D63 Teacher Joana Sanchez Named ‘Hero In Classroom’

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Apollo Elementary School teacher Joana Sanchez, named a “Symetra Hero in the Classroom”, was surprised by the honor when summoned to the principal’s office for what she believed was a routine meeting.

The honor comes with a check for $2,000 for school supplies along with being honored on the field at Soldier Field during the Dec. 22 Chicago Bears game. Sanchez is a second grade dual-language instructor in East Maine Elementary School Dist. 63 who goes the extra mile for her students, which includes their families.

“Joana Sanchez brings her heart and soul to Apollo and to the entire district, which should come as no surprise as she is a product of D63 herself,” an alumna of our Nelson Elementary School, Ms. Sanchez is a skilled part of our Dual Language Program. Through the program, Spanish-speaking students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade may be placed in classrooms taught simultaneously in Spanish.

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