, and others who work in some way with special education students are all eligible.

## What are the Categories?

- **Early Childhood Special Education** (ages 0 – 6 years)
- **Lower Elementary** (K-2)
- **Upper Elementary** (3-5)
- **Middle School**
- **High School**
- **Post-High School**
- **Cross-District** (Multiple programs)

## How Can I Make a Nomination and What Happens Next?

- Complete the attached Sparkle Award Nomination Form. Return it in one of these ways:
  - **Mail it to: Kathy Davis, 72 Perrydale Street, Rochester MI 48306**
  - **Email it to: [kathydavis72@comcast.net](mailto:kathydavis72@comcast.net)**
- **OR fill it out electronically.** Download the form from the Rochester Schools website at <http://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/>, then email it to [kathydavis72@comcast.net](mailto:kathydavis72@comcast.net)
- **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008.** Nominations received after that date are welcome but those candidates will not be considered for the special recognition award.
- Special Recognition winners will be selected from each category based solely on the nomination, but **each person who receives a nomination will receive a Sparkle Award and be individually recognized at the Appreciation Evening.**

## Questions?

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