



J. Milton Jeffrey Elementary School in Madison
Selected as the CAS Elementary School of the Year for 2009-2010

The Connecticut Association of Schools has selected J. Milton Jeffrey Elementary School in Madison as Connecticut's 2009-2010 CAS Elementary School of the Year. It is a dynamic and lively community that serves approximately five hundred and fifty children from kindergarten through the fourth grade. It houses the district kindergarten program which functions as a "school within a school."

When notified of the award, Jeffrey School Principal, Mona Goodman, was ecstatic to hear they were selected, "Jeffrey School is honored by this prestigious recognition for all that we do as educators. This is a reflection of the skilled staff, committed students, caring parents and collaborative efforts that happen each and every day to make Jeffrey School such a successful learning community. There are so many schools that deserve this recognition for their hard work. Being singled out as unique and exemplary for the programming we provide is humbling and rewarding. This acknowledgement truly supports our school motto of ...the place to be!"

Jeffrey Elementary School demonstrates strong student performance, a wonderful school climate, and a sincere sense of team. This is a reflection of excellent building leadership, staff dedication and commitment, children first, and a supportive parent and community collaboration.

Madison Assistant Superintendent, Anita Rutlin, shared her excitement in hearing the news of Jeffrey's selection. "This is an important distinction for Madison. It celebrates the collaboration of teachers and parents, of leadership and community that results in wonderful schooling for our children. CAS helps us celebrate great education and educators. "

The criteria used to judge the school included the following:

1. Providing an educational program conducive to meeting the needs of all of its students.
2. Providing student opportunities that go beyond those that are part of the typical school day.
3. Providing educational programs that are consistently reviewed and improved.
4. Providing an atmosphere that welcomes participation from all constituencies.
5. Playing an active role in the community.
6. Encouraging strong parent-school involvement.

Under the leadership of Principal Mona Goodman, the school has provided educational programs conducive to meeting the needs of all of its students. This school's sense of community, its outstanding programs, its level of academic achievement, and the overwhelming positive feeling one enjoys at J. Milton Jeffrey Elementary School has made it the choice of the Connecticut Association of Schools Outstanding Elementary School of The Year Award. The school will receive their award at the Connecticut Association of Schools Elementary Program Recognition Banquet held at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington on November 23, 2009.