

Emerald principal Leatherman honored at dinner Thursday

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Emerald Elementary School principal Larry Leatherman was honored Thursday as one of five Impact on Education Award winners. The awards recognize Boulder Valley School District's most inspirational educators. Impact on Education held a dinner Thursday to recognize the winners, who also receive a \$500 personal award and \$1,500 for their schools.

When he was notified of winning the award -- via a sneak-attack school assembly -- Leatherman said "It's just been an incredible ride. We have a great community and incredible, dedicated teachers."

Leatherman, who is retiring at the end of the school year after 44 years as an educator, said one of his greatest accomplishments was making sure Emerald had the best possible teachers. He said he knows the school is headed in the right direction because students want to be there and know it's a safe, caring place.

Nominator Stacey Monahan, Emerald's Parent Teacher Organization president, said Leatherman's dedication sets him apart. He teaches parenting classes, gives out his cell phone number to parents and has even picked up reluctant students to make sure they come to school.

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