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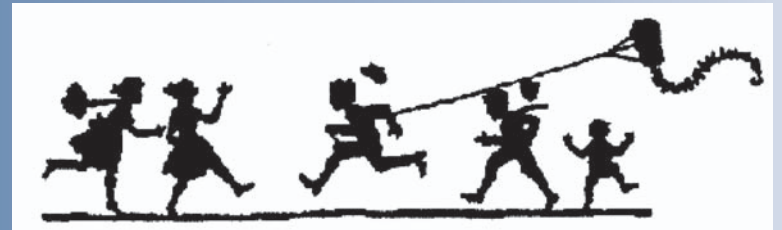
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# SEPA

SOCIETY OF ELEMENTARY PRESIDENTIAL AWARDEES

*Welcomes you!*



"SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS FOR ALL CHILDREN"

As key leaders in science and mathematics education, we encourage and welcome your membership. Our organization is moving forward into the new millennium with 21<sup>st</sup> century ideas.

*We look forward to your involvement!*

## Background:

The Presidential Award is the highest honor bestowed on classroom teachers of mathematics and science by the United States Government.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching was established in 1983. The program identifies outstanding mathematics and science teachers, kindergarten through 12th grade, in each state and the four U.S. jurisdictions. These teachers are leaders in the field of science and mathematics education and serve as models for their colleagues and leaders for the profession.

Founded in 1990, the Society of Elementary Presidential Awardees (SEPA) is one of the key organizations comprised of elementary science and mathematics educators in the nation. SEPA is a non-profit organization and an elementary affiliate of the *National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)* and the *National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)*. SEPA exists through the work of volunteers who are Presidential Awardees motivated to contribute their time and energy to assist classroom teachers.

SEPA supports science and math education by:

- ◆ providing sessions at the National Science and Math Teachers Associations' conventions
- ◆ publishing an education newsletter
- ◆ participating in the week long activities for newly elected Presidential Awardees in Washington, DC
- ◆ providing a professional link for science and math educators on the elementary level.

A Board of Directors elected by the membership governs the organization.

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## Mission Statement:

*To promote the interchange of best practice ideas in science and mathematics in Elementary Education.*

To promote scientific literacy, encourage mathematical power, and to facilitate change, SEPA engages in a variety of activities. Some of our endeavors include:

- ◆ Sharing information and resources with other Presidential Awardees through membership publications and Share-a-thons at NSTA/NCTM conventions.
- ◆ Organizing activities and socials at national and regional science and mathematics conventions and conferences.
- ◆ Encouraging Presidential Awardees to act in leadership roles in science and mathematics education.
- ◆ Providing for the integration of science and mathematics at the elementary levels through the dissemination of ideas and best teaching practices.



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