

DRAFT PROPOSAL

PRESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PANTHER PAW AWARD



We have established a metaphor for caring about our students. We call it, **The Palm**. The way we try to remind ourselves of our Palm obligations is to follow this simple script. "Turn your palm toward you. Imagine the face of someone you love and place the face that you conjure into your palm. Close your hand gently, wrapping your fingers around the face you love. Bring the gently closed fist to your heart. Make decisions every day with the love in the palm of your hand as your focus and all will be well."

Every day we live **the Palm**. Some go above and beyond. Starting this year, we are instituting the Panther Paw (Palm) Award. At the beginning of every year we will celebrate one staff member that exemplifies the core values of the Palm and Panther Pride.

Anyone can nominate any employee for this recognition. A simple verifiable description of how the employee shares the love in the palm of their hand with our students is all that is needed. The Leadership Team of the district will assess nominations and select an honoree. The identified honoree will receive a certificate of appreciation, a letter of recognition for their file, the Paw emblem in the picture above, and the deep appreciation of our learning community. On three sides of the Paw emblem will be the words Honor, Humility, Humanity. As we initiate this process we will also be looking for a corporate sponsor that may enhance the recognition award.