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### **Fryelands Teacher Wins Prestigious Golden Apple Award**

**Monroe, WA** – Randy Brown, a third grade teacher at Fryelands Elementary School is this year's winner of the Stanley O. McNaughton Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Education. Brown is an early adopter of the "flipped classroom" model of teaching, which uses instructional videos made by the teacher.

Brown grew up in Spokane, and has been teaching for 30 years. "When I saw my very first Kahn Academy video, sitting in a parking lot, on my phone, it blew me away," he said of his first experience with video instruction.

Brown was immediately inspired to learn how to create instructional videos. In 2012, after months of planning and recording videos, he put them to work in his classroom, showing the videos to a small group of students, then working with them on their lessons while the next group watches the video.

Jerry Martin, whose daughter Emma was in Brown's class last year, has nothing but good things to say about Brown. "The flipped classroom he does is absolutely amazing. It's as if there are two of him in the classroom: the group watching him recorded previously, and him live in the classroom for those that aren't watching the video. It really frees him up."

Brown also teaches a summer class for other educators on how to make instructional videos for their classes. He teaches that class flipped as well, so the teachers can experience what it feels like, and he already has other educators following his lead.

Brown admits that creating all the videos for his flipped classroom took all of his spare evenings and weekends to put together. "I really recommend people start with flipping just *one* subject a year." Many of Brown's videos, as well as student-created videos can be seen on his website, [www.mrrbrown.org](http://www.mrrbrown.org).

This year's award winners will be honored at a ceremony to be held at Seattle Repertory Theatre in Seattle on January 17, 2014 at 7:00 pm. The Golden Apple Awards ceremony will air in primetime on public television stations statewide in February 2014.