

Center Woods Elementary School Awarded \$25,000 Intel Corp. Gift by Parent—the Top Prize in the US and Canada



January 11, 2018—Weare, NH—Center Woods Elementary School was presented with a check for \$25,000—the first prize in a technology competition sponsored by the Intel Corporation—by the winner and CWES parent Justin Gelinas during an All School Meeting on January 11. Justin, who works on the Geek Squad at the Manchester Best Buy, is part of a team that has been competing for the Score with Intel Core Competition for four years. Employees of retailers in the US and Canada who sell Intel processors may compete for the prize.

“Each year before we start the months-long competition of tests about Intel technology, we decide who on the team will pick the recipient of the prize money should we win,” said Mr. Gelinas. “This year it was my turn to choose where the prize money would go, so of course I chose my daughter’s school because our family loves Center Woods.” Alexis Gelinas is in the second grade and her brother Justin will join her at school next year. This \$25,000 prize is the top award in a competition that includes all of the US and Canada.

“We moved to Weare from Manchester specifically for the smaller schools. Center Woods pays attention to every detail and when you’re dealing with people’s kids, every detail matters,” commented Justin.

What does Center Woods plan to do with the \$25,000? “We’re going to take a look at both the Strategic and Technology Plans and make note of items we have not been able to fund that are directly related to student learning,” said CWES Principal Jess Potter. “We’d also like some student input on how some of the prize money should be spent. I’m asking students to write about their ideas for our school and why they should be funded,” continued Principal Potter.

“All of us at Center Woods Elementary would like to thank Mr. Gelinas, his team, and the Intel Corporation for their generous gift that will allow us to do many innovative things that our operating budget does not regularly fund. It was a vivid illustration of the power of generosity and kindness that we try to instill in our students every day,” commented Principal Potter.

Last year, Justin’s team took third place in the competition and Memorial High School in Manchester was awarded their \$5,000 third place prize.