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### **Allard Elementary Receives Grant for Science/Math Olympiad**

Moon Area School District's Allard Elementary School has been awarded a \$1,500 grant from The Society of Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh.

The funds will cover a large portion of costs associated with Allard's 2009 Science and Math Olympiad which involves all of the more than 200 Allard students. This year's Olympiad revolves around the theme "Space."

This is the first time Allard applied for the Society's Grant and the funds allow Allard to greatly enhance their annual event by acquiring two Carnegie Science Center "Science on the Road" interactive devices during the weeklong Olympiad.

"Earth Balloon" is an 18-foot inflatable globe that teaches environmental science and geography lessons as students see the Earth from the inside and out and "Unisphere Planetarium" is a portable, inflatable display piece that showcases various astronomy programs for students of all ages.

In addition to those special lessons, the school also will be holding Rocket Races, "Science Jeopardy" and bringing in special space-related projects that differ by grade.

The Olympiad fulfills the mission of the non-profit Society, which seeks to promote science education at all levels. The Society provides awards, grants and scholarships both locally and nationwide and also offers workshops and science competitions to foster analytical thinking.

According to the Society's Web site, the organization was chartered in 1942 by a group of chemists and research analysts to provide a forum to interchange ideas and develop solutions to analytical chemistry problems.