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VMMS earns \$5000 NEA Foundation – Nickelodeon Big Green Help Public Education Student Achievement Grant

VISTA, Calif. – “Water, Water Everywhere – Is There a Drop to Drink?”

Early this morning before the start of school, VMMS learned that it received funding to have our eighth grade students study first-hand the process involved in increasing our drinking water supply through desalination beginning in the fall 2010. As our science teacher, Donna Markey, wrote in her grant: “The largest desalination plant in this hemisphere was approved in May of 2009 and will soon be built in Carlsbad, California, just minutes from Vista Magnet Middle School (VMMS). The plant will filter 100 million gallons of seawater daily, by reverse osmosis. If all goes as scheduled, the plant will produce 50 million gallons of drinking water by 2011, supplying 10% of San Diego County’s drinking water needs... VMMS students have the unique opportunity to witness this innovative technology as it begins operation. This project will educate students and their families about desalination, allow them to critically evaluate the impact of technology on their daily lives and realize that ensuring fresh water resources requires a multi-faceted approach. Students will explore this issue in all of their academic classes, making learning relevant to their lives.”

VMMS is proud of and grateful for the additional work done by our teachers who seek out funding sources to earn more money that will directly support, enhance, and bring relevance to their curriculum and instruction. As VMMS prepares to promote its first eighth grade class since opening in fall 2007, we continue to celebrate the hard work and dedication our teachers bring to our VMMS community.

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