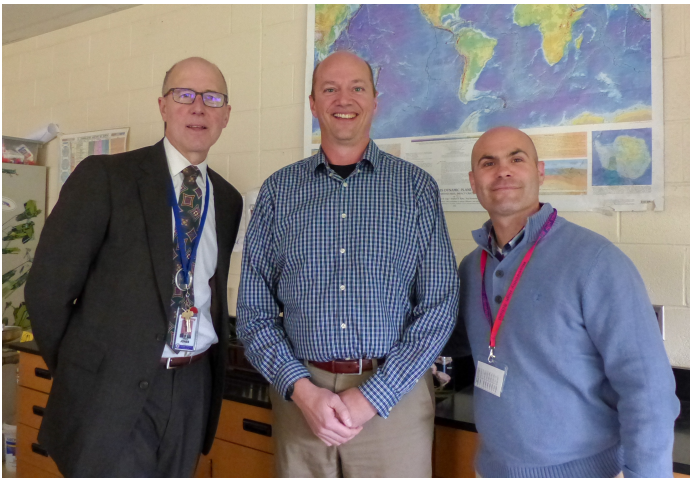




We Build Futures Award

October, 2018



Brian Suter

Lead Science Teacher, Neshaminy S.D. & Neshaminy H.S.

In your nomination, the following were highlighted:

- Your support of our elementary teachers at Tawanka, especially the First Grade Team;
- Your time during the many mornings at Tawanka, meeting with and collaborating with the teachers;
- Your ability to help align the Next Generation Science Standards to the elementary science kits, sharing your passion and love for science in a way that both the elementary teacher and the elementary student would be able to understand;
- Your production of a Next Generation Science Standards document with grade bands and explanations, allowing teachers to see what the children should know from Kindergarten through 2nd grade;
- Your ability to help align ELA and Math standards with the Next Generation Science Standards and elementary science kits with clear examples and ideas of how this can be accomplished;
- Your work to aid in connecting all the standards to the Project Based Learning plans and helping find meaningful resources to support the projects and fulfill the grant, including technology;
- Your efforts to survey the Tawanka property in search of ecosystems and ideas for outdoor learning (again, connected to the standards), providing examples and ways to use the building site for an outdoor nature learning center;
- Your coordination of the visit by Park Ranger Bonnie Tobin from Tyler State Park to collaborate as a community resource expert; and
- Your inclusion of your AP Environmental students and their presentation to Tawanka's First Grade students on healthy food choices and the possible poisons in the environment.

All of the above are examples of ways that you show you care. Your passion, enthusiasm, and time helped further educate, motivate, and empower these elementary teachers to gain a better understanding of the future of science which they will pass on to our students. Your work supports our District belief that our children are our future; that a quality education is a right; and that excellence in education requires support, sacrifice, and involvement from the total community.