



Parker Elementary School is in very rare company.

In the past several years, students at Parker School have been making dramatic gains on New York State assessments of reading, writing and mathematics.

These gains have helped the school earn the distinction of a “Blue Ribbon School.”

Only 19 New York State schools were identified as Federally Recognized Blue Ribbon schools this year. The Blue Ribbon program is the U.S. Department of Education’s mechanism for recognizing and rewarding those schools that are doing outstanding work with helping students to achieve.

While all elementary schools in the Cortland Enlarged City School District have been making great gains, Parker has stood out – to the degree that it caught the attention of the New York State Department of Education. It was NYSED that originally nominated Parker for this honor.

Making such improvement is not an easy task. The staff, students, and parents of Parker Elementary are to be commended for their efforts, their focus on literacy, and their desire to succeed.

***CONGRATULATIONS PARKER!***

