

Penn-Delco Teacher Wins Grand Prize in Phillies Lesson Plan Contest

The Penn-Delco School District is proud to announce that Parkside Elementary School third grade teacher Alison Cobb was named the grand prize winner of the Philadelphia Phillies Lesson Plan Contest. The contest, in its fourth year, attracted approximately 100 lesson plans submitted from teachers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

The Phillies, in conjunction with the Newspapers in Education Department of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Daily News*, asked teachers to create a classroom lesson plan using the theme of baseball while focusing on the Phillies. The lesson plan was required to utilize *The Philadelphia Inquirer* or *Daily News*, and www.philly.com and www.phillies.com.

Ms. Cobb's lesson plan, titled "The Philadelphia Phillies-Off the Field," directs students to identify and describe character traits of Philadelphia Phillies players. Using factual evidence and details about the players collected from the newspapers and Internet, the lesson plan teaches students to differentiate between physical characteristics that help players excel in their sport and character traits that are reflected in their actions and personalities.

"We enjoyed how she created a lesson that focused on how the players reach out to the community," stated Jess Wilt, Fan Development & Educational Programs Coordinator for the Phillies. "Philadelphia is known for their great fans and the players think it is very important to give back."



Ms. Alison Cobb

"When I was in third grade, I fell in love with both teaching and the Phillies. Upon returning from school, I would begin teaching what I had learned that day to my dolls until dinner time," stated Ms. Cobb. "I would beg my dad to let me stay up 'just a little longer' to watch some of the Phillies on television. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to present my Phillies character trait lesson to fellow teachers and share this experience with my great staff, students, and family."

Ms. Cobb will present her lesson at the Phillies Teacher Workshop on April 11, which will be held at the Diamond Club in Citizens Bank Park. The presentation will be made to fellow educators who are participating in the Phillies "Tech-it Out" workshop, featuring a presentation on a curriculum teachers can use in the classroom to combine technology and the Phillies. Her lesson plan will be published in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* on Sunday, April 17 and will appear on www.phillies.com/lessonplan. Ms. Cobb will also receive Phillies gift packs for each of her students.