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Baldwin's Patricia Allaf Honored by the LA Clippers at January 27th Teachers Appreciation Ceremony at Staples Center

Baldwin Elementary teacher, Patricia Allaf, was nominated to be honored by the LA Clippers at their Teachers Appreciation Day Ceremony on Sunday, January 27, 2019, at NOON at the Staples Center. To make it affordable for the Baldwin community to support Ms. Allaf, the Clippers provided the school with a special link to buy game tickets at good prices.

Ms Allaf teaches multiple subjects to Baldwin 7th graders and has, among many things, helped spearhead the school's ASB Edible School Garden Project. "Our classroom experiences provide a learning community, hands-on learning and shape our students into who they become," says Ms. Allaf.

Ms Allaf still receives notes from former students thanking her — notes like recent one that said, "Because of you, it was the beginning of many things to come that you helped me to grow into. I hope your students will become great people because of you and hope they feel the same way I did."

Principal Chris Takeshita nominated Ms. Allaf for her dedication to academic rigor and devotion to students. Mr. Takeshita says, "Patrica is great person, so engaged with the school, is on our Cadre Team, our ASB, and she was also nominated for the Above and Beyond Badge through the District. She greets her students everyday with a high five or a fist bump." He goes on to add that research shows that greeting students at the door increases engagement and promotes a sense of belonging.

Ms. Allaf says, “I think students need to hear three things from teachers: I believe in you. You have a purpose. How are you, really?”

The LA Clippers have long honored teachers and provided community literacy outreach to support reading and create readers: through Read to Achieve programs. To learn more: <https://www.nba.com/clippers/community/education.html>

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Photo caption: Baldwin Elementary teacher Patricia Allaf was nominated by Principal Chris Takeshita to be honored by the LA Clippers at their January 27th Teacher Appreciation Ceremony.

