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Madison Elementary benefits from Farmers Insurance program

Agent Peter Sexton to deliver \$2,500 in supplies to school on May 27, 10 a.m.



Madison Elementary students are looking forward to [Thank America's Teachers](http://ThankAmericasTeachers.com) big yellow bus arriving at their front door next week with \$2,500 in supplies

Madison is just one school to benefit from the Farmers Insurance program to support schools.

Other schools also have time to win big. Any teacher can [apply online](#) before the end of May for a chance to win even more \$2,500 grants.

The public has a role to play in this excitement as well. By [voting online](#) at ThankAmericasTeachers.com, the public can help determine which teachers will win the more than \$1 million in supplies from Farmers Insurance.

The national insurer launched the program in 2015 to say *thank you* to teachers for donating time, talent and knowledge to ensure our nation's children become smarter and better prepared for their futures.

Farmers agent Peter Sexton has specific reasons for passion about the program – and about Madison Elementary in particular. “I’ve been a Farmers Insurance Agency Owner in the community of Everett since 2007 and I am big supporter our local teachers and their students,” said Sexton. I was a teacher for 28 years, most of those years being in the Lake Stevens School District. My children attended Everett Public Schools, and Madison Elementary is so close to my office I wanted to make sure that the students received supplies as part of the Thank America’s Teachers bus tour.”

Madison’s math specialist Laura Beckett saw “... a great opportunity to offer additional experiences for students to spark a deeper love for math.”

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In addition to \$2,500 grants, six Dream Big Teacher Challenge grants of \$100,000 each will be awarded to help support innovative educational programs in communities across the country. Teachers can enter to win the \$100,000 grant before the end of June. The 15 finalists will be announced in September and the public can vote for their favorite teacher in October. Winners of the [Dream Big Teacher Challenge](#) will be announced in December.

Madison Elementary is the learning home for approximately 450 students in kindergarten through fifth-grade. "More than seven out of ten (73%) of our students qualify for free and reduced-priced lunches," explains Interim Principal David O'Neil. "With this generous gift from Farmers, we are able to do more to provide materials for our students who may not have access to high quality learning materials and experiences outside of school. I'm always amazed at the power of community partnerships and the way our teachers seek and secure resources for students!"

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