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ORANGEBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CELEBRATES BROOKDALE ELEMENTARY'S $5,000 GRANT FROM THE BATTELLE FOUNDATION FUND FOR S.T.E.A.M CURRICULUM

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – The Orangeburg County School District is thrilled to announce that Brookdale Elementary School has been awarded a $5,000 grant from the Battelle Foundation Fund of The Columbus Foundation. The grant was secured through the Savannah River National Laboratory K-12 Catalyst STEM Grant and is titled "Full S.T.E.A.M Ahead in 23-24 Olympics."

"This grant is more than just funding; it's a launchpad for our students to explore and excel in S.T.E.A.M subjects through a creative and engaging approach," said Delorise Childs, the Instructional Coach at Brookdale Elementary who submitted the grant.

The funding will be channeled toward an innovative S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) curriculum designed for students in grades Pre-K through 5. The curriculum, organized around the theme of the "Olympics," will comprise Winter and Spring activities designed by a team of dedicated teachers.

"These activities aren't just fun and games; they're strategically designed to target student growth in areas like geometry and measurement," said Principal Latonya Nelson. "We're very thankful for this grant, as it allows us to offer a richer, more engaging educational experience for our students," Nelson added.

Monthly activities will be rolled out as part of the curriculum, with a specific focus on geometry and measurement. These interactive learning modules are tailored to promote analytical thinking, problem-solving, and hands-on experience among students.

To further enrich the curriculum and its implementation, representatives from the Savannah River Site will be actively involved, offering their expertise and assistance in ensuring the program's success.

The Orangeburg County School District is grateful for the Battelle Foundation Fund's generous support and is excited to see the impact of this grant on the academic growth and overall development of Brookdale Elementary students. This grant sets the stage for a dynamic, hands-on learning experience that will benefit students for years to come.

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