



The first annual Fran Peterson Award For Excellence In Music was presented at the James Otis Kaler School in June 2011 during the Fifth Grade Recognition ceremony. The following was the presentation address [edited]...

*The **Fran Peterson Award For Excellence in Music** is given to students who have demonstrated an interest in, and who seek out ways to be involved in, music activities. Students nominated for this award must be in band, chorus, and fully participate in general music class by demonstrating singing, playing, moving and responding to music. John Furman, our band teacher, and Nancy Curran, our music teacher, both discussed who would embody the values which are important to be successful in music.*

This award is named after a person who is supportive of the students and has a deep interest in music. This person knows every one of the students since the first day he/she arrived at Kaler school and truly loves each and every one. The person this award is named after also has been involved in music activities for much of her life outside of school and for these reasons and many more it is with great pleasure that the annual award for music excellence is named after Mrs. Fran Peterson.

The James Otis Kaler School student selected has been involved in music activities and has always shown an interest in learning about music. This student will be remembered as a very sensitive and gentle student in her Kindergarten music classes.

She is a student who is very quiet and may not be noticed as she works very hard to succeed. This student sought out recorder lessons with her music teacher during her recess time. She has shown that she truly has a commitment to music. For this reason we have selected ***Madison Smith*** *to have her name on the Fran Peterson Award For Excellence in Music.*