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Forest View Elementary teacher honored as a 2010 Presidential Award finalist

Debbie Strong, national board certified teacher at Forest View Elementary, recently received the honor of being selected as [one of four Washington state finalists](#) for the 2010 [Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching](#) program.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are the nation's highest honors for teachers of mathematics and science. The awards recognize outstanding K-12 teachers for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession.

Since 1983, more than 4,000 teachers have been recognized for their contributions to mathematics and science education. This year, 103 mathematics and science teachers were named as recipients of the prestigious award.



Debbie Strong

Forest View Principal Brenda Fuglevand commented, "Debbie is innovative, resourceful and committed to providing engaging curriculum in all content areas."

Strong joined the [Disney Planet Challenge](#), sponsored by Disney Corporation, where students informed the public about a local issue in the area – storm drain runoff in Puget Sound and what the community's responsibility was in fixing the problem. Under her guidance, students taught lessons to other classes, and also planned and presented an assembly. This project culminated in a community environmental workshop where students, families and community members learned to preserve our natural environment by conserving water and reducing pollution. The event was highlighted in the current edition of the [district newsletter Everett Schools](#).

In a congratulations letter to Strong, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Randy Dorn wrote "I commend you on your selection from the field of outstanding candidates for this prestigious recognition."

As a state finalist, Strong will be invited to meet with the State Board of Education, Randy Dorn and Gov. Christine Gregoire at several events next year.

Strong's application packet was submitted for review to the national selection committee. In late spring, the White House will announce the results of the national selection process.

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