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Jefferson Elementary School teacher receives Golden Apple award

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Aaron Holmberg started teaching fourth grade in 2004, and immediately began enriching the prescribed curriculum.

He created materials aimed at helping students achieve a deeper level of math learning and enjoyment, and arranged for parent volunteers to work in his classroom, partnering with them in responding to students' personal needs in math.

In collaboration with other teachers, he created binders supplementing lessons in the math curriculum for every grade level—a tool that is now available district-wide. Aaron enriched science instruction by refining the modular kits used in Everett Public Schools fourth-grade classrooms so that

his students would have the opportunity to focus on a main idea in each lesson and reach a deeper understanding of science concepts. Materials created largely by Aaron have helped his fourth-graders learn about Northwest history in engaging and meaningful ways.

Aaron has also been a leader in the implementation of Jefferson's "Make Your Day" discipline and citizenship program. "Aaron Holmberg," says his supervising principal, Elizabeth Nunes, "transforms lives—of his students, their parents, his professional colleagues, and community members."

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