Bee Recognized Awards for April 2022

For the month of April, we recognize five outstanding individuals who contribute to the excellence of their schools, district, and PESD communities. We give a special thanks to their colleagues for nominating them as we recognize and share their success this evening.

- Beatriz Rocha, 2nd Grade Teacher at Sonoran Sky Elementary School
- Julia Lott, Music Teacher at Desert Horizon Elementary School
- Serena Wheatley, Preschool-2nd Grade Resource Teacher at Sonoran Sky Elementary School
- Ai Labrecque, Kindergarten Teacher at Desert Mirage Elementary School
- Gary Sarten, School Bus Driver

**Beatriz Rocha, 2nd Grade Teacher at Sonoran Sky Elementary School**

Ms. Beatriz Rocha, Preschool-2nd Grade Teacher at Sonoran Sky Elementary School, was chosen as a Bee Recognized Award winner for her dedication to helping students reach success. Ms. Rocha has been described by her peers as a loving and caring person who is willing to do anything for her students. She is dedicated to connecting and building relationships with students, families, and staff. We are so grateful to her for all she has contributed to Sonoran Sky Elementary School and the Pendergast District. Congratulations Ms. Rocha!

**Julia Lott, Music Teacher at Desert Horizon Elementary School**

Ms. Julia Lott, Music Teacher at Desert Horizon Elementary School, was chosen as a Bee Recognized winner for her selfless and caring nature. Ms. Lott is a remarkable Music teacher who is dedicated to providing quality education to all of her students. Whenever a teacher needs assistance, she is the first one to jump in and help. She has been a remarkable team player throughout this challenging year, covering for several classroom teachers whenever they are unable to find a substitute. We are so fortunate to have Ms. Lott as a valued member of the Pendergast Elementary School District team. Congratulations Ms. Lott, and thanks for all you do for your school and district!

**Serena Wheatley, Preschool-2nd Grade Resource Teacher at Sonoran Sky Elementary School**

Serena Wheatley, Preschool-2nd Grade Resource Teacher at Sonoran Sky Elementary School, was chosen as a Bee Recognized Award winner for her hard work and dedication. In the face of great adversity, Ms. Wheatley has persevered and has exemplified professionalism and wisdom. Her strong passion for education has allowed her to touch the lives of many students. She is well respected by her peers and loved by everyone at her school. Ms. Wheatley is a remarkable teacher. She is an example of what we wish for in all Pendergast District employees. Congratulations Ms. Wheatley!
Ai Labrecque, Kindergarten Teacher at Desert Mirage Elementary School
Ai Labrecque, Kindergarten Teacher at Desert Mirage Elementary School, was chosen as a Bee Recognized Award winner for her commitment and dedication to the students of Desert Mirage. In her first year as a teacher, Ms. Labrecque has already made tremendous growth and has impacted the lives of many students. She has been a great addition to the Desert Mirage Kindergarten team and an inspiration to many teachers. We are beyond impressed and proud of Ms. Labrecque's determination, growth, strength and perseverance. She is a true asset to the Desert Mirage community. Congratulations Ms. Labrecque, and thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Gary Sarten, School Bus Driver
Gary Sarten, School Bus Driver, was chosen as a Bee Recognized Award winner for his relentless pursuit of excellence. Mr. Sarten does a great job of establishing positive relationships with students. Each morning, he greets students with a smile and makes them feel welcome. He truly cares about all students and takes a genuine interest in their well being. Mr. Sarten embodies what it means to "be kind." He is an incredible man who displays genuine happiness with each person he interacts with. This world needs more people like Mr. Sarten, who lives out each day making a difference in people's lives. Congratulations Mr. Sarten, and thank you for all that you do!