

Highland Park Elementary School Teacher Paula Marquez Wins Golden Apple Award

Christensen Law Firm Gives \$100 Gift Card For Classroom Supplies

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January 4, 2012, Draper, UT – The Christensen Law Firm School Supplies Gift Program, a program sponsored by the Utah based Christensen Law Firm, PLLC, is pleased to announce that Mrs. Paula Marquez, a 5th grade teacher at Highland Park Elementary School in Salt Lake City, UT, is this week’s recipient of the Golden Apple Award.

Mrs. Paula Marquez has been enriching the lives of her students as a teacher for 14 years now. She has taught in a variety of teaching atmospheres, from bilingual to cross-grade split classrooms and has strived to make a difference in the lives’ of all her students. She puts great effort into everything she teaches, from Social Studies to Reading, Writing and Math, with a little of everything in between. She especially loves teaching math and likes to do so in a very hands on sort of way. “I like to use manipulatives to help students understand concepts better.” She says, and also mentioned that when helping children grasp a particular idea she “loves seeing when their eyes light up and they get it.”

Despite the lack of funding that many teachers are faced with, Mrs. Marquez moves forward in making her classroom a place of learning. This often involves buying many classroom extras out of pocket like books, stickers, pencils, tape, and construction paper when her class budget is low. She says that most teachers are faced with the same issues. “I suppose that you could just never do anything for your class.” She says, “But the more items available to supplement classroom learning, the more you want help out your class.” “I know teachers that spend tons of money [out of pocket] on science supplies each year in order to do different experiments.” but affirms that “It’s worth it! The kids are always worth it.”

Mrs. Marquez will put the money to good use, purchasing some of those little things that the school funding sometimes cannot cover. She was excited about the award and seemed equally excited to pass the opportunity to win onto colleagues of hers by nominating them.

Nomination Forms can be found at: <http://www.utahpersonalinjurylawfirm.com/school-supplies/Nomination-Form-fillable.pdf>

The Christensen Law Firm recently started the **Christensen Law Firm School Supplies Gift Program** to help public school teachers get extra classroom supplies without having to spend their own money. Each week the program gives the **Golden Apple Award**, a \$100 gift card to a deserving Utah Public schoolteacher and his/her class. Anyone can nominate a teacher for this program, including teachers, students, parents and administrators. To learn more about the program and get information on the winners visit:

<http://www.utahpersonalinjurylawfirm.com/christensen-law-firm-school-supplies-gift-program.html>.

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Ken Christensen and Russ Hymas, owners of the **Christensen Law Firm**, are Utah natives. They have individually authored several [books](#) covering topics from car accidents to wrongful death law and bicycle accidents. They have been recognized by local media (including KSL, ABC, Fox and KUTV) as legal experts and are frequently asked to offer opinions on news stories and events. They are also sponsors of the **Hit-and-Run Rewards Program**, which rewards honorable citizens for providing information leading to the arrest and felony conviction of Hit-and-Run Drivers. For more information contact: schoolsuppliesgiftprogram@clfutah.com