

Jan Carpenter Award - 2009

Jan Carpenter was a wonderful person who gave everything in her power to children. She was an outstanding teacher in the Bradford County Daycare System for many years.

The Jan Carpenter Award is a yearly celebration of outstanding early childhood educators (Ages 0 to 6) in the Bradford County Region and the winner will be announced at the annual Learning Early Network Conference. The nominee should be currently working in early childhood or a related field.

Criteria: The nominee should have the ability to:

- Identify the strengths of each child and work with those strengths.
- Manage the classroom on the basis of cooperation, reason and mutual respect.
- Relate to children of diverse backgrounds and create an environment that enhances each child's ability to learn.
- Demonstrate creativity and be able to build necessary relationships.
- Demonstrate commitment and contribution to the profession, encouraging all learners to succeed.
- Raise public awareness on the importance of effective and committed early learning teachers.

The nominee selected as winner by a neutral panel will receive:

- Name on the Jan Carpenter Plaque, which will be on public display.
- A winner's plaque for personal use.
- A one-day free visit from any available early childhood artist on the roster of the Bradford County Regional Arts Council.
- \$100 Savings Bond from the family of Jan Carpenter.

To nominate an educator for the Jan Carpenter Award, submit a one-page nomination form to: Learning Early Network, 601 Main St., Towanda, PA 18848. The deadline for submission or postmark is April 3, 2009. The winner will be announced on Friday, April 24 at the Sayre Theatre during the Learning Early Network Conference.

The nomination form should include:

- Contact information for the nominee
- Contact information for the person doing the nominating. It is acceptable to nominate yourself.
- In no more than one page, explain how the nominee demonstrates or matches well with the criteria above. It is not necessary to connect to each listed criteria.