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Calling All K-8 Students: Nominate Washington's Best Teachers for Ivar's and Kidd Valley Teacher of the Year Contest

*Thirteenth annual contest awards two top teachers \$500 each plus party for
classroom*

SEATTLE – March 29, 2016 – It's that time of year again to honor Washington state's best and brightest educators! Ivar's and Kidd Valley Restaurants are calling on all kindergarten through eighth graders to nominate their favorite "out of this world" teacher for a chance to take home the 2016 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.

To nominate a teacher, students 14 years old or younger may visit select Puget Sound area Ivar's or Kidd Valley locations (excluding stadiums, airport and Eastern Washington restaurants) to complete an official entry form, or go online to www.Ivars.com/teacher or <http://KiddValley.com/calendar.htm>. All entries must be received by May 20, 2016. The official Teacher of the Year rules can be found on the back of store entry forms or through 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.

Ivar's and Kidd Valley encourages students to recognize and praise educators who have positively impacted them, and to share inspirational stories with other students and teachers. The annual Teacher of the Year contest, now in its 13th year, provides students with the opportunity to honor those teachers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to teach, mentor and support them.

The 2015 Ivar's and Kidd Valley Teacher of the Year grand prize winners were Sergio Jara-Kessi of Seattle's McDonald International Elementary School and Lana Sumner of Seattle's Broadview Thomson K-8 Elementary School.

Participating Ivar's Locations:

Bellevue	Puyallup
Bothell	Renton (Gene Coulon Park)
Burien	Seattle – Aurora
Edmonds	Seattle – Northgate Mall
Everett	Seattle – Salmon House Full Service Restaurant and Fish Bar
Federal Way	Seattle – Ivar's Acres of Clams Full Service Restaurant and Pier 54 Fish Bar
Kent	Tacoma – James Center
Lakewood	Tukwila – Southcenter Mall
Lynnwood	
Marysville	
Mukilteo – Mukilteo Landing Full Service Restaurant and Fish Bar	

Participating Kidd Valley Locations:

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

About Ivar's

Ivar's Restaurants opened 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 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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