

Fred Jackson Visits Forestville Classroom Honoring 7th Annual 'M&T Bank Touchdown For Teachers' Winner

Buffalo Bills running back Fred Jackson visited the classroom of 2015 Buffalo Bills and M&T Bank *Touchdown for Teachers* grand prize winner Scott Hazleton of [Forestville Elementary School](#).

The seventh annual M&T Bank *Touchdown for Teachers* program honored Hazleton among a group of Western New York teachers named as finalists for their outstanding service to their schools and communities. Honorees were chosen based on their amount of involvement in the school or community, degree of positive impact on the school or community and their demonstrated commitment to education.

Hazleton received nominations from fellow colleagues, former students and parents. In addition to being a second grade teacher, Hazleton serves as Forestville's Athletic Director, editor of the district's newsletter and is a 17-year committee member of the Parents as Reading Partners program. He is also involved in organizations such as Bald for Bucks, Special Olympics and Cans for Cancer, which has helped raise thousands of dollars for those in need. Hazleton has been described as a model teacher and team player who continues to give his heart and soul to the students and families of the Forestville community.

"It's always rewarding to recognize teachers like Scott Hazleton who have spent many years in the classroom as passionate educators," said Jim Jarosz, M&T Bank Group VP for Retail Banking in Western New York. "So many teachers go the extra mile to help the students of our community, and Touchdown for Teachers is a fun and exciting way for M&T and the Buffalo Bills to say thank you to these teachers for the last 7 years."

"As the 2015 school year comes to an end, today is a great opportunity to celebrate Scott Hazelton and his dedication to help the students of the Forestville community," said Bills Vice President of Business Development Erica Muhleman. "The Bills and M&T Bank are honored to have this opportunity to celebrate Scott's work along with so many quality educators in the Western New York community through this year-long Touchdown for Teachers program."

The Bills and M&T Bank are proud to award Hazleton with a \$2,000 grant to Forestville Elementary School, a Bills VIP behind-the-scenes experience, and Jackson's in-class visit. The Bills and M&T Bank also provided four additional *Touchdown for Teachers* finalists \$500 in grant funds to use towards furthering their impact on their schools and communities.

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