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Prize Patrol Awards Mini-Grant Funds to GCISD Schools

The Grapevine-Colleyville Education Foundation Prize Patrol recently awarded 15 mini-grants totaling \$3,381 to fund projects for ten GCISD campuses. The complete list of mini-grant recipients is as follows:

Debbie Weidenhamer, Tanya Kellerman, Amanda Vasquez, Sue Bemus, Kim Gale, Allison Moran, Margaret Chiliki, Vicki Strong, Laura Taylor-Dunn, Lisa Brown, Jamie Keeling, Melanie Coody and Amy Birdwell; Dove Elementary, Grades K-5, Special Education, PAT and ESOL; \$250 for Resource Library Books will be purchased to build a teacher resource library for use in modeling and teaching a repertoire of thinking strategies to promote understanding and engagement in reading.

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Christine Watson; Cross Timbers Middle, Grades 6-8; \$249 for Independent Readers for Read 180 Nonfiction reading books will be purchased for Read 180, a scientifically- researched reading program designed for struggling readers who are reading below their grade level.

Twyla J. Tasker; Cross Timbers Middle, Grades 6-8; \$249 for Coaching for Independence in Reading Read 180 Xtra Audiobooks will be purchased for use by struggling readers to practice reading strategies while reading independently.

Karen Giesler; Heritage Middle, Grade 7; \$160 for You Eat Rocks for Breakfast? A professional geoscientist will visit Pre-AP science classes to provide a customized Earth Science program that will include demonstrations, career information and a hands-on lab.

Megan Marshall, John Wellman, Lin McElwee, Anjalie Gilby, Julie Batson and Ralph Goetz; Bear Creek Elementary, Grade 4; \$190 for Computer Microscopes Students will use microscopes, computers and video cameras to gain first-hand experiences with science materials.

Pam Koepf; Colleyville Heritage High, Grades 9-12; \$250 for Winter Wonderland The funds will be used to purchase materials for a children's theater workshop (grades K-5) and a holiday children's production.

Erin Osborne; Heritage Middle, Grades 6 and 8; \$150 for \$\$ Make Me R.I.C.H. with Books\$\$ Books will be purchased for the Reading In Class Helps (R.I.C.H.) program.

Leigh Hockenbrough; Bransford Elementary, Grade 5; \$150 for Broadway Comes to Bransford! This grant will help fund the purchase of the Broadway junior musical kit, Annie Jr., a musical to be learned and performed by students for the entire school community.

Lorrie Butts, Mike Johnson, Martha New, Beverly Hill, Nancy Bingham and Christi Sampson; Bear Creek Elementary, Grade 2; \$244 for Increase Reading Books will be purchased to enrich the reading program through use in daily literacy groups.

Carol Hillman, Beth Walkup and Robin Davis; GCISD campuses, Grades 6-12; \$249 for Building Healthy Families of Non-English Speaking Students The funds will be used to purchase materials in Spanish for counseling, parenting and child development educational services to pregnant students.

Mary Decato, Susan Foster and Pamela Stasney; Cannon Elementary, Grade Pre-K; \$246 for Match and Learn Math, Math Instant Learning Center Counting, sorting, patterning and shape matching boards will be purchased to provide hands-on, concrete understanding of math concepts.

Pamela Stasney, Susan Foster and Mary Decato; Cannon Elementary, Grade Pre-K; \$249 for The Way We Learn Bilingual alphabet books and word bank flip books will be purchased to provide students with a well-rounded, hands-on grasp of phonemic awareness.

Susan Foster, Mary Decato and Pamela Stasney; Cannon Elementary, Grade Pre-K; \$245 for Magnetic Learning Magnetic learning mazes will be purchased to help students develop their writing grip, learn colors and build number recognition.

Warren Puckett; Colleyville Heritage High, Grades 10-12; \$250 for "I See You Coming and Going" Funds will be used to purchase permanent, nondisposable lab optics for students' hands-on and eyes-on investigations of how light interacts with lenses and mirrors.

The Grapevine-Colleyville Education Foundation was created to support the educational programs of the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District. The Foundation provides funds beyond the normal operating budget for educational programs and activities for students and staff. Foundation funds are used to facilitate student achievement and skill development, recognize and encourage staff excellence and expand community involvement from individuals, businesses and civic organizations.

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