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### **SHARON BRYANT, LINCOLNWAY ELEMENTARY TEACHER, HONORED WITH TEACHER IMPACT AWARD**

West York Area School District (WYASD) is proud to announce that Ms. Sharon Bryant, fourth grade teacher at Lincolnway Elementary, received WGAL 8's 2014 Teacher Impact Award at a banquet on May 19<sup>th</sup> held at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel. Ms. Bryant was one of only five winners of the award, which was presented by Ms. Kim Lemon of WGAL 8 and Ms. Ann Keim of Rotary International District 7390. Along with Ms. Bryant's family and friends, a large assemblage of WYASD faculty and staff, including Lincolnway Principal, Ms. Appnel, West York Area Middle School Principal, Mr. Bumsted, and West York Superintendent, Dr. Lonardi, attended to show both their pride and appreciation for her outstanding work as a West York teacher.

Each year, WGAL 8 honors teachers selected from all around the Susquehanna Valley who have, according to WGAL 8's website, "influenced students' lives, academically and personally." This year, Ms. Bryant, nominated by a former student and chosen from over 250 nominees, was the only teacher selected from York County.

Ms. Appnel says, "Ms. Bryant's use of West York's Main Things, including Differentiated Instruction and Technology Implementation, along with high expectations, ensures growth and challenges for her students. A neat thing happens when you visit her classroom - everyone becomes a part of the learning. She continues to support students before and after school by coordinating Chess Club as well as collaboratively coaching Envirothon Teams with other teachers. Ms. Bryant teaches students accountability for their decisions in a way that translates easily to choices made throughout the school day and life. This recognition is an honor for us all at Lincolnway and in West York!"

A feature on Ms. Bryant will air this Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, on WGAL 8's *News at 5* as part of a weekly segment celebrating the Teacher Impact Award Winners.