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Prize Patrol visits GCISD schools; awards mini-grant funds

On Friday, October 6, the Grapevine-Colleyville Education Foundation prize patrol awarded 15 mini-grants totaling \$3,503 to fund projects on eight GCISD campuses. The complete list of mini-grant recipients is as follows:

Linda Schaefer, Travis Day and Rob Barker; Grapevine High, Grades 11-12; \$250 for Monitoring Heart and Respiration Rates The funds will be used to purchase science kits for the Anatomy and Physiology classes to monitor the heart and lungs under various conditions.

Dana D. Ruge; Colleyville Heritage High, Grades 9-12; \$250 for Individualized Board Work This grant will be used to purchase materials for students' individualized work on white eraser boards to solve problems in Algebra I and II classes.

Debbie Weidenhamer, Amanda Vasquez, Amy Birdwell and Yannis Brownell; Dove Elementary, Grade 5; \$240 for Go for the Gold, Fifth Grade Readers! Fifth-grade level books will be purchased for the literacy library and used for small group guided instruction.

Debbie Weidenhamer, Amanda Vasquez, Jamie Keeling and Melanie Coody; Dove Elementary, Grade 4; \$240 for Race Ahead in Fourth Grade Reading! Fourth-grade level books will be purchased for the literacy library to accelerate reading progress, develop vocabulary and strengthen comprehension.

Debbie Weidenhamer, Amanda Vasquez, Tanya Kellerman, Lisa Brown and Cindy Pearson; Dove Elementary, Grade 3; \$234 for Third Graders on Track for Reading Success! Funds will be used to expand third grade-level reading material for small group guided instruction.

Debbie Weidenhamer, Tanya Kellerman and Judy Kelley; Dove Elementary, Grade 2; \$240 for Keep on Track Second Grade Readers! Funds will be used to purchase second grade-level reading material to build background knowledge and strengthen comprehension strategies.

Debbie Weidenhamer, Tanya Kellerman and Brenda Norwood; Dove Elementary, Grade 1; \$240 for Ready, Set, Go First Grade Readers! Funds will be used to purchase first grade-level books for the literacy library that are also appropriate for some Kindergarteners and second-graders.

Melinda Bolles and Sharon Mullen; Heritage Elementary, Grade 5; \$198 for Readers Advance This program is a series of nonfiction science readers that addresses various reading skills and develops independent readers.

Amy Birdwell; Dove Elementary, Grade 5; \$250 for Classroom Literature Set The funds will be used to purchase books for classroom novel studies to explore fantasy genre and teach basic reading and writing strategies.

Carol Hillman, Beth Walkup and Robin Davis; GCISD campuses, Grades 6-12; \$246 for Building Healthy Families The funds will be used to purchase materials for counseling and parenting and child development educational services to pregnant students.

Melanie Coody, Michelle Henry and Judy Kelley; Dove Elementary, Grades 2 and 4; \$188 for Writing is a Partnership Materials will be purchased for the professional library to equip teachers with the newest techniques for creating a writer's workshop in the classroom.

Debra Grose; Dove Elementary, Grade 5; \$179 for Electricity House Project This grant will be used to purchase materials for students to construct rooms that have a working electrical feature.

Sarah Hodges and Linda Utgard; Bransford Elementary, Grades 2-5; \$250 for Weights and Measures A triple beam balance and thermometers will be purchased for use by students in the science lab.

Ruth Shook; Grapevine Elementary, Grades K-5; \$250 for Health Clinic Equipment The funds will be used to purchase a pulse oximeter to measure the oxygen level in the blood for assessment of students and staff with breathing difficulties.

Jennifer Landers, Tammy Bruce and Luonna Adkins; Grapevine Middle School, Grades 6-8; \$248 for Expanding Your Horizons through Math and Science The grant will fund conference fees for students to attend the Expanding Your Horizons conference at the University of Texas at Arlington.

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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