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Science Education in Central PA Made Possible by Whitaker Fund Grant



Harrisburg, PA, May 13, 2014 – In 2013, Covenant Christian Academy (CCA) received a \$6,617 grant from the Whitaker Fund for Math & Science Education, a fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC). The grant dollars helped provide the necessary funds to purchase furnishings, technology, durable equipment and others supplies for CCA science students.

Since the start of school in the fall, CCA science classes have consisted of studying

various subjects including:

- the rock life cycles and learning to identify the different types of rocks
- learning about the solar system and why Pluto has been downgraded to a dwarf planet
- the structure of DNA through building paper DNA models of their own

In past years, Ms. Durrell didn't have a dedicated classroom for science and instead had to wheel around her science lessons and supplies from room to room. Thanks in part to the Whitaker Fund grant, Ms. Durrell has had a place to call home this year and has created a learning environment for her students to expand their intellectual curiosities.

“Having an actual classroom for science has helped the students appreciate science more,” commented Ms. Durrell. “We truly appreciate the grant dollars from the Whitaker Fund and without them we would not have been able to have such a successful science program this year for our students.”

*Picture information: Front Row: Daniel James and Katelyn Springman, 5th Grade CCA Students
Back Row: Robyn Burlew, Academic Dean, CCA; Emily Durrell, Science Teacher, CCA; Alison Mullins, CCA Parent and Former CCA Board Member; Jennifer Kuntch, Program Officer for Community Investment, TFEC*

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