



# together in education™ Monthly Newsletter

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\$10,729,470 earned by schools since 1998

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## Another Challenge? The Trex Plastic Bag Challenge

Together in Education schools have been collecting plastic bags, newspaper bags, bubble wrap, etc. since mid-March as part of the Trex Plastic Bag Challenge. Trex utilizes millions of plastic grocery store bags each year to create its composite lumber, keeping this material out of landfills locally and across the country. By building a partnership with Harris Teeter and schools, students can learn the importance of recycling, keep plastic out of the landfills and be rewarded for their efforts. The collection will finish on April 11th, 2008. The top performing schools in each of Harris Teeter's three regions will be awarded a Trex Bench (made of 50% recycled plastic and 50% recycled wood) and \$500 to be used for any of your outdoor school improvements or other projects that may need financial assistance.



## Focus on Brands: HT Naturals Snack Crackers

Harris Teeter introduces Naturals Snack Crackers with varieties like Baked Snack Crackers, Cheese Crackers, Mini Thin Wheats, or Duck Crackers. These snack varieties have 0 Trans Fat and are a great organic treat for your family. Find a yummy Banana Cream Pie recipe on the side of the Cinnamon Graham Stick box. This recipe uses Harris Teeter items that qualify for the Together in Education money for your school.



## Teachers of Excellence Awarded

Harris Teeter honored Mrs. Maureen Fornatora as our February winner of the Teachers of Excellence Award. Maureen is a Fourth Grade Teacher at Newton-Lee Elementary in Ashburn, VA. Maureen has been teaching elementary school students for 24 years, she has been with Newton-Lee Elementary for the last 2 years. Outside the classroom Maureen is a Mentor for fourth grade, Lead Mentor for Newton-Lee Elementary, the Social Studies Curriculum contact person and the After School Program Teacher. Letter after letter, we heard how great a teacher Mrs. Fornatora is, students write how she has changed the way they learn. She has a unique style of teaching and kids respect her. It is teachers like Maureen that make Harris Teeter believe it is important to recognize the teachers working to make a difference in the lives of students.



Left To Right: Patty Ahrens of Red Moon Marketing; Robin Porch, store manager #100; Harry the dragon; and Maureen Fornatora, February TOE winner of Newton-Lee Elementary School.

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