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Conrad Ball Middle School's Lynn Gilbert Named 9Teachers Who Care Award Winner for May

Loveland, CO – 9NEWS and CollegeInvest, Colorado's higher education financing resource, are pleased to honor Lynn Gilbert, a science teacher at Conrad Ball Middle School, with the May 9Teachers Who Care award.

Conrad Ball parents and colleagues nominated Gilbert for her commitment to the school and the community. Gilbert's day does not end when the last school bell rings, they say. She is not only a science teacher – she is also the volleyball coach, the science club sponsor, a team player and leader.

Jennifer Wilson, a Conrad Ball parent, praises Gilbert's special way of engaging her students in the classroom. "Mrs. Gilbert has a gift of making learning engaging, fun and hands on," Wilson wrote. "Students achieve standards in real world ways rather than solely using paper, pencil and textbooks. For example, seventh graders got to spend a day at Boyd Lake State Park learning how to observe with a scientific eye the many different creatures and animals in the park."

Janet Fuerniss, another Conrad Ball parent, cites many reasons why Gilbert deserves the 9Teachers Who Care award. "It is my pleasure to nominate Lynn Gilbert for the award of 9Teachers Who Care," wrote Fuerniss. "Lynn is a deserving candidate for many reasons. She spends countless hours preparing for her students' learning, is willing to go the extra mile to ensure that kids are successful, plans engaging lessons for her students, and challenges her students to think so they will become productive citizens."

The 9Teachers Who Care award was created by 9NEWS and CollegeInvest in 2001 to recognize and profile educators who are making a difference. The program was designed to highlight the positive stories and outcomes that are happening in Colorado classrooms every day.

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Anyone can nominate a teacher for the 9Teachers Who Care award. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Education Page or the Community Page on 9news.com or requested by calling 303-871-1899.

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