

**2017-2018 Performance Indicator Report
Awards and Recognition Log**

Avoca schools, staff and students continue to be recognized for their many achievements. Many of those accomplishments reflect the excellence of the District's instructional program, the efforts of a highly professional and dedicated staff and the drive of Avoca's students to excel.

Of note this year are the many professional, educational organizations who recognized staff members for their contributions to education by inviting them to participate on teams and committees and to join their organizations.

As well as Avoca School District 37 performs and is respected academically, the number of students and staff recognized in the area of fine arts is truly impressive. In living the mission of maximizing the unique potential of each student, Avoca's impact is evident across all domains.

Date	Activity or Inquiry	Contact Person	Award/ Recognition
6-17	<p>Several students were recognized over the summer of 2017 for works submitted to the Celebrating Art: Summer 2017 contest, including:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Daniela Kahanets- High Merit Celia Goldstein- High Merit Tricia Yang- High Merit Emerson Volkadov- High Merit</p> <p>Marie Murphy School was the Top Ranking School nationwide for the Summer 2017 contest.</p>	Kelly Sabatini	Fine Arts Achievement
10-17	The Winnetka-Northfield Library District recognized Avoca West Elementary School for having the highest percentage of students participating in their summer reading program successfully meet their summer reading goals. The children were presented with a traveling trophy to highlight their accomplishment. This is the inaugural year of the competition.	Susan Geidner	Goal Setting and Achievement
10-10	Avoca West Elementary School and Marie Murphy School have been selected as an Apple Distinguished Schools for 2017–2019, a two-year designation. Both are being recognized for continuous innovation in learning, teaching, and the school environment.	Beth Haugeberg	Technology Achievement
10-14	Avoca West Teachers Tom Erf, Stephanie Rick and Rachel Wilson were all honored with a 2017 Alliance Teacher Tribute. Awardees are nominated by parents and other educators with a \$75 donation to The Alliance for Early Childhood.	Jessica Hutchison	Professional Recognition
10-17	The Program Manager for Educator Certification and Leadership Development from National Geographic reached out to Janis Michael to ask her to share her knowledge of and expertise in	Janis Michael	Professional Recognition

	their Educator Certification Program at the National Council for Social Studies conference.		
11-17	Andres Garcia completed the training program and passed the comprehensive exam to obtain certification as a Certified Plant Supervisor, which is provided by the Illinois Association of School Business Officials and Association for Facilities Engineers to individuals responsible for Illinois public school facilities.	Beth Dever	Professional Recognition
1-18	Nancy Magill received the " <i>Outstanding Public School Teacher</i> " award from the Illinois Chapter of the American Strings Teachers Association. She was honored at the Illinois Music Educators Conference in Peoria.	Nancy Magill	Fine Arts/ Educational Achievement
1-18	Several Marie Murphy students received national recognition by Scholastic Writing Awards for their creative writing pieces: Gold Key: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Devon Kern (<i>A Multicolored Dream</i> - Poetry) ● Devon Kern (<i>The Beach House Purse</i> - Short Story) ● Kaitlyn Kirkland (<i>What Was Left Unsaid</i> - Memoir) ● *Anwyn Li (<i>Dreams of Occult</i> - Fantasy) - *American Voices Nominee ● Alana Mount (<i>Take The Pills</i> - Poetry) Silver Key: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dodge Adams (<i>Alzheimer's Clips</i> - Memoir) ● Alyssa Martinez (<i>How We Define Ourselves</i> - Memoir) ● Amelie Pare Sinclair (<i>Before It's Too Late</i> - Memoir) ● Spira Siakavelis (<i>Princess</i> - Short Story) Honorable Mention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maddie McGregor (<i>The Final Months</i> - Memoir) ● Ellie Song (<i>The Emptiness</i> - Memoir) ● Emily Viteri (<i>One Day</i> - Memoir) 	Daira Tramontin	Fine Arts/ Academics Achievement
1-18	Janis Michael was selected to contribute to the Transatlantic Educator's Dialogue (TED), a collaborative program that involves discussion among teachers from the U.S. and many E.U. member countries. It is an opportunity for shared exploration and examination of a variety of educational topics, such as immigration, educational equality, active teaching methods, and issues related to identity and difference. It is sponsored by the European Union Center and College of Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.	Janis Michael	Professional Recognition
1-18	Several Marie Murphy students were recognized by Scholastic Art for their excellence in visual arts. Several winners were be honored at the regional ceremony at the University of Iowa. The gold winners advanced to the national competition. Gold Key:	Kelly Sabatini	Fine Arts Achievement

