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## Annunciation school names day for its technology teacher

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AURORA -- More than 300 students and faculty gathered Tuesday for a fun-filled, first-ever celebration at Annunciation Elementary School.

No, it wasn't a fun fair or an outdoor education class. It was a tribute to one of their own -- technology coordinator and teacher Jackie d'Escoto.

D'Escoto was instrumental in securing more than \$10,000 for technology improvements through an Illinois State Board of Education grant called Enhancing Education Through Technology.

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Students from Annunciation BVM Catholic School congratulate technology coordinator and teacher Jackie d'Escoto during a surprise ceremony in her honor in the school gym. Tuesday was declared "Jackie d'Escoto Day" to recognize her efforts in bringing technology programs to the Aurora school.

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Annunciation technology coordinator and teacher Jackie d'Escoto is shocked at learning that Tuesday was named in her honor. She developed technology curriculum, expanded the Accelerated Reader Program, added computer centers in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, and started the Internet-based Teacher Ease program.

She developed the technology curriculum for fourth- through eighth-graders, expanded the Accelerated Reader Program and started a Technology Team for middle-schoolers. She also installs software, trains Annunciation staff, repairs computers and somehow still finds time to teach kids.

"She has done so much for this school," said Karen Wollwert, principal at Annunciation. "She never says no to any project that any teacher comes up with, no matter how complex or lengthy."

In honor of her dedication, school staff officially proclaimed Tuesday "Jackie d'Escoto Day" at Annunciation School. The festivities began with an unannounced assembly that truly caught d'Escoto by surprise -- so much so that she had to be led by the arm halfway up to the podium. There she received flowers, a plaque and handmade cards from students.

"Mrs. D'Escoto makes her students dream, excel, solve problems, create, love technology, open minds," said Anthony Wegman, 10. "Thanks for all you do."

Following the assembly, students were given "d'Escoto cupcakes" containing an image of the beloved teacher taped to a toothpick. Some brought in chocolate for d'Escoto, knowing that is her favorite food.

D'Escoto, whose own children attend Annunciation, studied technology at DeVry University. She consulted for Arthur Andersen and Safety Kleen before accepting the position at Annunciation six

years ago.

"She could be working somewhere else making a lot more money, but she chose to be here because she enjoys being with the kids," said Patricia Fremgen, technology aid at Annunciation. "She's under the tables. She's hooking up wires. She always has an answer, and if she doesn't have an answer, she'll find one."

Throughout the day's events, d'Escoto remained appreciative, yet humble.

"This was very thoughtful, but very unnecessary," she said. "I love doing computers, and I'm so glad they love it, too."

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