

## **Farmington View Named Top Elementary Science School in the Country**

At a ceremony held in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, September 20, representatives from the Hillsboro School District learned that Farmington View Elementary School had won the 2011 Intel Schools of Distinction Award (SODA) for its outstanding science programs.

Farmington View's former principal, Bill Tracy, applied for the award—which recognizes schools for their demonstrated excellence in either math or science education—early in 2011. In late April, he learned that Farmington View had been selected out of 156 applications from 38 states as one of eighteen nationwide finalists—theirs in the category of elementary science.

As a finalist, Farmington View received a cash award of \$5,000 from the Intel Foundation and a trip to Washington, D.C., for a select team of school and district representatives to attend the presentations and awards ceremony.

Farmington View's presentation touched on the wide variety of science learning and exploration opportunities available for students, including their long partnership with Jackson Bottom Wetlands, which has involved habitat restoration and native species study, their weather station, engineering and architecture projects, Junior Naturalist, Kids Saving Earth and Robotics Clubs, and many others.

For taking top honors, Farmington View will earn an additional \$5,000 cash award as well as goods and services including curriculum materials, professional development resources, hardware and software from such sponsors as BrainHoney, BrainWare Safari, Dell, I-CAN, KDS, LanSchool, SAS and Pearson, for a total package worth over \$100,000.

“Winning this award is a testament to the incredible efforts of the staff and community,” notes current principal Roger Will. “We look forward to using these resources to strengthen and expand the excellent work that Farmington View is doing.” Superintendent Mike Scott adds: “We are honored to receive the Intel Schools of Distinction Award. It truly highlights what is possible when schools and communities share a vision and work together. We are excited to scale up the successes at Farmington View to provide enhanced science, technology, engineering and math opportunities and options to all of our students in the Hillsboro School District.”