

NOMINATION OF ANNMARIE VARLOTTA FOR AGNES MEYER OUTSTANDING TEACHER  
AWARD 2009-2010

The Ellicott Mills Middle School PTA is nominating 6<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher and team leader AnnMarie Varlotta for the Washington Post Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award for 2009-2010. We are asking students, former students, parents, teachers, and administration to write letters supporting the nomination of Mrs. Varlotta for this award. The letters will be added to the nomination packet and submitted to the Selection Committee. Following are tips on writing a letter of support, and templates for parents and students are included as well, to provide ideas on where to begin. For more information, contact Eileen Barnard at 410-418-4040 or eileenbarnard@yahoo.com

- Deadline: Monday, 30 November, 2009.
- Mail a signed hard copy to:

Eileen Barnard

4922 Worthington Way

Ellicott City, MD 21043

OR

Leave a signed copy at the EMMS front desk in a folder marked "Attn: Eileen Barnard".

- Letters must be signed.
- The best writing comes from the heart and gives specific examples of an activity that inspired, a technique that made things fun, a situation where encouragement made the difference, etc.
- Letters don't have to be formal; they don't even have to be typed. The Selection Committee is interested in content more than form. A handwritten student letter is a great testimonial.
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Below are the criteria for the award, which may trigger your memory in recalling some of Mrs. Varlotta's qualities.

Nominees must be teachers who:

1. Instill in students a desire to learn and achieve
2. Understand the individual needs of students, encourage their talents and foster their self-esteem
3. Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of subject matter and the ability to share it effectively with students
4. Foster cooperative relationships with their colleagues and the community
5. Demonstrate outstanding leadership.
6. Maintain their teaching position throughout the 2010-2011 school year.