

Northley Teachers Receive \$5,000 Grant on Behalf of the District

Ms. Cherie Freeman and Ms. Jenna Dowd of Northley Middle School in the Penn-Delco School District have received a \$5,000 Student Achievement Grant from the NEA Foundation and Nickelodeon.

Through this grant, seventh grade students at Northley Middle School will plan, plant, and harvest an organic spring vegetable garden. Students will drive the project, using scientific inquiry to design the garden, analyze the growth results, and evaluate any variability in produce results. This yearly project will engage students in learning about the structure and function of living things, populations and ecosystems, organic gardening, renewable resources, and environmental stewardship. In addition, by donating the harvested food to local food banks, students will learn lessons in social responsibility.

This grant has been awarded in collaboration and with support from Nickelodeon as part of its Big Green Help in Public Education grants partnership to integrate green-related topics and experiences into classrooms.

“I’m thrilled to have been awarded the grant and look forward to starting the garden,” stated Ms. Freeman. “It promises to be a meaningful and rewarding way to teach and learn life science.”

“I am honored to be a part of this award winning grant. This is an amazing, gratifying opportunity for our 7th grade teachers and students to bring science to life!” stated Ms. Dowd. “I cannot wait to put our plans for our 7th Grade Green Garden in place!”

“We look forward to Northley extending its education to the outdoors. This will aid us to continue to make learning relevant and fun,” added Northley Middle School Principal Mr. Pete Donaghy.



Northley Science Teachers Cherie Freeman and Jenna Dowd