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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to nominate Mrs. Pam Allen for teacher of the month (or year). My name is Stacey Jones and I have five kids that have gone through the Stanwood-Camano school system. I have been truly blessed to have four of my five kids have an Allen as their teacher.

My earliest memory of Pam was going to the start of school ritual at Utsalady Elementary where everyone looks at the class lists for the school year that was about to start. The first time with Evan I looked at the list trying to find his name and I remember two mothers talking next to me saying, "My daughter has Pam Allen, do you know who she is?" And the other mother responded, "Yes, I have seen her in the hall and she seems a little professorial". After they had left, we found Evan's name and he too had Pam Allen and I remembered what those mothers had said. Little did I know, I was about to experience one of the best academic teachers in the Stanwood-Camano School District and my son was about to become an amazing writer thanks to Mrs. Allen.

Pam was a outstanding academic teacher, but the thing that stood out to me more than anything else was that she said she didn't have any favorite students. Most teachers say that, but in all honesty they do have favorites. Even though it is known that teachers have favorite students, Pam Allen never showed any special favoritism toward certain students. She knew students had their strengths and would capitalize on what they were good at. My second child to have Pam Allen as a teacher, Kaci, always seemed to be every teacher's favorite student, but to Pam Allen she was just another student just like the twenty-three other students in her classroom. I marveled how she treated each child as a special and unique individual. All the kids in the class were hers and she had a special place for each and every one of them in her heart. However, I do believe that she will never forget the Jones' kids. Two of my kids had Pam for one year of school and my younger twin daughters were lucky enough to have Pam for two unforgettable years at Utsalady Elementary.

My twin daughters have a processing disorder so everything is harder for them, academically and socially. Pam gave them confidence, spoke with their tutors daily on things they were struggling with. I feel she had them at such a pivotal time in their early academic careers, 3rd and 4th grade. I'm proud to report that one of them is completely mainstreamed with A's, B's, and only one C and the other twin is close to that. Pam Allen helped them to become great students and have confidence in themselves because she continuously worked with them academically and encouraged them to be in leadership roles, like morning announcers

I hope this letter reveals one of the many examples that demonstrate how Mrs. Pam Allen is very deserving of the teacher of the month (or year) award for the Stanwood-Camano School District. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Stacey Jones