

Middle School Teacher Wins Golden Apple Award

Cindy L. Knisely, a teacher at Key Peninsula Middle School, is the Winner of the Stanley O. McNaughton Golden Apple Award.

As a NASA Explorer School, Key Peninsula promotes science, technology, engineering and math learning. Knisely, a language arts teacher, teaches these subjects and serves as a member of the school's NASA Teacher Team and as NASA Explorer Outreach Coordinator.

She designed and teaches a popular elective called, "Mission Specialist" in which students learn about subjects from robotics to rocketry. She coordinates NASA Family Nights and accompanies students on trips across the country to learn alongside real scientists.

Knisely and other Golden Apple winners will be honored in ceremonies Jan. 15 in Seattle. The winners will also be featured in a broadcast on public television stations statewide in February.

The award is sponsored by KCTS 9 television and funded by PEMCO Insurance and the School Employees Credit Union of Washington.