

Teacher up for national award by cable industry

Margaret Neligan, a Grade 6 teacher at Waldwick Middle School, is being honored by the cable industry for creating and implementing innovative ways to educate students and for making a substantial contribution to learning in her community.

Cablevision Systems Corporation and Cable in the Classroom (CIC), the cable industry's education foundation, announced that **SEE BRIEFS, PAGE 11**

Neligan had been chosen as a finalist for the 2007 Cable's Leaders in Learning Awards.

The annual awards program, now in its third year, honors exceptional administrators, educators, community leaders and policymakers who demonstrate vision, innovation, action and transformation in education.

Finalists will be eligible for a national Cable's Leaders in Learning Award that includes \$3,000 and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to attend an awards ceremony at the Library of Congress this coming June.

Hundreds of applications were received from across the country for the 2007 Cable's Leaders in Learning Award.

As one of only 43 finalists, and Neligan is being recognized in the Cable Partnerships for Learning award category for collaborating with Cablevision to establish the Waldwick Paterson Pen Pal Vision program, a year-long, online pen pal program for students in two neighboring schools: one inner-city school, one suburban.

The program, which was inspired by the movie "Akeelah and the Bee," paired students from each school to expose and teach the differences and similarities of people living only eight miles apart.

