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## HORTENSE H. ADAMS RECEIVES THE AGNES MEYER OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

Hortense H. Adams, a veteran sixth grade teacher at Deerfield Run Elementary School in Laurel, has been selected to receive the 2005 Washington Post Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award for Prince George's County. She will be honored by the Post at a ceremony in April and will receive \$3,000.

The prestigious Agnes Meyer Award is presented annually to one teacher in each Washington metropolitan area school district, and to one teacher of an area private school to recognize teachers who exemplify excellence in their profession.

Adams, a teacher of 37 years, has dedicated her service to Deerfield Run ES for the past 24 years. Her peers describe her as an excellent teacher who can turn students around that everyone else has given up on. Her colleagues consider her a Master Teacher in the truest sense of the word and challenge anyone to find an expert who knows more about teaching sixth graders than Adams. Not only does Adams foster learning in her students, she is recognized as a leader in her school that fosters cooperation among her colleagues. She has demonstrated a keen ability to instill in students a desire to learn and achieve and commands respect in the classroom. Her students describe her as an outstanding teacher and role model who is kind, dedicated, and respected.

She works tirelessly, often the first teacher to arrive at school and the last to leave. Adams was a founding member of the Effective School's Committee and Program at her school and assisted in goal and strategy development for Home/School Relations, Safe and Orderly Environment, and Reading sub-committees. She has worked to foster positive relationships with parents and community by helping to establish the school's PTA, monthly newsletters, and a school-wide homework policy. She was also one of the originators of the school's Science Fair Program and presently serves as Science Coordinator with responsibilities for the annual science fair and Parent Night for science fair participants. She also uses her training as a guidance counselor to help students and their families in need of counseling.

"Ms. Adams has an exceptional gift of reaching each student academically and encouraging them to see their potential and talents," said Thomas J. Tucker, principal at Deerfield Run ES.

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