



**Above:** Two Kilmer Elementary School students placed in the Colorado Council of the International Reading Association writers contest. Pictured are Principal Chuck Stovall and Instructional Coach Vicki Nissen with fifth-grader Kylie Buchanan, who placed third. First-grader Sienna Pipes, not shown, placed second. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*



**Above:** Palmer Lake Elementary School sixth-grader Mackenzie Garcia was recognized for her efforts to collect and donate pajamas to families in need. Left to right are Mackenzie's mom, Rachel Mackenzie, and Palmer Lake Elementary School Principal Peggy Griebenow. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*

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was not as open or well-publicized as the search for the superintendent.

- Substitute teacher Deborah Goth also praised the Path2Empathy program, having attended the assemblies. She doesn't understand why some are still talking about Common Core when the district's teachers do not teach to a test.
- Psychiatrist Larry Shores stressed that teachers must be unbiased in their teaching and remain neutral on such issues as gender identity. They should foster social acceptance. Schools should not be instruments of social change.
- Tammy John thanked Sarah Sampayo and Brofft for attending an awards program where Monument Academy accepted a School of Choice award.
- Near the end of the meeting, Derek Araje commented that the district has added many employees since the end of the recession and he did not see that the additional expense resulted in improved achievement.
- Nationally certified teacher Phyllis Robinette responded that the addition of instructional coaches at Palmer Lake Elementary resulted in the recent Title I award received by the school.

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The Board of Education of Lewis-Palmer D-38 generally meets on the third Thursday of the month in the district's Learning Center, 146 Jefferson St. Due to scheduling con-

flicts, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15 at 6 p.m.

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