

JANESVILLE, WI RPA CLIENT WINS NATIONAL TEACHING AWARD

Milton Northside Intermediate School teacher and RPA client Cathy Fernan received the Presidential Teaching Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in December of 2013. This distinguished award is given biennially to grade school teachers by the President of the United States and considered the highest national honor for math and science teaching. Mrs. Fernan was nominated in 2012 by her colleagues at Northside Intermediate School. Wisconsin State Schools Superintendent Tony Evers recommended Cathy as a national finalist. She was honored with 102 other math and science teachers from across the country.

Mrs. Fernan uses a communication-based style of teaching. She believes the student who converses the most, learns the most. Mrs. Fernan regularly encourages hands-on, loud-learning for her sixth grade science class. She and another colleague developed a district-wide monthly series, Family Math Nights, to promote math as less intimidating for students and parents.

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