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2013 Teacher of the Year: LCHS's Jamie Esler

Coeur d'Alene, ID – Jamie Esler brings physical science to life and views the world as his classroom. His students at LCHS dive into the learning of environmental systems and physical science with great zeal. It's not hard with a teacher who will be spending three weeks this August working with an Arctic research team in a remote region of Iceland.

Esler's passion for science also ignites younger learners as he spearheads the annual Ramsey/LCHS Science Day where 5th grade students visit the high school and engage in collaborative projects with high school science mentors. Esler was honored Tuesday evening, May 7, when he was named the 2013 Coeur d'Alene School District Teacher of the Year, at the Voices of Education retirement and recognition dinner. "Jamie's enthusiasm for science and his desire to spread this enthusiasm to his students creates a classroom environment of great interest and energy," stated Superintendent Bauman.

The event also honored thirty classified and certified employees who are retiring at the end of this school year.

Other finalists for the teacher of the year award were:

Nancy Stevenson, Elementary Educator of the Year (Dalton Elementary)

Stacey Doerr, Middle School Educator of the Year (Lakes Magnet Middle School)

Melinda Bauer received the "rookie of the year" teacher award. (Ramsey Elementary School)

Cody Spade, a behavior prevention specialist at Borah Elementary, received the classified employee of the year recognition at the event.

Esler will represent Coeur d'Alene School District in the Idaho Teacher of the Year contest this fall. The Coeur d'Alene School Board of Trustees and the Coeur d'Alene Education Association support the Coeur d'Alene School District teacher of the Year program.

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