

2007 Marion & Matty Penick Outstanding Community Service Award

Name of Nominee: Dennis Morrison

Name of Nominators: Michael J. Zwick & Brian Lampton

When Brian (Lampton) and I heard of Dennis Morrison's announcement to retire from Beaver Creek City Schools last week, we thought it very fitting to nominate him for this service award. He has been the biggest cheerleader in our school district, along with being our superintendent for the past seven years. Denny enjoys his work and the kids so much. I'm not even sure he knows he is working!

His expert leadership and hands on style has led the district to seven straight "Excellent" ratings, with the addition of "with distinction" in 2008. "The heart of any community is its school district, and Dennis Morrison superintendent contributes an extraordinary amount of energy to the quality of our community" per Dr. Pat Shannon

His legacy will be the passage of the bond issue last Fall, which will construct a new elementary and middle school; the first new buildings in more than 40 years! The new building and the renovation of all existing buildings will serve generations of students to come

In 2008, Beaver Creek City Schools had a 100% graduation rate and passage on the OGT. Denny had a direct influence on achieving that goal. Over 90% of our students enroll in college and receive millions of dollars in financial aid.

Denny is loved and respected by all who know him. He works tirelessly to assist each and every student succeed. He truly exemplifies & practices "servant leadership" and "service above self". Students love him and recognize his sincerity and genuine caring. Faculty and staff hold him in high esteem and will truly miss him. Personally, we will miss seeing Denny out in front of the high school waving at the kids as they leave on the school buses.

Some of Denny's additional activities include-

- Past member of Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee
- Current Ex-officio member Chamber of the Chamber Board
- Rotary Club member and former board member
- American Heart Association Walk Chairperson
- American Heart Association Executive Committee
- American Cancer Society Volunteer
- Assists with United Way Campaign
- Assists with Lions Club Programs
- Homecoming Parade Chairperson
- Day in the Park Chairperson
- Tech Prep Chairperson

Denny and his wife Roz are long time Beaver Creek Residents and are active at St. Likes Church.

We feel that this award would be both timely and befitting for his dedication to the community above and beyond his duties as superintendent