

Chad Miller

Homer Davis Elementary School

2016 Rodel Exemplary Principal Finalist

Bragging rights

“ It brings me great pride to work with dedicated educators that care so much about helping students improve, and move them closer to reaching their full potential. In my position, it's extremely rewarding to have the opportunity to hire and retain the best possible certified and support staff teachers at Homer Davis. I'm very proud to see the difference they continue to make on impacting student achievement as a result of their patience, teamwork, and collaboration.

A tip for new principals

“ Make it a top priority to get to know your staff before looking to make any changes or improvements at your site. Work hard within the first year to get to know your team's strengths and challenges. Be transparent and let your staff see who you really are and what you truly value. Make it a goal to build positive rapport and genuine relationships with all of your teammates from the head teacher to the night custodian.

Setting high expectations

“ It all starts with getting out of my office. Communicating high expectations is done by being highly visible in classrooms and on campus. Observing the teaching and learning process on a daily basis gives me the opportunity to provide specific and appropriate feedback to teachers which provides students with the best possible instruction we can deliver. All of us at Homer Davis want to know what we are doing well and what we can do better to improve student achievement.



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Flowing Wells Unified District

500 students in grades K-6

Experience: 21 years in education including 11 years as an elementary physical education teacher, five years as an assistant principal and five years as an elementary principal; currently serving on the district's Elementary Math Textbook Adoption Committee

Degrees: B.S. in Physical Education and Health Education from the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse; M.Ed. in Educational Leadership and Administrative Certification from Northern Arizona University

Rodel, in partnership with Social Venture Partners Arizona, developed the Rodel Exemplary Principal Initiative to recognize outstanding school principals and populate a pipeline of highly skilled school leaders for Arizona's most challenging schools.

The Rodel Exemplary Principals are selected for their demonstrated ability to lead high-need schools to success by inspiring their staffs to develop a campus that is high achieving, safe, orderly and welcoming.

Each cohort of Exemplary Principals provides professional development, field experience and mentorship to a class of Rodel Aspiring Principals. After learning from the best, Rodel Aspiring Principals are better prepared to lead their own high-need schools.

The 2016 Rodel Exemplary Principals will be announced on January 10 at www.rodelaz.org.