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Because of his crucial role as a supporter and sustainer of the arts in the Holyoke community, Holyoke Elementary School Principal Kyle Stumpf was awarded the 2013 Distinguished Leadership Award from the Colorado Art Education Association.

Local elementary art teacher and Stumpf's nominator Christina Martinez attended CAEA's fall conference last week, Nov. 7-10, in Breckenridge, accepting the award on Stumpf's behalf.



Holyoke Elementary School Principal Kyle Stumpf, at left, is excited about his 2013 Distinguished Leadership Award from the Colorado Art Education Association. He stands with nominator and elementary art teacher Christina Martinez next to some of the many samples of student artwork at the local grade school.□□

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“I strongly believe that every elementary student needs to be exposed to an organized art experience other than a craft center in the back of a classroom,” said Stumpf in his speech.

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“I have looked into the future and I not only see my school but my community, and it is more colorful, energetic and beautiful for having elementary students exposed to art at an early age in their educational experiences,” he added.

Stumpf said scheduling art is an important factor, but since the art instructor is just as important, if not more, he praised Martinez for being a positive role model, noting her qualities, attributes and creativity flow from her personality and her room on a daily basis.

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