Our *Faces of Education* honorees this evening are Paul Mathis and Randy Thacker. Both gentlemen currently serve as part of the maintenance staff in the Extended Services Department. We recognize them for the role they played in bringing the 2007 Arlington Heights Elementary School Peace Mosaic display to life. They served as carpenters on the project, and are nominated by Arlington Principal Dr. Linda Black.

Last year, Arlington’s intermediate students embarked on a project with mosaic artist Lisa Hyatt. An avid supporter of our school corporation’s Human Understanding and Diversity efforts, Dr. Black, the staff and students wanted to produce a mosaic for the school related to the theme of “Peace.” Ms. Hyatt combined student designs to develop an outline or cartoon of the mosaic. “Our classes worked with the artist to place the tile pieces on a sheet of plywood.” Dr. Black said in her nomination. However, the glued tile still needed some work before it could be used as a display for the school, so she called the maintenance department. Before long, Paul and Randy arrived, walking around the project a couple of times to survey what needed to be done. They loaded the tile into their truck and took it off to their workshop. The finished piece returned grouted and framed beautifully. The Peace Mosaic now stands in the east wing of the school. “It makes a beautiful statement for our students and families,” Dr. Black also said. “We are very grateful for the efforts of the individuals, who helped us finish the project and display it at the school.” The mosaic has come to truly reflect the school’s vision for its students and families. The public is certainly invited to come and visit the display at any time.

As members of the Extended Services Department, Paul, who has been with the corporation since 1990, and Randy, who has been with MCCSC since 1987, certainly never anticipated an award for their work on the project. They viewed it as part of the work they do, and they were glad to help. “It’s our work,” Paul said. The day the gentlemen received word of their *Faces* nomination, they were hanging doors. From time to time, work like Arlington project comes along to allow more of their creativity to be displayed, he said.
Paul Mathis and Randy Thacker, your handiwork on the Arlington mosaic is an example of the talent we have within our corporation and among our support staff. This mosaic would not have been complete without you. It is our pleasure to recognize your efforts and declare you our newest *Faces of Education* honorees. Thank you and congratulations!

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