

Hitachi Detroit Area Community Action Committee and the Hitachi Foundation award Gill Elementary School matching grants for technology

Farmington, Michigan—In the Fall of 2011, Mark Morowski, principal of Gill Elementary School, and Gill Media Specialist, Cynthia Zervos, wrote a grant requesting funds from the Hitachi Detroit Area Community Action Committee (CAC). Mark and Cynthia were invited to a luncheon in January where they learned Gill was awarded \$2,680 from the Hitachi Detroit Area CAC, and they were surprised to find out that the Hitachi Foundation awarded Gill with a matching grant on the recommendation of Hitachi Detroit Area CAC, the Hitachi Detroit Area CAC then awarded Gill another \$900. In total, \$6,260 was received in grant money.

Gill Elementary School has a wonderful working relationship with Hitachi Detroit Area CAC, located in Farmington Hills, through a mentoring program. Hitachi employees come to Gill every other Thursday to mentor students. They have lunch with the students and help them with their school work. They encourage and support students while helping students choose the right path.

The grant money will be used toward Gill's Technology Supported Curriculum Initiative. Specifically the money will be used to ensure all of the classrooms have a document camera and projector to help facilitate lessons. Instructors can use the projectors for science projects, showing small objects in 3-D, showing documents or use them in lieu of additional textbooks.

Gill has been the recipient of Hitachi Detroit Area CAC grants in the past and is fortunate to have a generous community partner.