

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINNERS

### 2008 Excellence in Technology Awards

“Not what they do for themselves, but how they involve and inspire others.”

### Technology Educator of the Year

**Nicole Sneddon**, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher,  
Riverside Elementary School, Newport News Public Schools



The 2008 Elementary Technology Educator of the Year is awarded to Nicole Sneddon, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Riverside Elementary School, Newport News Public Schools.

Nicole Sneddon teaches reading and writing to her students through non traditional novel studies that link to present-day context. She facilitates progress through student blogs, and bubble-map graphic organizers in Kidspiration. Rough drafts are shown on Smart Boards with student peer review and editing. Students then create videos using their own voices as narration over images selected to educate the public on serious societal issues.

She is described as a teacher “who can extract the best from each student regardless of their perceived ability” and further, she supports, encourages and instructs her colleagues in the use of technology in their classrooms. The bottom line: she gets results. Last year her fifth grade students had the highest achievement level in the division on the state SOL test in reading. 98 of 99 students were proficient, including all sixteen of her special education inclusion students. The judges are hereby proud to add to the accolades of Nicole Sneddon by acknowledging her as the 2008 Elementary Technology Teacher of the Year. Congratulations.

# Technology Integrator of the Year

**Glenn VanHouten**, Gifted Resource Teacher,  
Shelton Park Elementary School, Virginia Beach Public Schools



The 2008 Elementary School Technology Integrator of the Year is awarded to Glenn VanHouten, Gifted Resource Teacher, Shelton Park Elementary School, Virginia Beach Public Schools.

Glenn VanHouten is described as an outstanding, dedicated, creative, technologically advanced educator.” He provides a supportive learning environment for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. As a pioneer user of clay animation, he combines his love for history with digital multi-media. His classroom subjects include student research of Native Americans where students and parents participate to Stock Market activity including investing with hypothetical money in four to six companies. Mr. VanHouten conducts a summer Enrichment camp for students who love to learn, and students participate for free to learn Movie Maker, Photoshop, and MS Excel spreadsheets in addition to clay animation. His principal describes Glenn VanHouten as a keeper and advocate of our vision to promote technological excellence and, therefore, the

judges consider this outstanding Technology educator to be considered and recognized as the 2008 Technology Integrator of the Year. Congratulations.

# Technology Administrator of the Year

**Mary Ann Hutchinson**, Principal,  
McIntosh Elementary School, Newport News Public Schools



The 2008 Elementary School Technology Administrator of the Year is awarded to Mary Ann Hutchinson, Principal of McIntosh Elementary School, Newport News Public Schools.

Mary Ann Hutchinson has a career of technology related successes and recognition for her exemplary contributions. Her school has been the pilot site for new technologies including distance learning, elementary computer labs, virtual field trips, teleconferencing, interactive whiteboards, and a host of technology related initiatives. She dedicated a teacher in her school specifically for technology integration long before ITRTs would become institutional reality. This past January, under her leadership, a two day 21<sup>st</sup> century Learning Conference was held for the first time in Newport News Public Schools. Sessions involved speakers via teleconference from United Kingdom, China and Australia. As described by her nominator: "Although she may not have directly installed a piece of hardware or software, her ideas, organizational prowess, and foresight have been instrumental to the availability of technology for NNPS students and staff." For all

she is doing and mindful of all she has done, the judges are proud to recognize Mary Ann Hutchinson as the 2008 Elementary School Technology Administrator of the Year. Congratulations.