



New England League of Middle Schools

Beane-Brodhagen Award

2010-2011

PURPOSE: NELMS seeks to honor exemplary student centered integrated curricula consistent with the mission and beliefs of the New England League of Middle Schools (NELMS).

CRITERIA:

- Has high expectations for all students
- Demonstrates active learning by students and connects to community
- Actively involves students in decision-making with choices of activities and assessments
- Celebrates diversity
- Utilizes a variety of appropriate instruction techniques

Questions that need to be answered in the unit summary:

1. How was this unit meaningful to students (e.g. reflects their interests and needs; answers their questions; and addresses the expectations society has of them?)
2. How and why students were organized or group-regrouped throughout the unit?
3. Which disciplines were included in the unit and how?
4. How did this unit make connections between school, home, and the community by either bringing students out of the school or bringing the home and community into the school.
5. Describe the variety of instructional strategies implemented.
6. How did your unit celebrate diversity (e.g. cultural, gender, age, social, ethnic, multiple intelligence) and honor the dignity of individuals?
7. What were the outcomes and how were they assessed?

APPLICATION PROCESS: The Applicant must collect the following, and send all materials in one packet to: NELMS, 460 Boston Street, Topsfield, MA 01983.

The packet must be received by 4:30pm on October 22, 2010.

- A copy of the unit.
- One to two page summary of the unit
- Samples of student work/product(s)
- Visual documentation – video, PowerPoint, photos, etc.
- Collect one letter of support, of not more than five hundred (500) words, from each of the following:
 - A parent or community member associated with the **nominee's** current career
 - A former or current student from the **nominee**
 - A professional colleague of the **nominee**

RECOGNITION: Those that receive an award will be recognized at the NELMS Annual Conference, receive a one-day registration to the annual conference, be given a one-year individual membership, and will be recognized in *Mid Lines*, the NELMS newspaper and E-news.

Person(s) Nominated _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # (home) _____ (school) _____

Name of Nominator _____

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____