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Media Advisory:

Vermont Teacher of the Year to be honored at White House

BARRE – Vermont Teacher of the Year Susan Koch will be honored by President Barack Obama in a ceremony at the White House on Tuesday, beginning around 4:30 p.m. ET.

The event will be streamed live online at <u>https://www.whitehouse.gov/live</u>.

Koch was named Vermont Teacher of the Year in November 2015. She is a Union Elementary School kindergarten and first grade teacher in Montpelier. In addition to teaching, she has encouraged and developed the Educating Children Outdoors (ECO) Program in Montpelier. This outdoor education program has now spread to all of the grades at Union Elementary. All students are given the opportunity to learn in a natural setting throughout the entire school year.

Koch will be honored at the White House along with the 2016 National Teacher of the Year and State Teachers of the Year from across the country.

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