

Melanie Brooks at **Paul Laurence Dunbar High** fell while watering her lawn at home during the week of Labor Day. She broke her left leg in five places and underwent surgery. She arranged for a wonderful retired math teacher from Dunbar to be her substitute and prepared plans while in the hospital awaiting surgery. The students in her classes did not miss a lesson or activity due to her accident. Her planning and organization is amazing. She has been working from home, responding to emails and grading papers. She has been in daily contact with her substitute and fellow teachers. To sum it all up, Melanie broke her leg in five places, underwent surgery but never really took any time away from the planning and daily work of teaching. She returned to school in a wheelchair. I am sure Melanie has plenty of accumulated sick leave, but she wanted to be here with her students. She has always gone above and beyond when it comes to the math students at Dunbar. This latest heroic effort definitely deserves a Fred.

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