



February 2, 2007

Prize Patrol visits GCISD schools again to award grant funds

On Friday, February 2, the Grapevine-Colleyville Education Foundation's grant prize patrol awarded funds for 16 GCISD projects totaling \$22,739. In an atmosphere of excitement with balloons and oversized checks, teachers at nine campuses were surprised in their classrooms and proclaimed winners. To date for the 2006-07 school year, the Education Foundation has awarded \$83,687 to fund 66 projects on all GCISD campuses. The complete list of the grant recipients on February 2 is as follows:

STAR Teaching Grant recipients:

Darla Helms, Joy Fowler, Darlene Selinger, Amy Coleman and Amy Phillips; Grapevine Elementary, Grade 1; \$4,664 for Take My Teacher Home With Me. The funds will be used to purchase iPod Shuffles and supporting equipment for use as a learning connection between school and home to increase reading fluency and phonemic awareness.

Jacque Garcia, Julie Brenegan and Dara Williams-Rossi; District-wide, Grades 1, 2, 3 and 5; \$3,570 for Vocabulary Visits with Science. Vocabulary Visits with Science is a unique, research-proven, instructional strategy that uses text sets to provide a structured, scaffolded, read-aloud model and sensory engagement to develop content vocabulary knowledge.

Christine Keener, Connie Montgomery, Darla Diorio and June Smith; Heritage and Bear Creek Elementary schools, Grades K-5; \$2,500 for Bridging the Gap. "The Flying Colors" readers and "The Fluency Theater" books in this program will be used by the ESOL/At Risk populations to improve fluency and academic achievement.

Michelle Henry, Brenda Norwood and Kristi Wagner; Dove Elementary, Grades K-5; \$2,500 for Listen to Learn. Funds will be used to purchase popular and content-related audio books for use in the classroom and at home to increase students' comprehension, vocabulary, confidence and content acquisition.

Carolyn Duke, Amy Dill and Cristi Strang; District-wide Elementary, Grade 3; \$2,200 for Desert Wildlife Presentations. All GCISD third-graders will experience a desert life presentation that combines the elements of a wildlife safari with a hands-on field science expedition.

Sharon Gardner, Anita Mullins, Edie Gray, Becky Kruse, Karen Blackwell, Terri Parrish and Rachel Fraser; Glenhope Elementary, Grades K, 1, 3 and 5; \$2,173 for Reading Explorers. The Reading Explorers program pairs research-based nonfiction and fiction books related to math, science and social studies for readers at all levels to foster higher-level thinking skills and increase knowledge.

Melissa Sevenser, Wendy Hendry, Denise Romo, Corrie Kaufmann and Jill Schultz; Bransford Elementary, Grades K, 1 and ELL; \$2,000 for The Rigby Leveled Readers Collection. The Rigby PM Collection stories are leveled texts that use real story lines and photographs to help students make connections in their daily lives, promoting deeper comprehension and heightened excitement.

Maureen Simmons, Marilyn Hamen, Allison Bailey, Erin Hamelwright, Karen Gelles and Melissa Shaw; Bear Creek Elementary, Grade 1; \$820 for Supporting Higher Readers. This grant will fund the purchase of chapter books to establish a "book study" for higher readers through literacy groups with teacher guidance and support.

Allison Bailey, Karen Gelles, Erin Hamelwright, Marilyn Hamen, Melissa Shaw and Maureen Simmons; Bear Creek Elementary, Grade 1; \$602 for Animal Facts vs. Fiction. New fiction and nonfiction literature will be purchased to supplement the current textbooks for students to learn new information and make literary connections.

Mini-Grant recipients:

Danita Barton and Tammy Trice; Colleyville Heritage High, Grades 9-12; \$250 for Interviews and Interpreting. The funds will be used to purchase headsets and noise blockers for use in American Sign Language classes so students can experience the deaf world and communicate without hearing.

Katie Hall; Cannon Elementary, Grade 1; \$250 for Happy Reading. This grant will fund the purchase of organizational materials and appropriate instructional text for language arts.

Melissa Lamprich; Colleyville Heritage High, Grades 9-12; \$250 for "The Week." Five subscriptions to "The Week," a weekly publication of the best of U.S. and International Media that includes summaries of current events from different points of view, will be purchased for use by students in AP Human Geography classes.

Susan Stackfleth, Darlene King, Penny Nelson, Emmilyn Griffin and Jana Crouch; Grapevine Elementary, Grade 4; \$250 for Learning is FUN-damental. The funds will be used to purchase games that support the academic core curriculum and can be used as learning centers.

Dianne Gorrie, RNC; Silver Lake Elementary, Grades K-5; \$250 for Health Clinic Equipment. This grant will fund the purchase of a pulse oximeter for use in the health clinic for service to all students, staff, parents and visitors on campus.

Melinda Booker, Amy Bradley, Kim McNutt, Kasey Pounds, Cristi Prichard and Stacey Hamilton; Bear Creek Elementary, Grade K; \$240 for the Kindergarten Reading Program. Leveled books will be purchased to increase the selection in the classroom libraries.

Christie Priakos and Amy Bass; Colleyville Heritage High, Grades 9-12; \$220 for Special Service Students' Projects. Materials will be purchased for activities, such as making tie blankets and knitted items, to provide special service students with brain power and skills that they will use in the future.

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.

The Foundation is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public corporation operating independently under a board of directors serving without compensation. The Foundation invites members of the community to make a contribution to support and enhance the quality education our children receive. Tax-deductible contributions may be made to the Grapevine-Colleyville Education Foundation and sent to: P. O. Box 292, Grapevine, TX 76099. For additional information, contact Janice Kane, Executive Director, 817/251-5480, janice.kane@gcisd.net. FAX 817/251-5482