	<p>Audrey Chung - Peacock - Drawing and Illustration Maddie McGregor - The Pirate Skit - Animation Emily Quan - Huevember - Digital Art</p> <p><u>Silver Key:</u> Patrice Kao- Nascha - Drawing and Illustration Kevin Li - In the Spotlight - Drawing and Illustration Nico Zawrazky - Lost In Space- Painting</p> <p><u>Honorable Mention:</u> Nico Zawrazky - Spring Is In the Air - Painting Riley Ursan - Puppy Eyes - Drawing and Illustration Lauren Schnizlein - Baby Chick - Drawing and Illustration Alicia Pearson - In Lavender Rain - Painting Alana Mount - Revolution Time - Drawing and Illustration Patrice Kao - Through My Eyes- Photography Daniela Khanates - Fierce - Drawing and Illustration Sophia DeMonte- Weird Is Beautiful - Drawing and Illustration Sophia DeMonte- A Flame Within - Ceramics</p>		
3-18	<p>Susan Geidner became a National Geographic Certified Educator connecting with a community of like-minded educators who will learn about the National Geographic mission, how to teach interdisciplinarily through various scales and perspectives, and the National Geographic Learning Framework—all while applying these ideas to their own work and collaborating with educators worldwide.</p>	Susan Geidner	Educational Achievement
4-18	<p>Janis Michael was one of 15 applicants selected for the National Geographic Educator Community steering committee, an advisory group to assist in monitoring discussions on the society’s educator community and support the Society’s efforts in producing content for the online community.</p>	Janis Michael	Professional Recognition
4-18	<p>Avoca West Elementary School was selected as Best Buddies Illinois’ Promoter Chapter of the Year!</p>	Caroline Henson and Erika Slagel	Social Recognition
4-18	<p>Avoca School District 37 was awarded a AAA bond rating by Standard and Poors.</p>	Beth Dever	Financial Recognition
5-18	<p>The National Council for Social Studies accepted Janis Michael’s proposal to present at their national conference this fall in Chicago. Janis’ presentation, Not Just White Men’s Wars: America’s Revolution and Civil War, was reviewed blind (without revealing presentership) by up to six NCSS reviewers, all of whom gave her high marks. According to NCSS, Janis “will be presenting with the best of the best.” A distinction that includes her, too!</p>	Janis Michael	Professional Recognition

5-18	6th grader Bella Parekh's artwork was selected by the Illinois Art Education Association for exhibition in the IAEA Traveling Art Show, which will tour schools across Illinois. Only 40 pieces out of almost 600 submitted made the cut.	Kelly Sabatini	Fine Arts Recognition
6-18	Susan Geidner, media specialist at AW, received a grant of approximately \$7,000 over the next three years from FableVision Learning. It will be used towards a schoolwide subscription to Fab@School Maker Studio, lesson plans, tech support, digital fabrication hardware, and virtual professional development to support our AW makerspace and tech innovation plan.	Susan Geidner	Grant Award
6-18	Susan Geidner was invited to join the Reynold's Center TLC League of Visionaries, a new program at the Reynolds Center for Teaching, Learning & Creativity that brings together and celebrates kindred spirits who embrace their mission-based focus to foster creative, purposeful human potential around the globe.	Susan Geidner	Professional Recognition