

PRINCIPAL SHAWN GALVIN HONORED AS SDJ ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR



Teachers, Staff, and Administrators of the year were honored at a celebration at the Pontiac Convention Center on Wednesday, November 28, including our own Principal Shawn Galvin. Many Lincoln staff attended the reception to celebrate and support Mr. Galvin's accomplishment, for a second year in a row as School District of Janesville Co-Administrator of the Year.

In his gracious acceptance speech, Mr. Galvin humbly thanked Lincoln staff and said although his name is printed on the plaque, the award really belongs to all the Lincoln staff for their excellence. Principal Galvin likened his leadership in the district to reflections he made while on a family trip to the Boundary Waters this past summer. A good leader can't move forward without a vision, and it must be a shared vision. His family was on

board with the planning and execution of the trip, purchasing and packing of gear, studying maps, gathering provisions, and portaging the canoes from lake to lake to lake. However equally important, a good leader stays attuned to his team and strategically makes necessary adjustments to the plan. When the proposed itinerary proved too intense for his 12, 10, and 8 year old children, he adjusted the pace and distance covered and yet still maintained the goals of family fun, adventure and positive memories.

Lincoln families, students and staff all benefit from Mr. Galvin's great strengths in leadership, efficiency, and character. He clearly models for everyone his passion for life-long education, technology, and building meaningful relationships.



Recipients this year: Sean Hildebrandt (Parker), Veronica McMahon (Madison), Stephanie Filter (Madison), Shelley Block (Washington), Katie Jones (Wilson), Jamie Legreid (ESC), Julie Steinman (Van Buren), Jennifer Thornton (Parker), Julie DeCook (ESC), Shawn Galvin (Lincoln)



Some of the Lincoln staff that attended the reception in support of Principal Galvin: From left to right, Front: Julie Schuchard, Karen Koning, Mary Kay Helbing, Shawn Galvin, Michele Costello, Jeni Malone Back: Tammy Zhe, Wendy Nelson, Linda Hoague, Angie Denewellis, Becky Carter, Cindi Dyke, Jill Cass, Jeff Winchell

DID YOU KNOW?

Mr. Shawn Galvin has a Bachelor of the Arts degree in Elementary Education from Rockford College, which he earned in 2000. He has two Masters in Education degrees from National Louis University: one in 2006 in Curriculum and Instruction and another in 2009 in Educational Leadership. He began his career teaching elementary students for the South Beloit School District at Blackhawk Elementary School from 2000 to 2005. Shawn then transferred to the Rockford School District at the Haskell Year-Round Academy from 2005 to 2009 and as an assistant principal at Lewis Lemon Elementary School in Rockford, IL. He has been the principal at Lincoln Elementary School since 2010-11. When he was hired, the Peer Interview team recommended him because he "possesses a proven ability to work with all students, parents, and staff; is focused on academic growth; and has exemplary communication skills." They also mention that those he has worked with all highly recommended him.

