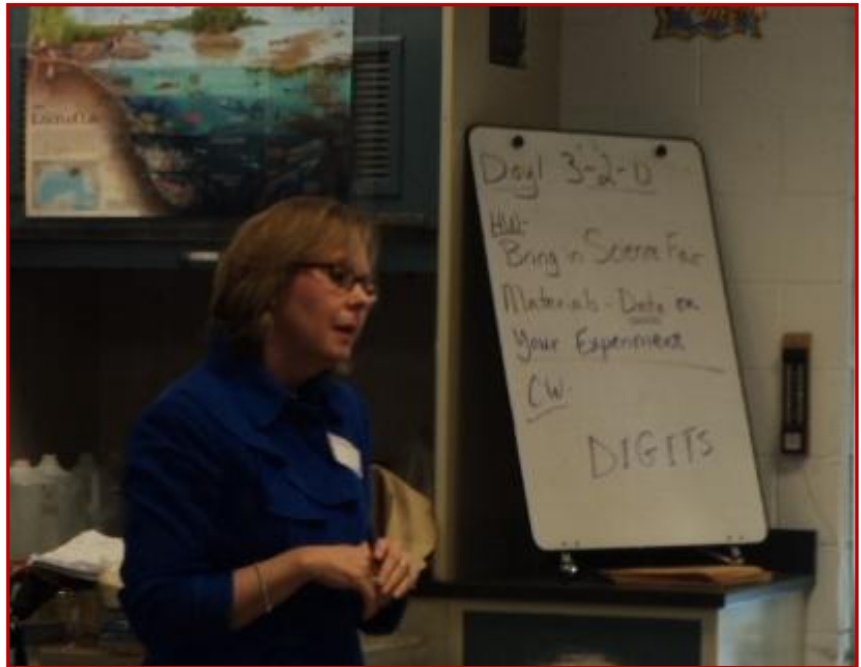


DIGITS Guest Speaker Visits Mrs. Karen Cristian's Science Classes!

On Friday March 2, 2012, our sixth graders enjoyed the opportunity to spend their science class with a volunteer from the DIGITS Project, **Ms. Elaine McCann**. DIGITS is a STEM education program that pairs STEM professionals who work in science, technology, engineering and math-based companies with sixth grade classes throughout the state to increase students' interest in math and science subjects and careers. Students participate in classroom activities designed to inform them about the various types of STEM careers, while also encouraging them to think about what all STEM careers have in common.

Ms. McCann shared her personal story and professional and educational experiences with science, engineering, math, and technology. She described her experiences working at EMC as a User Experience Architect, working with product teams to make EMC software easier to use. We appreciated the opportunity for our students to hear Ms. McCann, and we thank the DIGITS Project and **Mrs. Karen Cristian** for making Ms. McCann's visit possible!



DIGITS is offered free of charge to all public schools in Massachusetts, and it gets positive results! As a result of participating in the DIGITS program, students showed a statistically significant increase in their interest in math and science careers. The MA Dept. of High Education released a report last year, reviewing the impact of their funded projects, one of which is DIGITS. Of the 14 projects reviewed, DIGITS was **one of only five that showed measureable results** in improving student interest in math and science!

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DIGITS Stats from 2011

- *22,269 students were inspired to consider STEM careers.*
- *295 volunteers from 62 STEM companies visited classrooms.*
- *182 schools in 96 cities and towns participated.*