Albion Middle School Teacher Jenni Perkins Wins Golden Apple Award

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

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December 12, 2011, 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. Jenni Perkins, a music teacher at Albion Middle School in Cottonwood Heights, UT, is this week's recipient of the Golden Apple Award.

CRT and other standardized testing scores are high at Albion Middle School, and some would argue that credit is not due to a strong core curriculum alone. Mrs. Jenni Perkins believes that the study of music helps her students far beyond coordination and a simple love of playing. Mrs. Magann, a vice principal at Albion Middle School, says, "Our musical program is outstanding because of her devotion to her students and their devotion to her," and again, "We hear all the time from parents who want us to know how much she has meant to them and their students."

Mrs. Jenni Perkins herself has been playing the flute since about the 5th grade and has been teaching music at public schools for eight years. "I love my job, I really do," she says, "I wouldn't give it up for anything." She is of the belief that attitude can make all the difference in a classroom. She notices that when she has a great attitude, her students generally also have a better day in class and play their best. "It's so nice liking to come to work every day," she said cheerfully. Mrs. Perkins does what she can to put herself aside and it makes all the difference.

Because of tight budgets throughout the state, teachers everywhere have to come up with new and more creative ways to further the education of their students. Mrs. Perkins gives of her time and energy to ensure that students' skills are competitive. "I want them to be as prepared as they can be for high school," she says. She wakes up early to hold Jazz Band practice sessions for her students and also takes hours in other parts of her day to accommodate their needs. Many of her students' needs on a large scale are met through school funding, though many of the little needs have to come from her own pocket, like a new instrument string for a student. In recognition of Mrs. Perkins' commitment to education and lives of young musicians at Albion Middle School, the Christensen Law Firm is proud to reward her with this week's Golden Apple Award.

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.

About the Christensen Law Firm

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