

HOMETOWN HEROES:

Intermediate autism team, Point Pleasant Elementary

ELLEN MCFARLAND, VALERIA KRISTIANOVA, RYAN MCEVOY

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It is my continued honor to nominate these three individuals who rise above expectation to demonstrate their commitment to children with autism spectrum disorders. I have had the privilege of knowing these three individuals for four years, and I am continually impressed and humbled by their efforts for their students. Led by Ellen McFarland, these three people go above and beyond to work together as a team and support each other in their efforts to make each student’s time at Point Pleasant Elementary a remarkable, rich, rewarding, and successful experience. They dedicate themselves fully to their students and go beyond the classroom to reach out to the entire school to further promote autism awareness. They work daily to create an environment where children with autism spectrum disorders are not only accepted and better understood, but where they are invited to interact fully with their peers and gain rich and rewarding experiences that have a lasting impact. As always I am proud to know Ellen McFarland, Val Kristianova, and Ryan McEvoy; it is still an honor after all this time.

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