

First Lady Congratulates Top Apangea Students

Lori Otter Visits Mountain View Middle School

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Last night we brought you the details on the latest school program that has kids excited about math! And today the First Lady of Idaho, Lori Otter visited Mountain View Middle school in Blackfoot to congratulate students on their state achievements in the new Apangea math program.

BLACKFOOT, Idaho -- First Lady Lori Otter visited Mountain View Middle School to congratulate students on their state and national achievements in the new math program, Apangea.

Apangea is an online program that allows students to work on math programs in their spare time and in return receive points that they can trade in for prizes.

Their math teacher, Ken Maroney, said the students would go home and get on the computer to do math problems until late at night and would wake up early in the morning to do the same.

"Mr. Maroney let us come in during lunch and work on it during our free time," 7th grader Jared Evans said.

For the students' success they received pizza coupons, t-shirts and made the special visit to say thank you.

"It was kind of annoying because it took so much time," said Stephen Hong, "but it was worth it."

Maroney even said that since the program has been in place, the students have performed higher on state standardized tests. He said he hopes it is funded for years to come.

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