

Grant Awards 2001

Foreign Language Introduction-Bellport Middle School Sponsors: Joseph M. Acosta, Rose Menikos, and Barbara Williams

In order to better prepare students in the district for the NYS Proficiency Examination, sixth grade students will participate, on a voluntary basis, in an introductory program to introduce the language and culture of French, Italian, and Spanish countries.

Natural Habitat- Kreamer Street Elementary Sponsor: Sarah E. B. Rauch

The creation of a natural habitat at the school using native plants, a feeding station, and a bird blind.

Steel Band- Boys & Girls Club of Bellport Sponsor: Emily Monem, Executive Director

The steel drum band trains children of the South Country district to play the drums and perform as a band for the public. The band was started in 1999 as a joint effort of the Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport Area and the Bellport, Hagerman, East Patchogue Alliance. The Band has performed at Bellport bandshell, Bellport High School, Frank P. Long School and the Staller Center as well as at other community events.

Great South Bay Area Explorations- Bellport High School Sponsor: Bruce A. King

The majority of our students have no personal knowledge of the great bay to our south. Selected ninth grade students will visit various activity facilities on the Great South Bay and participate in the activities offered. Some sites include: Coast Guard Moriches Station, Bellport Yacht Club, NYS DEC, fishing stations, ferry to Fire Island.

Project Earth- Frank P. Long Intermediate School Sponsor: Peter Cisek

Project Earth is a woodworking project to build birdhouses, mailboxes, corner shelves, and magazine racks to develop student math and technical skills.

Garden Club- Frank P. Long Intermediate School Sponsor: Peter Cisek

Twelve to fifteen children come to school early each morning to beautify and maintain a self-contained courtyard. This year's project is planting, maintaining, and identifying numerous ornamental grasses.

Mural Painting- Bellport Middle School Sponsor: Elena Napolitano, Suzette Fandale

Mural Painting will provide eight selected classes with an artist in residence who will instruct them in the design and execution of a mural. The 14 panels outside the media center will be the designated space. This project will provide students with a hands-on experience that fosters stewardship and ownership of their school. They will work with an award winning local artist, Carol Ottok, as they fulfill curricular and NYS standards.

Life Skills Visits- Frank P. Long Intermediate School Sponsor: Ronald Hanak

Life skills children have minimal reading and language skills. This grant will be used to expose the children to various museums and parks in the metropolitan area.

Letter Project- Kreamer St. Elementary Sponsor: Carolyn Barnett

To provide postage, envelopes, and stationery for a year long correspondence between each member of the class to persons outside our geographic area. Students will benefit by writing skill development, charting responses, and will use the Internet for research.

Latino Swing Dancers- Bellport High School Sponsor: Diana C. Quinones

A performing dance group made up of students of all ethnic backgrounds who provide entertainment and mini-dance clinics of Hispanic dance in schools and the community. Cultural awareness and appreciation of diverse ethnic cultures along with development of personal skills (responsibility, teamwork, and self-confidence) are stressed. Performance locations include schools, community centers, senior homes, hospitals and parades.