



Former Temple Academy teacher wins grant: Anderson teacher's program helped teach children safety

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ANDERSON — Meagan Leopard wanted to make sure her students were safe.

And her curriculum to help ensure that was good enough to garner national attention.

Ms. Leopard, 23, a Clemson graduate and a third-grade teacher at Temple Christian Academy in Anderson, was recently named a First Prize Winner in the “Got 2 B Safe” program sponsored by Honeywell and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The program, started in 2003, an abduction-intervention program, includes activities designed to teach third and fourth graders simple rules that can increase their personal safety. In 2005, Got 2B Safe was distributed to every elementary school in America, more than 72,000 schools, to teach children how to be safe.

“It is critically important that we do everything we can to protect our nation’s children from abduction and exploitation,” said Tom Buckmaster, president, Honeywell Hometown Solutions, in a press release. “Honeywell has a long standing commitment to family safety and security and we are thrilled to honor these teachers for their efforts to provide life-saving lessons to their students.”

For her essay on child safety, Ms. Leopard was awarded a \$500 gift certificate to Staples for school supplies. She was among 105 winners nationally.

She plans to use the gift certificate to purchase white boards and other items to continue her work on safety.

Ms. Leopard will begin teaching fourth grade at Grace Covenant Academy, in Charleston, this August. She moved to Charleston in June to be closer to her family, she said.