



Felicia Piacente, Director of Prekindergarten Special Programs and Related Services, presents the E-TIPS Leader award to Elise Harich, Paraeducator



Justin Valenti, student at Lakelands Park MS, speaks to E-TIPS educators on June 2, 2010



## New E-TIPS Leaders Recognized

Three new E-TIPS leaders were recognized at the [annual E-TIPS event](#) on June 2.

- **Amy Katzman**, OT at Brooke Grove ES
- **Elise Harich**, Special Ed Paraeducator at Resnik ES
- **Robin Mesnard**, Teacher, Julius West MS

Each of them earned 75 E-TIPS hours through attending E-TIPS classes, sharing materials on the UDL Share Space, and providing technology training to others.

Only [nine other staff members](#) have achieved 75 E-TIPS hours since the beginning of the program in 2008.

## Justin Valenti Shares His Struggles and Successes with E-TIPS Educators

Justin Valenti, 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Lakelands Park MS, spoke to E-TIPS educators about his use of technology in school to help him stay organized.

*Now that I use my computer at school, I can do a lot of things without having an adult right beside me. It makes me feel good that I can do things on my own.*

Justin congratulated the E-TIPS educators for supporting their students with technology and for teaching them “to be more independent at school.” Justin will be attending Quince Orchard High School in the fall. [Read his full speech](#)

## Stay Fresh Over the Summer with These Activities

Did you know that MCPS has lots of software that you may install at home to learn and use over the summer? See this [Glogster for ideas of things you might want to explore during those hot days](#).

Get connected with other professionals and build up your professional learning network. See this [Glogster for networking ideas](#).

## The Discovery Educator Network

Matt Monjan, from Discovery Education, shared with E-TIPS educators at the [annual E-TIPS event](#) how they can be part of the DEN – the [Discovery Educator Network](#). DEN provides networking and resources to teachers and funds many exciting events during the year and summer. You’ll need to log into your DE Streaming account in order to become an DEN teacher. Quick, ask your media specialist how to get a DE Streaming login and password if you don’t have yours already.