
LINDA M. WALDRON

NJAGC 2010 Teacher of the Year

For the past ten years Linda Waldron has taught gifted and talented students in the Berkeley Township School District as part of the district's Advanced Learning Program for Students, and she takes pride in having developed a challenging program for her K-6 students. Some of the highlights of her career include: a collaborative venture with a local high school which features a news broadcast entitled *Wake up Berkeley*; an intergenerational endeavor called *Then and Now* that connects students with senior members of the community; a *Kids with a Cause* community outreach class; and a business oriented program entitled *Who Wants to Be an Entrepreneur?*



Linda acknowledges that she is blessed to have two outstanding colleagues working with her, along with a very supportive administration and school board, who contribute to the success of these programs.

Linda also was instrumental in establishing a summer camp for gifted children in Ocean County, and was the program supervisor for an initiative called Camp Paw hosted at Georgian Court University. She currently supervises the After School Adventure Program for her district.

Through her association with the Ocean County Gifted and Talented Convocation Group, Linda helped to start a County Chess Tournament, Invention Convention, as well as the Jersey Shore Science Competition. Listed among Linda's many professional involvements are Chairperson of the District's Professional Development; Member of the District's NJQSAC team; Board Member for Learning Disabilities Organization of Monmouth and Ocean County; Committee member for the Academy of Teaching and Learning; Grant writer and recipient; and Trustee for NJAGC. In 2002 she received the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award. Over the years she has made presentations at Young Authors' Conferences, Academy of Teaching and Learning Workshops, the 20th Annual Educators Conference and NJAGC State Conferences. In addition she is an active member of her school's PTA. Linda is especially proud of the book she and her colleagues have compiled and published for their class creation *Who Wants To Be an Entrepreneur?* and treasures the relationships she has developed with her parents, students and teaching associates.

Linda received her Undergraduate Degree from Douglass College and her Master's Degree from the University of Scranton. She is currently pursuing a career in education administration. Linda resides in Lanoka Harbor with her husband Ben and their two sons Brian and Kevin.