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Wanda Hill selected as Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert

Penny Creek Elementary School teacher recognized as global leader in transforming education through technology



On Nov. 15, Microsoft named Penny Creek Elementary teacher Wanda Hill as a [Microsoft Innovative Educator](#) (MIE) Expert. Hill is among 5,600 educators in the MIE program worldwide. She is the second staff member from Everett Public Schools to earn this level of distinction.

“Being selected to be an MIE Expert is very exciting. This program offers lots of opportunities for collaboration with experts from the U.S. and around the globe. I am surrounded by amazing people who are passionate about technology and what it can do for student learning and outcomes. All this while I get to learn more and more about the latest and greatest

programs and I get to share my knowledge teaching teachers,” said Hill.

Each year, Microsoft selects innovative educator experts to share ideas, try new approaches and learn from each other through a global community. The group is dedicated to improving student learning through technology.

Dr. Peter Scott, a district assistant superintendent who oversees south-end schools including Penny Creek, says he sees a great benefit to having Wanda’s expertise in the district. “Wanda and other educators like her will continue to shape our community’s preferred future when it comes to providing our students relevant access to technology tools that both enhance their learning today and prepare them for postsecondary opportunities into the future. It is exciting to think about and to know this work is happening right here in Everett Public Schools.”

As an MIE Expert, Hill will continue to build her skills using technology in classrooms and curriculum. She will be an advisor to Microsoft and to educational institutions about best practices to successfully meld technology into teaching and learning – in ways that improve what students know and can do. She will be an advocate and coach for this way of teaching and learning.

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“Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts are inspiring examples of educators applying new ways of teaching and learning in their classrooms that motivate students and empower them to achieve more,” said Anthony Salcito, vice president, Worldwide Education, Microsoft. “We celebrate and support the work they do every day!”

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