

Sue Graham Pisinski Award

Sue Pisinski was an inspirational teacher and valued member of her school and community; she remains today an example of the type of exemplary commitment to young people the Hopkinton community wishes to foster and support. To honor her memory and recognize teachers who demonstrate a similar commitment to young people as Sue Pisinski did, the community of Hopkinton established the Susan Graham Pisinski Award for Exemplary Commitment to Teaching and Community. The recipients of this annual award are selected from members of the Hopkinton teaching staff. Two awards are given each year, one for a teacher grades K-6 and one for a teacher grades 7-12. The award includes a \$500* grant to the recipients that may be used, at their discretion, to enhance their knowledge and skills within their fields of study or to pursue other career broadening experiences.

Nomination and Selection

Teachers will have an opportunity to nominate colleagues who:

- Develop a sense of community in their classrooms and schools;
- Demonstrate innovation in their teaching and dedication to life long learning;
- Promote student learning and development;
- Show a strong commitment to their students.

The selection committee consists of six former Sue Graham Pisinski Award recipients and the Superintendent of Schools. Recipients will serve on the committee for 3 years.

Nominations

Nomination forms should be returned to the committee chairperson, Rob Nadeau (rnadeau@hopkintonschools.org), by Friday, April 10th. As you consider your nominee, please include specific descriptions, examples or anecdotes that illustrate how the person exemplifies those characteristics previously noted. Nominees need not fulfill all of the above qualifications; rather, nominations are meant to capture the spirit of teaching that the nominees bring to their classrooms, their students and by extension, their communities.

** The grant award may vary depending on the distribution received from the NH Charitable Trust.*