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Omaha Mayor To Honor Elementary Students' Commitment To Academic Excellence

OMAHA, Neb. – On May 2, Omaha Mayor, Jim Suttle will honor the academic achievements of 373 Omaha Public Schools sixth-graders during a 10:00a.m. ceremony at The Holland Performing Arts Center.

This annual event is the grand-finale celebration for the sixth-grade students who participate in The Partnership For Our Kids goal-setting program. All students attending this recognition ceremony achieved at least 9 out of 12 reading, math and life skill goals and have met their attendance requirement this year.

Mayor Suttle and Omaha Public Schools representative, Dr. Liz Standish, will speak to the students about the life-long importance of goal setting. In addition, student representatives from the twelve Partnership elementary schools will speak about the impact the goal-setting program has made on their lives. The 12 OPS elementary schools that will be represented are: Belvedere, Conestoga Magnet, Field Club, Fontenelle, Franklin, Howard Kennedy, Jackson, Kellom, King, Miller Park, Mount View and Saratoga.

Following the ceremony, a short reception for the students and their families will take place at the Omaha World Herald Plaza, 13th and Dodge Streets, weather permitting.

In-kind donations and services for this event are provided by Holland Performing Arts Center, Hy-Vee Foods, Lozier Corporation, Mutual of Omaha, Omaha Chamber of Commerce, OPPD, Omaha World Herald, Carlson Hospitality, Metro Community College, Allied Oil & Supply, Office Max, Omaha Public Library, First National Bank, American National Bank, First Comp and Wells Fargo.

The Partnership For Our Kids is a non-profit organization working towards advancing the education of today's youth and preparing them for tomorrow's careers. Partnership staff and volunteers empower kids to succeed by introducing them to caring adult role-models, teaching them how to set and achieve their goals, inspiring them to explore a wide variety of career paths and giving them the keys to college access. Currently there are 5,000 students in 21 Omaha Public Schools participating in Partnership programs.

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