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Southeastern Credit Union Awards \$1,000 Grant to WG Nunn Elementary

Valdosta, Georgia (May 13, 2015) – Southeastern Credit Union awarded local elementary school W.G. Nunn with a \$1,000 grant as part of their Community Partners in Education (CPIE) partnership with the school. The grant funds were used to create a standardized testing incentive program to motivate students to do their best on the new Georgia Milestones test.

"W.G. Nunn is so appreciative of Southeastern Credit Union for their donation of \$1,000," says Cisco Diaz, W.G. Nunn Principal. "Our school was able to create an incentive program to encourage our students to do well during state-wide testing, as well as reward them after testing was completed. It is great partnerships with our community businesses that make special projects like this possible."

"Standardized testing is a very stressful time for all students and teachers," says Kimberly Baker, W.G. Nunn teacher and CPIE coordinator. "Students in grades 3 through 5 are worried about doing well on tests, teachers are busy giving the tests and hoping their students do well, and students and teachers in lower grades are adjusting to a new schedule during testing times. To help relieve stress for all and encourage students to do their best, we created raffles for all students and teachers to participate. We had summer-themed raffle baskets for the students and our grand prize for one lucky testing student was an iPad Mini. Our teachers also participated in a raffle with a chance to win one of two \$50 spa gift cards to help relax once testing was complete. The incentive program was a huge success and created a positive environment for the entire school."

Local businesses that are interested in getting involved with the Community Partners in Education program may contact Valdosta City Schools Coordinator Jennifer Steedley at jstedley@gocats.org.

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