

**BUG PROGRAM**  
*(Bringing Up Grades)*  
Kiwanis Elementary Program

*We are having a "GREAT" year at Star Lake Elementary School with our BUG Program. The Principal, Mindy Thompson, is very enthusiast and supportive about this program. It is a pleasure to work with her and her staff. It is administered by two great teachers, Dorothy Hess and Mary Runions. They are a "joy" to work with.*

*We have had two evening "Awards Ceremonies" this year, November 12, 2009 and February 18, 2010. They are doing a fantastic job of making this a "special" night to honor the students. The night is for the BUG Awards ONLY! The principal opens with a nice talk explaining the program and then each student is called to the front of the room, given a BUG Certificate, BUG Pin and also a BUG pencil. Our club provides these items to the school. The Principal talks about each child and their accomplishments. The students are just beaming and of course the parents are also.*

*They have chosen to honor approximately 40 students at each Awards Ceremony. The first one held in November was a small group, but the February Awards Ceremony was standing room only. The room was packed with students, parents, grandparents, etc. It was a "Huge" success. The Principal makes this a special night just for the BUG Program kids.*

*We (Kiwanis members) are asked to participate also, we get the honor to hand out the pencils and pens to the students and shake their hands with great pride in their accomplishments. It is my privilege to be a part of this program. They will have another Awards Ceremony towards the end of the year.*

*Each school can decide how they want to handle the BUG Program. At Mark Twain they have chosen to honor their students participating in our "BUG Program" at Parent-Teacher Conferences. BUG Awards are presented at that time. Our Club also provides the Certificates, Pens and BUG Pins for this school. The Principal, Doug Rutherford, is very supportive of this program.*

*We are still working on Sunnycrest Elementary School, they have a new principal this year. I think we will eventually be successful there also. I think they will be on board next year. We need to acknowledge the time and effort that the principals and teachers give willingly to make this program a success. They really are doing an outstanding job to acknowledge the success of each student. This is what the "BUG PROGRAM" is about. It is my privilege to work with these schools. Carole Abernathy*



**STAR LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL "BUG AWARDS CEREMONY"**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2010**



**STAR LAKE "BUG PROGRAM AWARDS" CEREMONY — 11-12-09**