Bourbon County teacher receives INSPIRE: Lexmark's Teaching Award

Lexington, Ky.

Lexmark International, Inc. (NYSE: LXK) has honored a math specialist in Paris, Ky., with INSPIRE: Lexmark's Teaching Award. The program recognizes outstanding Central Kentucky area elementary, middle and high school science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) teachers.

<u>Lexmark representatives surprised Bethany Neel</u>, a math interventionist/resource teacher at Cane Ridge Elementary School, with an INSPIRE award presented in front of peers and students at Cane Ridge.

Neel is involved with school-wide mathematics professional development and is a proponent of strategy-based mental math/computational instructional methods. As an example, she introduced Number Talks to the classrooms, which are short activities focused on mental math strategies. Students are solving math problems pulled from their daily lives.

Lexmark presented Neel with a \$1,000 award to be used to promote STEM education at her school.

About INSPIRE

Lexmark launched INSPIRE: Lexmark's Teaching Award in 2011 to highlight and salute exceptional middle and high school teachers who teach science, technology, engineering and/or math in designated Central Kentucky counties. In 2013 the program was expanded to include elementary school teachers.

In order to be eligible for the INSPIRE award, a teacher must receive an online nomination as well as one reference letter from students, colleagues, parents, school administrators or community leaders. Eligible nominees must teach in one of the following Central Kentucky counties: Anderson, Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Jessamine, Madison, Scott and Woodford. Nominations can be made on the INSPIRE: Lexmark's Teaching Award page on Lexmark.com.

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