

Community News



Xavria Schwarz, principal at Christ Lutheran School in La Mesa, visits with students as they leave a recent chapel service. Schwarz has been named Administrator of the Year by the Lutheran Education Association.

School principal, teacher earn top honors

LAMESA—Christ Lutheran School La Mesa has been awarded two top education honors from the Pacific Southwest District of the Lutheran Education Association, a first in the 28-year history of the awards.

Principal Xavria Schwarz has

been named Administrator of the Year Award and the school's third-grade teacher Chris Small was awarded the Teacher of the Year, both for the 2008-09 school year.

The awards will be presented at the Lutheran Educators' Conference to be held Nov. 22 to 24 in Palm Desert.

Earlier this year, the school moved into a new facility boasting new classrooms for the K-8 school, a 30-station computer lab with various technology capabilities, a library, a science laboratory, expanded before- and after-school classrooms, administration offices, and a playground area.

The association's Pacific Southwest District represents about 70 Lutheran elementary schools in Southern California, Southern Nevada and Arizona. Each year the district accepts nominations for these awards and selects the recipients from those nominations.

The school, located at 7929 La Mesa Blvd., is operated by Christ Lutheran Church, a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation.

For more information about the school, visit www.lutheranschool.org.