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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Physical Education Staff Attains Coveted STARS Distinction for Martin Elementary School**

LAKE IN THE HILLS, IL – Principal, Rhonda Maciejewski, is pleased to announce the Physical Education Department at Martin Elementary School has been selected as recipient of the STARS Award by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE).

The STARS Award is a national recognition program designed to honor physical education programs in K-12 schools that model the essential elements for quality physical education and provide meaningful learning opportunities for all students. In addition, STARS schools exemplify excellence in teaching students the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed for motor development to achieve movement competency, health-related fitness, and promote lifelong physical activity. To earn the distinction, each of the school's physical education staff compiled documentation about its curriculum, best practices, teaching methods, and evidence of implementation of 31 criteria over nearly a year, which was then rigorously reviewed by an independent panel of judges from around the country.

Martin Elementary is the 32nd school nation-wide and only the 19th elementary school to receive the STARS Award. Congratulations to teachers Kathy Bilof, Marcus Boynton, Allison Breidenbach, Lauren Brezinski, and Wendy Chauncey on earning the STARS Award distinction for the school. Principal Maciejewski and the rest of the staff and students could not be more proud of this fine achievement. In the words of Physical Education teacher Lauren Brezinski, "Our Physical Education Department ROCKS!"

Martin Elementary School is located at 10920 Reed Road, Lake In The Hills, Illinois. To learn more about the STARS Award program, visit the National Association for Sport and Physical Education website at: [www.aahperd.org/naspe/awards](http://www.aahperd.org/naspe/awards).