



## Congratulations SERT Champion! Mr. Alan Breon, Building Service Manager Rock View Elementary School



### Alan Breon is “on a mission” 365 days a year!

Congratulations to Mr. Alan Breon, the building service manager at Rock View Elementary School, who demonstrates his devotion to saving energy every single day of the year. Rock View Elementary School is a successful model of what we call the SERT “magic triangle.”

The “magic triangle” is a successful collaboration of SERT efforts that we hope to see in all of our schools and consists of three major components which include:

- 1) a supportive administration,
- 2) a conscientious building service staff, and
- 3) an active SERT leader including a team of students who actively participate in modeling energy saving behaviors and create an energy awareness culture in their schools.



At Rock View Elementary School, Mr. Breon, along with the building service staff, school staff and students, work together to make the perfect triangle of energy conservation. To conserve energy, Mr. Breon leaves lighting off until it is necessary to turn them on, and encourages staff to turn off computers and printers at the end of each day. Mr. Breon knows his building well and pays close attention to the climate, monitoring and adjusting the heating and cooling systems appropriately based on weather observations. Mr. Breon makes informed decisions to meet the different needs of the various zones within the building. For example, he understands in the winter the northern side of his school will be colder than the southern side. The colder areas of the building will require heat sooner, with the opposite occurring in the summer.

Mr. Breon motivates his school through:

conserving energy and natural resources by managing the zone specific HVAC needs of his school;

encouraging others to take an active role in preserving our environment through energy conservation measures; and

maintaining his conservative approach to building operations.

Mr. Breon communicates with the SERT office frequently sharing his enthusiasm for saving energy. Mr. Breon realizes that with a concerted effort, energy conservation is attainable and easy to manage. It is because of his attention to details such as those listed above and his concern for energy conservation that the SERT office recognizes Mr. Breon as a SERT Champion for the academic year 2007-2008.