

**ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL IN MINERSVILLE WINS \$3,000 FIRST-PLACE PRIZE IN FAIRLANE VILLAGE MALL'S 'CASH BACK FOR SCHOOLS' CONTEST**  
***Total of \$7,000 Distributed to Six Winning Schuylkill Area Schools***



POTTSVILLE, Pa., June 25, 2008 – Tom Dando, principal of St. Nicholas School in Minersville, accepted a \$3,000 check for his school from the Fairlane Village Mall. St. Nicholas came in first in the mall's Cash Back for Schools program.

Launched October 1, 2007, the Cash Back for Schools program provided kids, parents, teachers and other members of the community with the opportunity to earn points for their schools through participation in mall activities and events as well as shopping at the mall's stores.

"We are thrilled to have received the \$3,000," Dando said. "I think this was a wonderful effort on the part of Fairlane Village Mall to raise money for the schools. I am also grateful to everyone associated with our school who

worked so hard to help us win. The money will be used to supplement our continued efforts to improve computer technology and increase the number of smartboards in our classrooms."

The second place school, St. Stephen Regional School in Port Carbon, received a \$2,000 donation. In addition, the four schools earning at least 5,000 total points – Pine Grove Area Elementary in Pine Grove, John S. Clarke and All Saints Catholic Elementary in Pottsville, and St. Ambrose School in Schuylkill Haven – each received \$500.

Uses for the funds, as reported by the winning schools, will include the purchase of library books, upgrading computer technology, improving music education, buying additional supplies, and financing field trips.