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Fiddlehead's Sara Giuliano Nominated for Cumberland County Teacher of the Year

GRAY, ME – [Fiddlehead School of Arts & Sciences](#) is proud to announce that Sara Giuliano, Fiddlehead's second grade teacher, has been nominated for Cumberland County's Teacher of the Year. This prestigious honor is particularly meaningful as it comes directly from parent nominations, recognizing the profound impact Giuliano has on her students and the school community.

Giuliano, who has been part of Fiddlehead's faculty since 2019, brings a deep love for hands-on learning and child-centered education to her classroom. With a background spanning multiple grade levels and outdoor education, she has created a joyful, engaging, and curiosity-driven learning environment for all of her students.

"I'm incredibly honored by this nomination," said Giuliano. "Teaching at Fiddlehead has been such a gift—our students are full of wonder, and I'm lucky to spend my days exploring, questioning, and learning right alongside them. To know that families see and appreciate the work we do every day means the world to all of us."

At Fiddlehead, teachers are more than educators—they are innovators, designers, and mentors who craft unique, inquiry-based curricula tailored to their students. Jacinda Cotton-Castro, Fiddlehead's Executive Director and CEO, emphasized the depth of dedication among the school's faculty. "Sara's nomination is a reflection of the incredible educators who bring Fiddlehead's mission to life every day. Our teachers don't follow a scripted curriculum; they build meaningful learning experiences that are tailored to each child, inspiring creativity, critical thinking, and a deep connection to the world. Sara embodies that approach, and we are so proud to see her recognized."

Fiddlehead's Principal Jason Manjourides also spoke to the lasting impact of Giuliano's work. "Sara's classroom is a place of constant joy, laughter, and discovery. She has a gift for making every child feel seen, valued, and excited to learn. Her students adore her, and she approaches each day with a contagious enthusiasm that makes Fiddlehead a better place for all of us."

The Cumberland County Teacher of the Year program is part of the Maine Teacher of the Year initiative, which recognizes exceptional educators across the state who make a difference in the lives of their students, schools, and communities. Nominees are selected based on their dedication, creativity, and ability to inspire a love of learning.