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**Clint Williams of Skyridge Middle School Named 2016 Assistant Principal of the Year**

*Assistant Principal's Focus and Passion is His Unrelenting Mission to Reach Every Kid*

**OLYMPIA** — Clint Williams is the Washington State 2016 Assistant Principal of the Year. The award is bestowed by the Association of Washington Middle Level Principals (AWMLP), a governing board of the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP). The honor alternates yearly between a middle level principal and a high school principal. This year it's the middle level's turn.



Williams (left) and principal Aaron Smith.

"First and foremost, Clint has become a trusted and well-liked colleague and assistant principal by staff, students, and parents because he is student-centered and treats everyone with kindness and respect," said Skyridge Principal Aaron Smith, who added Williams "has played an integral role in every aspect of our success, including being recognized with four consecutive Washington Academic Achievement Awards."

Since Williams helped implement the Positive Behavior and Intervention Support Program, Skyridge has seen a 50 percent decrease in suspensions over the last four years. Williams leads the data team and works with staff to track and analyze student achievement data through PLCs for student and staff learning. Always student-centered, he created a support system to connect students who are struggling academically with adults on a weekly basis. Reaching each and every kid with a personalized approach is a strength for Williams.

"Personalization has been a focus here at Skyridge during my entire time as the associate principal. From building positive relationships with staff and students, to really focusing in on each individual's strengths and challenges during our FLEX period, we have worked to get to know each and every student within our student body," said Williams.

Assistant Principal at Skyridge since 2009, Williams taught middle school science in the Moscow School District in 2003-04 and the Pullman School District from 2004-09. His B.S. in Kinesiology, Masters of Education, and Principal Certification all come from Washington State University.

Williams will be honored for his award at the June 2016 AWSP/WASA Summer Conference in Spokane. He will be recognized nationally in the spring of 2016 in Washington D.C. as part of the pool of candidates for the National Assistant Principal of the Year Award. See a list of past state winners and learn more about the award at [www.awsp.org/AWSP/About/Awards/AssistantPrincipaloftheYear](http://www.awsp.org/AWSP/About/Awards/AssistantPrincipaloftheYear).

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