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'13 Proves Lucky for Knox County, Ill., Which Wins Two Separate National Technology Sweepstakes

Mable Woolsey Elementary and Knox County Government Beat the Odds to Bring Technology to Local Citizens and Students

VERNON HILLS, Ill.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- What are the chances that both the local elementary school and county government in rural Knox County, Ill., would win grand-prize technology packages in separate national sweepstakes? As it turns out, the probability of winning both contests is 1 in 3,781,875.

Despite the odds, Knox County accomplished the near impossible, winning grand prize technology packages in both the Win a Wireless Lab and Win a Technology Center sweepstakes. The community will get to see the technology in action at the March 26 Knox County board meeting, where students and county board members will share how the technology is directly benefitting 471 elementary students, 25 teachers and 52,000 citizens.

Lindsey Peterson, a third-grade teacher at Mable Woolsey Elementary School, submitted the winning entry in the 11th-annual Win a Wireless Lab Sweepstakes from [CDW-G](#) and [Discovery Education](#). Knox County Public Schools submitted 64 of the 504,250 total entries received in 2013. "Our students are thrilled with how the new technology is helping them learn," Peterson said. "And students aren't the only ones loving it - our teachers now have the technology resources they need to expand their lesson plans and improve student engagement."

Scott Erickson, Knox County clerk, submitted Knox County's sole entry to the pool of 480 total entries in the Win a Technology Center Sweepstakes from CDW-G and the Center for Digital Government. "The technology will have a direct impact on how we interact with the citizens of Knox County," Erickson said. "The upgrades will enable us to increase collaboration with residents and further improve citizen services. We can't believe that our elementary school also won new technology for our students."

Mable Woolsey's prize package includes 36 tablet computers, an interactive whiteboard, student response system, printer, document camera and a \$5,000 Discovery Education digital media grant. CDW-G and Discovery Education also provided on-site training.

The Knox County Government won a grand prize technology package valued at more than \$20,000, which includes 25 tablet computers, wireless access points, tablet cart, interactive whiteboard and vote set, laser printer, conference phone, document camera and one large-format display with supporting accessories.

"CDW-G participates in these sweepstakes to provide technology solutions where they are needed the most - in our schools and communities," said David Hutchins, vice president of state and local government, CDW-G. "When we put technology into the hands of students, teachers and local government, everyone in the community benefits. We're proud to be able to make a difference."

For more information about Win a Wireless Lab, please visit www.winawirelesslab.com. For more information about Win a Technology Center, please visit www.govtech.com/sweepstakes.

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