

A heartfelt thanks from President Musial

May 2, 2012

John, Jack, Jerrold, David, Sheryl, Rosemary, Bob and Wayne,

Thank you so much for your support today at our EarlyAct FirstKnight program. It's so appropriate to have all of you at Whitcomb Elementary School on this special day celebrating the values of Citizenship and Service. All of you represent "Service" through your support of these fine children and school.

Sir James told me our program is unlike any others. He's awed by Sheryl's graciousness when she puts the vests on the children and has them turn to their classmates. Jack, no one does the salute and walk from Sheryl to the stage as you've done. When I watch you, I want to stand a little straighter and I'm certainly lots prouder. John, the stage is magical and you led the design and construction. Then you manage the certificates and with a smile and "congratulations", you lead the children to their thrones (chairs). You also manage the group photos. Your warmth and kindness warms the stage. Rosemary, you handle your role behind the scenes/stage perfectly as you instruct and congratulate the parents. You've got it down exactly right as you send them out from behind the curtain to enjoy the sight of their children walking to the stage. They magically appear as their children's name is being announced. David, your smile and stories are infectious. The families are informed and right on cue. There is no doubt that you are so good with people and you inform them of the process so they walk to the stage with even greater pride. Bob, in time all of this could be forgotten without your wonderful pictures and capturing the essence of the program for years to come. Jerrold, your presence makes everything better and easier. No one understands the whole program as you do. You're attention to the families and flow make everything happen and takes a lot of responsibility from the teachers and administrators so they can enjoy the program better. Wayne, you help whenever and whenever help is needed. You prepare the labels for the medallions and help to get the vests ready. You greet and direct and support and demonstrate the meaning of Rotary through service.

We couldn't have a better school for our program. We couldn't have a more supportive principal. I know that this program couldn't have a better team.

Thanks for all you do.

Marilyn,