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PENN-DELCO TEACHERS AWARDED GRANTS FROM 3M

ASTON, PA: Teachers from Parkside Elementary School and Northley Middle school, part of the Penn-Delco School District, were recently awarded Ingenuity Grants from the 3M Corporation.

Parkside Elementary School third grade teachers Meghan Cullen and Alison Cobb will receive \$1,383 in funding to support a Math Workshop program that will include the purchase of math materials and manipulatives for each classroom. Fifth grade teacher Mindy Ross will receive \$1,200 in grant money to support a Statistics, Data Analysis, and Probability Project utilizing a Student Response System. Both grade level grants support rigor and relevance within the Penn-Delco math curriculum.

Northley Middle School seventh grade science teachers Cherie Freeman and Jenna Dowd will receive \$2,944 to further student learning in science. The goal of the awarded grant project is to use microscopy to increase student understanding and achievement in life science. The funds will be used to purchase video cameras designed for attachment to microscopes, sets of prepared microscope slides to teach biological concepts, and field microscopes to be used in the garden to regularly observe the plants they are growing at the cellular level. "We are very excited to receive this award and look forward to incorporating these technologies in the curriculum to improve student learning and achievement," stated Ms. Freeman.

The 3M Ingenuity Grant is a by-invitation-only grant to public upper elementary or middle schools located in communities with 3M facilities. The purpose of the grant is to recognize math and science teachers and help them bring new teaching methods and learning activities into the classroom. Proposals are selected based on whether selection committee members can visualize the program in action; understand how it supports school/district priorities; and how results are measured. Awards range from \$500 to \$3,500, determined by the scope of the program, and are single-year, non-renewable grants.

"We are pleased to recognize and support your efforts to bring new ideas into your classrooms," stated 3M Community Affairs Representative Ms. Anne Mazurowski. The presentation of the awards from 3M representatives will be made within the Penn-Delco community later this spring.

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