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### **Mount Daniel Educator Named Teacher of the Year**

Mount Daniel Elementary School teacher Carol Monsess has been selected to receive this year's Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award. The selection was made public today by the *Washington Post*.

Mrs. Monsess is a veteran educator with more than 30 years of teaching experience. She currently teaches first grade at Mount Daniel Elementary School and also serves as the school's Reading and Language Arts Curriculum Instruction Resource Teacher (CIRT).

"Carol Monsess is a cornerstone in the Falls Church City Schools," said Mount Daniel teacher Suzanne Rowe, who nominated Mrs. Monsess for the award. "Even though many of her colleagues have gone on to be principals and superintendents, and yes, even retired, she has remained where her heart is – in the classroom."

"She is first and foremost a dedicated classroom teacher," said Superintendent Lois Berlin. "Mrs. Monsess is a passionate professional who instills in her students a strong desire to excel both academically and socially and to be independent learners even at this young age."

"Carol Monsess is simply one of the finest educators and teacher-leaders I have ever encountered, and I have worked with more than a few," said Gloria Guba, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. "Her energy has been boundless, her insight beyond compare. She has worked tirelessly to address the professional development needs of her staff members, particularly those who are new to the division."

Mrs. Monsess will be invited to attend a recognition reception at the *Washington Post* in April and will receive a cash award. She and the three other Falls Church City nominees will also be recognized at a school board reception later this spring.



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