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### **Highland Elementary Teacher wins Innovation Award**

Paintsville, Ky – Lisa Salyer, teacher at Highland Elementary School, was recognized as the fifth weekly winner in the Dataseam “Best of the Best” Teacher Website Contest, which runs through December 1st. One teacher is selected each week based on the most exciting ideas and innovative classroom use.

Lisa earned a 32GB iPod Touch for her classroom, and is featured on the contest website, [http://www.dataseamcontest.com/5th\\_Winner.html](http://www.dataseamcontest.com/5th_Winner.html). She teaches 3rd Grade.

Lisa’s website exemplifies technology inspiring creativity and providing opportunities for success in Kentucky students. She has created an extensive classroom website for a new generation of elementary students who have spent their entire lives immersed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century media culture. The site is comprised of a daily blog, homework files, and many helpful PDF files of handwriting styles assignments for students and parents to access at home. Lisa’s website is a source of pride for her 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students, as she showcases writing assignments and weekly star students. Her students created their own podcasts based on a writing assignment “A Turkey’s Last Plea,” in preparation for Thanksgiving. The students also created Math videos as a way to simplify and understand the processes of Graphing, Round, and Subtraction with Regrouping. She has challenged her student to research Christmas Traditions around the world using the internet. She even uses video to drive her “Reader’s Theater,” allowing the students to exhibit their developing skills of collaborative learning and communication through video. Lisa understands that education today is not textbook-driven, but rather driven by technology to include problem-solving and creativity.

Teachers from Dataseam school districts in Kentucky, have created websites to enhance learning opportunities for students. Using the iLife suite of tools, teachers use multimedia communications to build interactive digital learning portals that engage and empower their students, linking them to the endless possibilities that education and technology can provide. These websites give students the opportunity to learn, create, and connect with their teachers, their peers, and their world.

Dataseam is a unique Kentucky-based company placing new computers in schools for everyday classroom use. Those student workstations are linked as a ‘Virtual Supercomputer’ so scientists can use the processing power to do important discovery work. Researchers from the University of Louisville’s James Graham Brown Cancer Center have already discovered several potential life-saving cancer drugs using the process.

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