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**Pelion Middle School celebrates first Mugs and Kisses winner**

PELION, S.C. — Pelion Middle School Social Studies Teacher Elaine Waller received the school's first Mugs and Kisses Award in October. The award recognizes a faculty member who has gone above and beyond the call of duty.

"Elaine was chosen for her contributions in organizing the annual LEAP campaign at our school," said Pelion Middle School Principal Sandy Jowers.

The Lexington Employee Assistance Plan (LEAP) is a special project within the Lexington One Educational Foundation that offers financial assistance to district employees and students experiencing hardship.

The monthly award was given during an ice cream social that gave Pelion Middle School employees time to reflect on the successful start of the school year.

The award and event were sponsored by Horace Mann.

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Pelion Middle School employees celebrate the successful start of a new school year and honor the school's first Mugs and Kisses award winner, Teacher Elaine Waller(right). The event and award were sponsored by Horace Mann.