Country Springs' instructor named Teacher of Year by legislator

Krista Landgraf, a teacher at Country Springs Elementary School in Chino Hills, has been named a 2015 Teacher of the Year by Assemblyman Freddie Rodriguez.

The assemblyman is honoring a teacher, veteran, woman, and business from each of the cities in his 52nd Assembly District at a Summer Open House, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 25 at his district office, 13160 7th St., Chino.

The event is free and open to the public. It will include booths providing free services and information, opportunities to discuss state and legislative issues, and a free Home Depot workshop for children. Landgraf has been teaching at Country Springs since 1998. During that time, she has taught third, fifth and sixth grade GATE (gifted student) classes. She also taught second grade in 1998, according to district records.

Landgraf has been very active in GATE education within the district and in the state, including as a guest speaker on the subject throughout California. She is currently in her fourth year on the California Association for the Gifted Board of Directors as an Educator Representative for Joshua Tree, serving San Bernardino, Riverside and Inyo counties. Landgraf earned the Distinguished Service Award for the California Association for the Gifted in 2006 and 2010. She has earned a lifetime fellowship from Johns Hopkins University and their Center for Talented Youth program for her teaching abilities with gifted students.

She holds a master's degree in Education Leadership from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego.