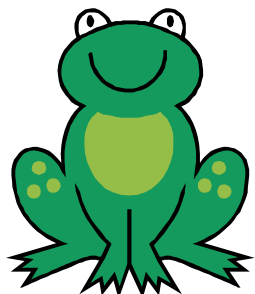


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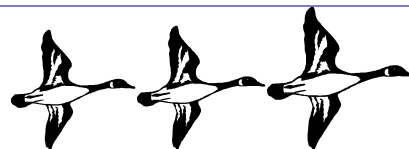
## SHEA Q3 Golden Goose Nominees

*If we follow the example of the geese, we will stand by each other in hard times, as well as good.*

Congratulations to the *Nominees* in each Building:

PC: Tammy Endecott  
Joyce Henning  
Elizabeth Moore

ES: Sherri Cram  
Diane Diedrich  
Daneen Hollern  
Meredith Little  
Darcy Sly



IS: Marcia Brockus  
Linda Hansen  
Helen Kloepper  
Angie Tauer

MS: Helen Kuttus  
Christi Roitz

HS: Janel Carbajo  
Elaine Corder  
Stasi McKibbin  
Char Novakovich

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The Winners are:

**Lisa Lyke**

**Stasi McKibbin**

*“Earth Day is April 22, 2008. Let’s all do our part to make a difference. Congratulations Winners!”*

*Charlene A. Novakovich  
SHEA Vice President*

Lisa put herself in charge of recycling for her pod. She even admits to taking things out of trash cans if she sees they can be recycled. Per Lisa, “Generally, I encourage people to do anything they can to help the earth stay green, whether it be recycling, replacing light bulbs, using canvas shopping bags, etc. I think if everyone did a little more than what they are doing now, we, together, can make a world of difference.”

Stasi is proud of the fact that she always encourages her students to place discarded paper in the recycle box in her room. Per Stasi, “I’m big on plastic recycling, anytime a student has an empty plastic bottle all they have to do is remove the cap and put it in the sink, I take care of it from there. I bag them up and tote them home to put out with my other recycling.”

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*Dennis Moore*

## Congressman Dennis Moore on: School Vouchers

"I continue to oppose efforts to channel public funds to private schools. I understand the many students and their parents choose private education for a variety of reasons, such as religious and other special instruction. Public schools, however, offer an education to all students. Private schools are not required

to accept children with disabilities or special needs. I object to taking already-limited taxpayer funds out of public schools and putting them in private institutions. We need to support and rebuild our public education system, not abandon it."

*Congressman Dennis Moore, Third District*

## Under the Dome News from Evelyn Nelson

**The 'obscenity' amendment has been shot down.**

The proposed 'obscenity' amendment would have made it an **offense** for a teacher to use any

materials that did not have prior approval, if a parent complained.

"This is a big win for schools and academic freedom."

*Evelyn Nelson, Political Action Advocate*



## Taking Off Quietly

One teacher said, "I was reading an educational magazine when I stumbled across an article in which the teacher themed her classroom like an airport. The 'fasten your seatbelt'

announcement is used to get children back to their seats and the dinging just before the captain speaks is used to gather the children's attention."



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## Foul Language Policy *From Kimberly Fandi, high school teacher*

"When I hear an offensive word, I just politely say, 'language please' to the individual. Normally, the student will immediately apologize. If I have time to continue the conversation I may add, 'remember that a good vocabulary is a sign of great intelligence. Show me how smart you are and find some alternatives to those adjectives.' I say these things in a smiling, teasing sort of way and get very good responses from high school kids. If someone is belligerent or in

my face, I normally will ask them politely if they want to take care of it now or if we need to invite the principal in for a discussion about vocabulary choices. It's only once in a blue moon that I am taken up on the second option. Our school policy is that swearing intentionally without stopping after a reminder equals in-school suspension. Swearing repeatedly with intent to upset people, and/or swearing at a staff member results in automatic out-of-school suspension."

## Reading Race

From Donna Dinizo-Ruhl, a teacher at Roosevelt School in South Plainfield, New Jersey:

To foster a love of reading, I show my class books that I am reading on my own time. They are thrilled by the size of them! In class, I made a large race track out of bulletin board paper and had the kids color in race cars

that I printed from the Internet. I gave them all a sheet to keep track of how much time they read outside of class which the parents initialed. Their goal is to make it all the way around

the track, which is labeled by minutes. Once they have all made it around, we have an ice cream party. They can't wait to move their cars everyday!



## Earth Day's Ecology Flag - Earth Day is APRIL 22, 2008

According to *Flags of the World*, the Ecology Flag was created by cartoonist Ron Cobb, and was published for the first time in October 25, 1969. The flag was patterned after the flag of the United States, and had thirteen stripes alternating green and white. Its canton was green with a yellow *Theta*. It originally had a symbol that was a

combination of the letters "E" and "O" taken from the words "Environment" and "Organism", respectively. Later flags used either a *Theta* because of its historic use as a warning symbol, or the Peace Symbol. *Theta* would later become associated with [Earth Day](#).



## The History of Earth Day

Senator Gaylord Nelson, Founder of Earth Day said the idea for Earth Day evolved over a period of seven years starting in 1962. He had an idea to persuade President Kennedy to give visibility to this issue by going on a national conservation tour. He flew to Washington to discuss the proposal with Attorney General Robert Kennedy, who liked the idea. So did the President. The President began his five-day, eleven-state conservation tour in September 1963.

1969, anti-Vietnam War demonstrations, called "teach-ins," had spread to college campuses all across the nation. Suddenly, the idea occurred to Senator Nelson - why not organize a huge grassroots protest over what was happening to our environment? Thus, he announced that in the spring of 1970 there would be a nationwide grassroots demonstration on behalf of the environment and invited everyone to participate. The wire services carried the story from coast to coast. The response was electric. It took off like gangbusters. Telegrams, letters, and telephone inquiries poured in from all across the country. The American people finally had a forum to express its concern about what was happening to the land, rivers, lakes, and air - and they did so with spectacular exuberance.

Senator Nelson said Earth Day worked because of the spontaneous response at the grassroots level. His office had neither the time nor resources to organize 20 million demonstrators and the thousands of schools and local communities that participated. That was the remarkable thing about Earth Day. It organized itself.

"...on April 22, 1970, Earth Day was held, one of the most remarkable happenings in the history of democracy."

-American Heritage Magazine, October 1993

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**Website provides a categorized list of sites useful for  
enhancing curriculum and professional growth**

Kathleen Beck Schrock is the Administrator for Technology for the Nauset Public Schools on Cape Cod, MA. A large part of her job deals with infusing technology throughout the curriculum in all areas and at all grade levels. Previously a library media specialist, she is very interested in search strategies, evaluation of Internet information, copyright issues, emerging technologies and gadgets, and the use of technology as a tool to support instruction.

Kathy created her site, [Kathy Schrock's Guide for Educators](http://www.discoveryschool.com/schrockguide/), in 1995, to **help teachers easily wade through the many resources on the Internet**. In 1999, Kathy partnered with DiscoverySchool (now Discovery Education) and continues to update the resources available on her site daily. To access paste the following URL in your browser:

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