## Coventry Patch

## Washington Oak Principal Receives Grant for iPad Purchase

Three iPads will be purchased for classroom use. - January 23, 2012



<u>Washington Oak School</u> Principal Dr. Donna Raptakis wrote and recently received a \$1,500 legislative grant to purchase iPads for use in ULSS classrooms. She and teacher Lou Turchetta presented the important use of iPads in daily instruction for children with Autism at a recent School Committee meeting and as a result, Representative Lisa Tomasso worked with Dr. Raptakis in assisting to obtain funding to purchase three iPads which will be used in the self-contained classrooms.

"The integration of iPad technology into ULSS curriculum at Washington Oak Elementary is another wonderful example of Coventry Schools commitment to high quality education for ALL children," said Representative Tomasso. "I am pleased to have been able to assist Dr. Raptakis and Mr. Turchetta in this important educational endeavor for children with autism."

Washington Oak has led the district in utilizing technology integration in classrooms and has received national grants from Hewlett Packard and presented at two national conventions, as well as received grants from the <u>Rhode Island Department of Education</u>.