

SCEF AWARDS \$20,231 IN SPRING GRANTS

The South Country Education Foundation, Inc. board of directors awarded grants to ten applicants this spring. The successful applicants will use the funds to finance programs such as one aimed at rewarding academic achievement, several centered on new health and fitness initiatives and a popular gardening program for fourth and fifth graders. We appreciate the generosity of our donors who through their gifts of time, talents and financial contributions make all of these grants possible.

**Small Learning
Communities
Celebration Breakfast,
\$1,600**

*Wayne White
Bellport High School*

SCEF will split the cost of four Celebration Breakfasts with the Knapp-Swezey Foundation. The breakfasts are run by the Small Learning Communities Program at Bellport High School and designed to help student academic success through recognition and awards. This program focuses on 9th and 10th graders. Small Learning Communities, which partially stems from the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, involves teams of 9th and 10th grade teachers who work with students as they address academic and social problems involved in the transition from middle school to high school.

**Project Adventure,
\$2,173.60**

*Bellport Middle School Shared
Decision Making Team*

The Foundation is paying for the purchase of a 24' x 8' climbing wall kit and a mat locking system to expand the Project Adventure program at the Middle School. Project Adventure is a physical education curriculum that allows students to gain an increased level of agility and coordination while bolstering the individual's self esteem. This physical education series is conducted in an environment that fosters mutual student support.

**Subscription to Brain
POP and Brain POP Jr.,
\$2,652.17**

*Aimee Volk
Frank P. Long
Intermediate School*

This grant provides a year-long internet subscription to Brain POP and Brain POP Jr., internet sites that provide curriculum-based content spanning many academic subjects including Science, Math, English, Social Studies, Health, Art and Music and Technology. Students will be assigned a password and will be able to access the site from school and at home. The program is for students at the Frank P. Long Intermediate School as well as all three elementary schools in the district.

**Boys & Girls Club Steel
Drum Band, \$3,000.00**

*Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport
Area, John Norris, Executive
Director*

This is a renewal of a grant given the past few years to the Steel Drum Band. The band, which has delighted local audiences with its calypso beat, consists of 16 members of the Boys & Girls Club ages five to 18. The grant helps in the purchase and maintenance of equipment, uniforms and the services of a part-time instructor as the band plans for the Panorama Caribbean Music Fest in May 2008.

**Boys & Girls Club
Power Hour, \$3,000.00**

*Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport
Area, John Norris, Executive
Director*

The Foundation will fund a homework assistance program designed to increase the academic proficiency of participants between the ages of 6 and 18. This program is held Monday to Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. Power Hour was begun in 2003 with support from the foundation.

**Dance Dance
Revolution at Frank P.
Long, \$3,000.00**

*Alfred Nolan, Frank P. Long
Intermediate School*

Dance Dance Revolution is an alternative to traditional exercise and will be incorporated into the Physical Education Program at Frank P. Long Intermediate School. The grant will be used to purchase a complete school-grade dance system which includes a PlayStation 2 System, electronic platforms, practice pads and software.

**Wellness/Weight
Training Program,
\$650.00**

*Peter Grossi
Bellport High School*

The grant originator is asking to purchase materials and equipment to implement a wellness/weight training program. The program integrates wellness and weight training programs concepts that students can use while participating in school athletic programs. The program will teach students to monitor their body fat composition, blood pressure as well as their weight as they grow in understanding the factors that contribute to wellness.

**Woodworkers Club,
\$1,500.00**

*Peter Cisek, Frank P. Long
Intermediate School*

The Woodworkers Club at Frank P. Long Intermediate School is receiving a renewal of its grant. Members of the club learn important measurement skills, safety procedures, how to follow explicit sets of directions and design and the uses of hard and soft woods. Students meet before the beginning of the school day for this popular program.

**Garden Club,
\$1,450.00**

*Peter Cisek, Frank P. Long
Intermediate School*

The Garden Club at the Frank P. Long Intermediate School is receiving a renewal of its grant. The club is involved in the fall planting of mums, Halloween and Thanksgiving displays and the maintenance of existing gardens in the school court yard. The club is also planning to expand the gardens.

**P.E. Safety Town,
\$1,206.00**

*Sean T. Chavious
Brookhaven Elementary School*

Safety Town is an activity to teach the rules of the road to children in all district elementary schools. The rules are taught in an imaginary town set up in the school gymnasium. The grant is for the purchase of materials need to construct the town which will include a post office, parking lot, gas station, train station and tracks and a school bus. Students will learn to interpret the rules of the road as pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.