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L'Oreal USA gives grant to Piscataway schools

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Township students now have another option in after-school activities, thanks to a grant from L'Oreal USA to fund a new science program.

The grant will fund Club Invention, a new after-school program at Conackamack Middle School, which allows students to participate in up to four modules, which the school chooses, each with a different science topic, said Teresa M. Rafferty, director of communication, planning and community education for Piscataway schools. Up to 80 students can participate in each module, which runs for six weeks.

Currently, the school is offering a module called "Phys. Ed: Physics in Motion," where recently, students learned about levers. Other topics include boulders, flight and endangered earth, Rafferty said.

"It gives them a hands-on experience in science," said Jennifer C. Simon, program coordinator and public information officer. "Every week they meet and explore a different science, and they're able to look at what that means in front of them, not just (in) a text book."