

Bountiful Junior High School Teacher Becky Dunleavy Strives to Keep Classroom Modern

Christensen Law Firm Gives \$100 Office Depot Gift Card for School Supplies to Golden Apple Award Winner

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September 26, 2011, Draper, UT—The Christensen Law Firm School Supplies Gift Program, a program sponsored by the Utah based Christensen Law Firm, PLLC, is pleased to announce that Ms. Becky Dunleavy, a science and math teacher at Bountiful Junior High School is the recipient of the Golden Apple Award this week.

Ms. Dunleavy is teaching math and science to junior high students in what she calls the “Google age.” She says when her students don’t know the answer to a question, they Google it to learn more. Because of this, it is imperative for Ms. Dunleavy to have updated teaching materials so that her students can take the tools they already know how to use and enhance them. The way that science and math are done have changed so much over the last several years that students cannot learn with just textbooks and worksheets anymore. Ms. Dunleavy uses things like iPod touches, Mobi Pads, clickers, computers, and other technology in her classroom to enrich the learning experience for her students and bring things from their normal world into their classroom.

One of the biggest concepts Mr. Dunleavy is trying to incorporate is for her students to become real scientists, rather than just science students. They need to use the instruments in their studies that are used by the real scientists in order to get to learn how move beyond being students and make their own observations with the same tools. She has noticed her students’ scores go up because they are more engaged and they are retaining more. She believes that if her students are up-to-date in the science and math world they will be able to transition into their professional lives ready to contribute and really move things forward for the world. Ms. Dunleavy plans on using the money from the Golden Apple Award to support her high-tech classroom and support the curriculum that she has developed and found to be effective.

The Christensen Law Firm started the **Christensen Law Firm School Supplies Gift Program** to help public school teachers get extra classroom supplies without having to spend their own money. Each week the program gives the **Golden Apple Award**, which is a \$100 gift card each week to a deserving Utah Public school teacher and his/her class. Anyone can nominate a teacher for this program, teachers, students, parents and administrators. To learn more about the program and get information on the winners visit: <http://www.utahpersonalinjurylawfirm.com/christensen-law-firm-school-supplies-gift-program.html>.

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