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## **Fifth Grade Teacher at Sumner County Schools Selected as Emerging Leader**

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Christine Love-Thompson, a fifth grade teacher at Guild Elementary School with Sumner County Schools in Gallatin, Tenn., has been selected as an Emerging Leader by PDK International, a global association of education professionals.

The PDK Emerging Leaders program recognizes top educators under age 40 from across the globe for their leadership and vision in the field of education. A review committee composed of past PDK Emerging Leaders selected this year's 18 honorees from a competitive field of applicants, based on their outstanding professional accomplishments.

In addition to being honored at the 2012 PDK International Conference, honorees also have the opportunity to be published by PDK, apply for grants, and participate in PDK initiatives.

"Recognizing the achievements and commitment of these young leaders is vital to PDK's vision of cultivating tomorrow's great educators," said William J. Bushaw, PDK International's executive director. "These inspiring individuals will provide a very bright future for the field of education."

For the past 15 years, Love-Thompson has worked as a classroom teacher and reading specialist for Sumner County Schools. Her doctoral research focused on helping students develop confidence and expertise in writing, which led her to create an innovative writing program that has helped her school, Guild Elementary, increase its writing proficiency over the past four years.

"I am dedicated to providing instructional models that are based on authentic literature and bridge the gap between reading and writing," Love-Thompson said. "I strive to help students see writing as a fun activity they can enjoy, not just another assignment. It is a tool they can use as a gateway for self-expression."

Love-Thompson has also served as adjunct instructor with the University of Phoenix and as a literacy consultant throughout the Southeast directing numerous workshops focused on helping teachers understand how to teach writing using effective, student-friendly strategies. She recently completed her National Board Certification in early and middle literacy.

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Founded in 1906, PDK International is a global association for professional educators. The organization's mission is to support education, particularly public education, as the cornerstone of democracy. More information is online at [www.pdkintl.org](http://www.pdkintl.org).

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