



TEACHER OF THE YEAR – Pictured: Ms. Jorgensen with her third grade students.

Kathleen Jorgensen named Harris' Teacher of the Year

Kathleen "Casey" Jorgensen was selected by her Henry Harris colleagues as the 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year. She has been an educator in the Bayonne School District for seven years, teaching grade five and presently grade three.

Jorgensen is a participant in the Partnership to Improve Student Achievement (PISA) program at Stevens Institute of Technology. The intensive two week summer institute educates teachers in collaborative learning through engagement in science inquiry, engineering design, foundational learning in core science topics, and the development of a science technology engineering mathematics learning module. Jorgensen integrates her classroom curriculum throughout the year with the implementation of the PISA's content and materials.

At Harris, she is an active staff member involved in a variety of activities to

ensure her students an optimum learning environment. She is a facilitator in the parent workshop "Partners in Print." The evening workshop equips third and fourth grade parents with informative educational benefits such as grade level writing strategies, an overview of the Collins writing program, and New Jersey ASK State testing information and expectations.

Her commitment to education never waivers, as she spends her time as a mentor to struggling students, teaches after school test preparation classes as a youth enrichment homework instructor, and is involved with school duties.

A graduate of New Jersey City University, Jorgensen earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She is the proud mother of two sons, St. Peter's Prep students Nicholas and Evan and recently announced her engagement to Dennis Huber. ▽

