



Article for George-Little Rock School

Mr. Ahlers Presented with Teacher of Excellence Award

On Friday, September 25, Mr. Ahlers from George-Little Rock School was awarded the Teacher of Excellence Award from the Live Like Cat Organization in Sioux Falls. The organization was created to honor Caitlyn (Cat) Carman, who passed away at the age of 19 in a car crash. She had a special way with kids and was pursuing a degree in education at the University of South Dakota. The mission of Live Like Cat is to support what Cat valued – education, learning and relationships.

Mr. Ahlers was chosen as the Teacher of Excellence among approximately 40 nominations that described the characteristics of an excellent teacher. Mr. Ahlers was presented with a weekend getaway at Grand Falls Casino & Golf Resort as well as a check for \$200 which he said was being used to purchase lab equipment at school. His class also had the opportunity to learn about the Life Lessons of Cat which were written to explain how Caitlyn approached life. The Live Like Cat organization conducts special classroom visits to talk with students about building character, relationships and living life to the fullest. You can learn more about the Live Like Cat Organization by visiting the website at livelikecat.org.



Life Lessons Learned from Cat

- *Never take life too seriously*
- *Laughter is the best medicine*
- *Gossip is stupid*
- *Always keep a bulk-sized container of candy*
- *Live genuinely and make the best of every moment*
- *There is something good to be found in every situation*
- *Love others simply and accept everyone for who they are*
- *Take every opportunity you get to tell the people in your life that you love and appreciate them*

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