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Martin County School District

Palm City Elementary Teacher Candice Keating
Martin County School District's 2009 Teacher of the Year

The Martin County School District is proud to announce that Candice Keating, a 3rd Grade teacher at Palm City Elementary School, has been chosen as the district's *2009 Teacher of the Year*. The announcement was made during a celebration this evening at Club Med in Port St. Lucie.

Mrs. Keating is a National Board Certified Teacher who has 11 years of teaching experience, all within the Martin County School District. She has taught at Palm City Elementary since 2005. Palm City Elementary Principal Nancy Marin describes Mrs. Keating as a "school leader" who has been instrumental in the success of many school initiatives, such as the PCE Green Team and Kids Green Team, which strive to raise environmental awareness. Green Team activities have included school-wide recycling programs, an online school newsletter, monthly green tips, FPL school-wide education presentations, school garden projects, and Earth Week educational units. Previously, Mrs. Keating also taught at J.D. Parker School of Science, Math, and Technology and at Warfield Elementary.

"I congratulate Mrs. Keating for being named *Teacher of the Year*. She's a dedicated teacher who willingly takes on additional responsibilities to ensure the success of not only her students, but her entire school family. I also applaud each of the *Teacher of the Year* nominees for their outstanding efforts each and every day in the classroom. Our district is truly fortunate to have such dedicated, talented educators who are role models in their profession," said Superintendent Nancy Kline.



Superintendent Nancy Kline (pictured right) congratulates the District's *2008-2009 Teacher of the Year* during the award ceremony on Friday, February 20th.