



# Good Life: Positive achievements for June 21

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## **Museum to honor educators**

The Mid-Hudson Children's Museum, 75 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie, will present its 2016 Great Friend to Kids Award during the annual Celebrate Summer event 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 24 at the museum's riverfront pavilion. The event includes performances, demonstrations and activities for families with young children.

"The Mid-Hudson Children's Museum is committed to empowering young children and families and we are excited to recognize those who advance the well-being of children through their work," said Lara Litchfield-Kimber, museum executive director.

## **The honorees are:**

Beth Dore is a fifth grade teacher and garden coordinator at Austin Road Elementary School in the Mahopac Central School District. She spearheaded the creation of a school garden and outdoor classroom space five years ago and also oversaw the integration of garden-based teaching into the school's curriculum and events.

Christine Fitzgerald is a special education teacher with Dutchess County BOCES who works with autistic children in grades 6-8 at Union Vale Middle School. She focuses on teaching basic life skills and self-sufficiency in performing daily functions.

Shelley Squires-Trani is head teacher at the Dutchess Community College Lab Nursery School. She is responsible for classroom oversight, curriculum and building relationships with individual families.

Andrea Moriarty is principal at G.W. Krieger Elementary School in Poughkeepsie. She oversees approximately 600 students in grades 1-5 and 70 staff members.

Montgomery Nursery School in Orange County was incorporated as a nonprofit in 1967 and serves as a collaborative agency for the Valley Central School District's universal pre-K program.

Tickets are \$12; \$8, members. Visit [www.mhcm.org](http://www.mhcm.org) or call 845-471-0589.