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OfficeMax Honors Karen Acres Elementary Teacher With \$1,000 In Supplies

OfficeMax® Honors Third Grade Karen Acres Elementary Teacher, Katie Treanor, with the “A Day Made Better” award that provides select teachers across the country with \$1,000 in supplies

URBANDALE, Iowa – October 3, 2013 – Third Grade Karen Acres Elementary Teacher, Katie Treanor, was happily surprised when a team from OfficeMax visited her classroom Tuesday to honor her with the [“A Day Made Better”](#) award. Through the annual program, OfficeMax surprises 1,000 teachers across the nation with \$1,000 each in school supplies—\$1 million in sum. The program aims to support teachers by relieving the financial burden many teachers experience due to purchasing classroom supplies with their own money. Of the 1,000 teachers selected for 2013, Treanor was one of seven teachers selected from Iowa.

For the past seven years, OfficeMax has joined with its non-profit partner, AdoptAClassroom.org, to honor teachers through its A Day Made Better program. It’s a one-day event that awards more than 1,000 teachers with \$1,000 each in school supplies, and brings attention to the issue of teacher-funded classrooms. Since its inception, A Day Made Better has surprised more than 6,700 teachers and donated \$8.85 million in supplies to classrooms across the country.

“I was so excited and completely shocked when my students and I received our donations from OfficeMax,” said Treanor. “It was amazing to see their eyes light up with all of the supplies that will help us with our learning this year. OfficeMax not only made my day better, they made my year better!”



1. Tammy Abdulghani, Katie Treanor, Steve Crow, Steve Miller

The Urbandale Community School District is on a quest for transforming education by redesigning learning environments that increase engagement, encourage collaboration and improve achievement. This transformation is resulting in a renewed passion for learning among both

students and staff. Urbandale congratulates Treanor on receiving this special recognition as it is a well-deserved honor. To learn more about how Urbandale is transforming education, visit: <http://showcase.urbandaleschools.com>

About A Day Made Better

To the average American teacher, "back to school" means spending \$1,000 out of pocket on essential classroom supplies. The OfficeMax A Day Made Better program, in partnership with its non-profit partner AdoptAClassroom.org, aims to help end the need for teacher-funded classrooms. Since 2007, A Day Made Better and other OfficeMax Goodworks programs have contributed more than \$25 million in grants and supplies to support more than 31,000 teachers and their classrooms. Additionally, through the annual event, OfficeMax has helped its nonprofit partner AdoptAClassroom.org secure funding for more than 100,000 classrooms nationwide. To learn more, visit: <http://adaymadebetter.com>

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About Urbandale Community School District

The Urbandale Community School District includes portions of Des Moines and Urbandale, Iowa. The district serves over 3,800 students in six elementary schools, one middle school and one comprehensive high school. The Urbandale district supports an increasingly diverse student population where 50 languages are spoken. Building on the existing foundation of excellence in education, Urbandale is transforming education throughout the district. By implementing innovative [Quality/Continual Improvement](#) tools and tactics that create learning environments that more fully engage, challenge and motivate students, Urbandale is taking transformation from theory into practice. Urbandale prepares students for becoming lifelong learners and is a school district that brings learning to life for everyone. To learn more, visit: www.urbandaleschools.com

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