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Math award has Prairie Spirit connection

A prestigious international math award has an exciting Prairie Spirit connection. Nat Banting, a teacher with Saskatoon Public Schools, was awarded the international Rosenthal Prize for Innovation and Inspiration in math instruction. Banting field-tested his prize-winning entry with a class of Grade 8 students at Dalmeny High School last fall.

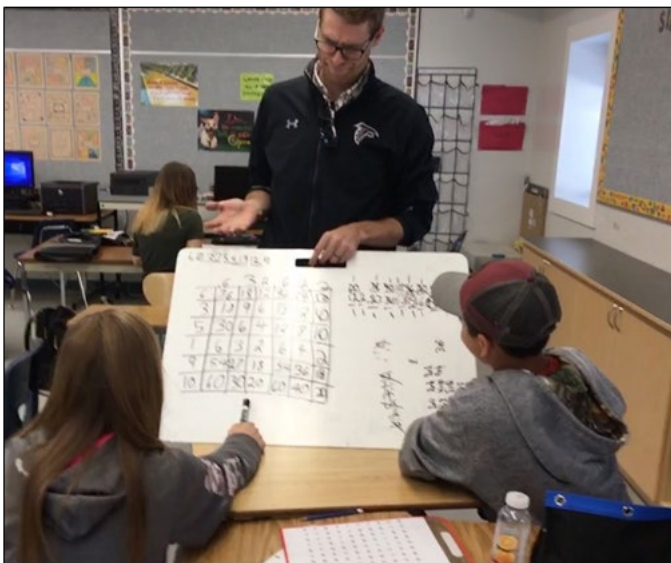
According to Dalmeny High teacher Kirsten Dyck, the students were excited to be part of this process. Banting presented his lesson on probability to the Dalmeny students in September. The entire lesson with the students was recorded and submitted as part of the contest application. The unedited recording shows student participation and enthusiasm for the lesson.

“It was a great learning opportunity to have Nat in my class,” Dyck said. “I am so proud of my students as they worked collaboratively and took risks as part of this innovative math lesson.”

Banting and Dyck are both leaders in math instruction in their respective school divisions and are professional colleagues. Since Banting is currently working with the College of Education as an associate professor, he turned to Dyck for a classroom of Grade 8 students to test his lesson.

Banting’s lesson is called: *Dice Auction: Putting Outcomes of the Dice Up for Sale*. The lesson focuses on the concept of probability.

The Rosenthal Prize announced Banting as the winner of this year’s content in December. The award was presented to Banting in New York on January 7, along with a \$25,000 prize.



Nat Banting working with Dalmeny High students in September



Dalmeny High students working on the probability lesson prepared by Nat Banting