

Congratulations to Florence Middle School, the recipient of one of only five schools in the nation to receive a \$5,000 grant from NAESP and MetLife Foundation. Read the press release below.

NAESP Foundation & MetLife Foundation Announce 2013-2014 Sharing the Dream Grant Winners

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15 school principals win grants of \$5,000 each for community and global engagement projects

Alexandria, VA—October 24, 2013—The National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and MetLife Foundation today announced the winners of the 2013-2014 Sharing the Dream grant program. Ten past recipients of Sharing the Dream grants have been awarded \$5,000 each to expand projects that were funded between 2003—2012. An additional five grants of \$5,000 have been awarded to schools for new projects that build community through global engagement. FLORENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL is one of the five schools that have been awarded the grant!!

Since 2004, with generous funding from MetLife Foundation, Sharing the Dream has awarded more than \$2,000,000 in grants for projects that have impacted—and continue to impact—children, families and communities across the country and around the world.

"We are privileged to have partnered with MetLife Foundation over the past decade to support principals' bold efforts to bring children and families from different nations and cultures together to learn from one another," said NAESP Deputy Executive Director and NAESP Foundation CEO Ernest J. Mannino. "In this final, capstone year of the Sharing the Dream grant program, we are excited to celebrate and extend the legacy of the more than 300 awardees whose vision, innovation and leadership have positively impacted school communities the world over, and whose pioneering projects will continue to serve as models—and inspiration—for years to come."

"MetLife Foundation has been pleased to partner with NAESP to support and encourage the important leadership roles principals play in their schools and communities," said Dennis White, president and CEO. "We applaud the creative and effective ways schools have used Sharing the Dream grants to engage parents and the community, and build global awareness."

2013-2014 Winners:

Sharing the Dream Grant Winners

Centreville Elementary

Centreville, VA

Project: The World Within Our Walls

Florence Middle School

Florence, AL

Project: Adventures Through Global Weather

Lowell Community Charter

Lowell, MA

Project: The LCCPS Global Lowell Program

Lincoln Elementary

Ponca City, OK

Project: Building Bridges Multicultural Festivals

Mellon Elementary

Palatka, FL

Project: Connecting Globally for Our Future