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Calling All Students: Nominate Washington's Best Teachers for Ivar's and Kidd Valley Teacher of the Year Contest

Annual contest awards two top teachers \$500 each plus party for classroom

SEATTLE – April 8, 2015 – The annual celebration of education is back! Ivar's and Kidd Valley Restaurants are calling on all kindergarten through eighth graders to nominate their favorite teacher for a chance to take home the 2015 Teacher of the Year honors. Two well-deserving educators will be selected as grand prize recipients to bring home a \$500 gift card for classroom supplies, a commemorative plaque and the official title of either Ivar's Teacher of the Year or Kidd Valley Teacher of the Year. Plus, the nominating students of the grand prize winners will receive either an Ivar's Kids Meal – including a visit by Ivar's famous Dancing Clam – or a Kidd Valley Kids Meal for every student in their class. As a special bonus, those classes will also receive admission tickets to the Pacific Science Center, courtesy of the educational institution.

To nominate a teacher, students 14 years old or younger may visit select Puget Sound area Ivar's or Kidd Valley locations (excluding stadiums and Eastern Washington stores) to complete an official entry form, or go online to www.lvars.com/teacher or <http://KiddValley.com/calendar.htm>. All entries must be received by May 19, 2015. The official Teacher of the Year rules can be found on the Ivar's and Kidd Valley websites.

The contest will also award four teachers a first place prize of a \$150 gift card for classroom supplies, and 30 teachers will receive a second place prize of a \$25 Ivar's or Kidd Valley gift card.

The Teacher of the Year contest, now in its 12th year, was inspired by heart-warming stories of teachers' positive contributions in and out of the classroom. As in previous years, the contest seeks to honor inspirational educators who go above and beyond the call of duty to teach, mentor and support their

students. The 2014 Ivar's and Kidd Valley Teacher of the Year grand prize winners were Liliya Petrovskaya of Tacoma's Manitou Park Elementary School and James Van Stralen of Bellevue's Chinook Middle School.

Participating Ivar's Locations:

Bellevue	Mukilteo – Mukilteo Landing Full Service
Bellingham	Restaurant and Fish Bar
Bothell	Puyallup
Burien	Renton (Gene Coulon Park)
Edmonds	Seattle – Aurora
Everett	Seattle – Northgate Mall
Federal Way	Seattle – Salmon House Full Service Restaurant
Kent	and Fish Bar
Lakewood	Tacoma – James Center
Lynnwood	Tukwila – Southcenter Mall
Marysville	

Participating Kidd Valley Locations:

Aurora	Kirkland
Bellevue	Renton (Gene Coulon Park)
Greenlake	U District
Kenmore	

About Ivar's

Ivar's Seafood Restaurants began on Seattle's waterfront in 1938. Today, there are 23 Ivar's fast casual Seafood Bars and three full-service restaurants: Ivar's Acres of Clams, Ivar's Salmon House and Ivar's Mukilteo Landing. Ivar's Seafood, Soup and Sauce Company markets and sells its award-winning soups, chowders and sauces both nationally and internationally. The company also operates regional stadium concessions including Safeco Field, CenturyLink Field, Alaska Airlines Arena, Husky Stadium and Cheney Stadium. Learn more at www.lvars.com or Follow Ivar's on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Pinterest](#) or [Instagram](#).

About Kidd Valley

Kidd Valley has earned a following throughout Seattle and the Eastside for its made-to-order burgers, old fashioned, hand-mixed shakes which often feature seasonal ingredients, Kidd Meals, and mouthwatering side dishes such as fresh sweet onion rings, sweet potato fries, Grounders World Famous Garlic Fries and signature fried mushrooms. Kidd Valley began in 1975 in Seattle's University District. Today, Kidd Valley has seven retail locations throughout Western Washington plus multiple stadium locations throughout western Washington. For more, please visit www.KiddValley.com.

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