



January 1, 2008

Dr. Stefanie Holzman,
Principal
Roosevelt Elementary School

Dear Stefanie and the Staff of Roosevelt Elementary School,

I am proud to present to you the 2007 Albert Upton Award from *Thinking Foundation*.

Every year *Thinking Foundation* gives the Upton Award to a school or school system meeting three criteria. The school or system: does groundbreaking, foundational work on the facilitation of thinking through Thinking Maps®; documents and formally shares their work with the field so that educators in the field may learn from their experience; and, through doing so, supports those who are in the greatest need in the educational process. There is no doubt that Roosevelt School has far exceeded these minimum criteria over the past years through your thoughtful integration of Thinking Maps into your school.

With this award comes a check for \$1,500. There are no guidelines for the use of this money, though we at Thinking Foundation hope that you will consider using the funds for continuing to support the facilitation of thinking processes at Roosevelt School.

In addition, and reflective of the purpose of this award, *Thinking Foundation* invites a member of your school to the 4th Annual Thinking Maps Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, during the summer of 2008, in order to publicly receive this award (We will also post this award announcement on our website). *Thinking Foundation* will cover basic travel and hotel costs for two nights at the conference hotel. And, I have enclosed a copy of "A Field Guide to Using Visual Tools" for your school library. This book offers the context for Thinking Maps in the field, as well as a chapter on reading comprehension using the maps.

I have visited your school and have seen the dedication in teachers' eyes and the results of your service to the children in your community. I very much appreciate what you have given to these children and to the future of education around the world.

Sincerely yours,

David Hyerle, Ed.D.
Founder, Thinking Foundation