

“PORTRAITS OF SUCCESS” AWARD NOMINATION

Name of Nominee: Richard Locke
District: Clovis Unified School District
School: Clovis Community Day School

Name of Nominator: Marcia Sieckowski
District :Clovis Unified School District

When Clovis Community Day School was started at the beginning of the 2003-2004 school year, it had a vision. However, it was Richard Locke who made that vision a reality. He started the program from the ground. Like most new things it began with some problems and some bugs that needed to be worked out before it could be successful. It is his foresight and perseverance that has made all of the staff extremely proud to be a part of this 4th – 6th grade program. The students come from a variety of backgrounds with any number of problems and concerns, but Mr. Locke makes them feel welcome and part of a school community that they can be proud to attend. Mr. Locke meets each and every student at the door every day with a handshake, a smile, and eye contact that says “You are important and I am glad that you are here”. In turn, Mr. Locke expects the same thing from each and every student. He is very consistent. He reviews the rules daily and helps the students get focused on what they need to do to be successful members of society, both in school and outside of the school environment. Those who leave our Community Day School and return to their comprehensive campus, do so as students that can be successful and proud of their accomplishments. However, Mr. Locke does not end his association with his students when they leave our campus. He keeps in contact with them and gives them encouragement to continue to do well.

This year we have added the 7th and 8th grade to our school. These classes have been guided by Mr. Locke’s success and Mr. Locke himself. He takes time to work with our new teachers to help them create a workable program for our at-risk adolescents. He has implemented a Level Step System in both the elementary classroom as well as the intermediate class. This gives the students a concrete set of rules, expectations, rewards, and consequences. He has also expanded the 6 traits of Character Counts to 15 character traits. Mr. Locke comes into this middle school classroom and models his program and style for the students in this new program.

In addition to the work that Mr. Locke does here at Clovis Community Day School, he is a Baldrige trainer for Clovis Unified School District. He willingly gives his time and his energy to help teachers throughout the district

I am extremely proud to work with this outstanding teacher and am honored to be able to nominate Richard Locke for this recognition.