

## **Spring 2008 Grants Top \$22,000**

### **Courtyard: An Outdoor Classroom, Brookhaven Elementary**

**Sonia Orfin and Aussa Connell**

**Grant: \$2745.83**

Students in Pre-Kindergarten to Third Grade will raise and study frogs for the courtyard pond. They will also learn about the life cycles of butterflies and praying mantises, study earthworms and composting and improve reading and writing skills through the content areas of math and science. The grant covers the cost of supplies including butterfly feeders, praying mantis egg cases and a frog hatchery.

### **Large and Small Group Differentiated Instruction, Kreamer Street Elementary**

**Susan Mineo, Shawana Hughes, Mary Winfield and Deirdre Wittman**

**Grant: \$800.00**

Four Kindergarten teachers have requested funds to purchase interactive manipulative based materials to enrich the students' literacy experience. Four individual learning centers will be set up in the four different classrooms. The interactive materials will help students understand letter sounds, phonemics and rhyming. The materials in the centers will help students with oral language development, vocabulary and comprehension.

### **Alvin Ailey Dance Instruction and American Dance Theater Performance**

**Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport Area**

**Grant: \$500.00**

The Boys & Girls Club is awarded \$500 for tickets and transportation to attend an Alvin Ailey performance at the City Center Theatre and receive a tour.

### **Dance Dance Revolution, Frank P. Long Intermediate School**

**Alfred Nolan**

**Grant: \$808.50**

The applicant will purchase 12 additional Dance Dance Revolution practice pads in order to introduce DDR to the school's daily physical education program. DDR is a music video game series that engages students through music, dance and exercise.

### **Honor Roll, Frank P. Long Intermediate School**

**Donna Warshaw**

**Grant: \$130.00**

Academic excellence will be rewarded in the Honor Roll program with the distribution of medals, ribbons and certificates. The grant will pay for certificates. According to the application, academics, behavior and character will be key components. In addition to Gold and Silver Honor Rolls, a High-5 Club will be established to recognize students who improve their average by five points from the previous marking period.

### **Character Counts, Bellport Middle School**

**Loraine McCray**

**Grant: \$1,207.00**

The grant will purchase starter kits for the Character Counts Program. The program fosters good character in youth. Character Counts is a national program that helps reduce truancy and behavior problems while increasing test scores.

**Bellport United Methodist Church Pre-School Library**

**Sarah Colichio**

**Grant: \$800.00**

Sarah Colichio, a 12-year-old Girl Scout, will purchase books and storage shelves as part of her project to refurbish the toddler's library at the Bellport United Methodist Church Pre-School. The project advances her toward a Silver Award, the highest honor for a Girl Scout.

**Everybody Reads**

**Carolyn Conroy-Kelly, Verne Critz Elementary School**

**\$1,729.35**

This grant is for the purchase of 20 personal cassette players/recorders with headphones, batteries, carrying bags and texts to be used to promote greater literacy for First Graders, particularly ELL and other at risk students. The cassette players will enable students who do not have an English-speaking parent to help them read a minimum of 20 minutes each night, the paradigm for literacy success. The tapes will contain recordings of books currently being read in class. At the end of each story, the teacher will record comprehension questions, give directions for a reader's response, or reiterate a skill learned in class. The recorders will also be used in the classroom during "buddy reading," independent reading, and as a tool in other literacy activities.

**Woodworkers Club, Frank P. Long School**

**Peter Cisek**

**Grant: \$1,100.00**

Approximately 125 students will work cooperatively on building small industrial arts projects during a 30-week period. Students will use rulers, tool and project design elements to create at least seven craft projects. Multiplication, division, addition and subtraction facts will be used during the design and construction of the woodcraft items. The grant will pay for tools, latex gloves, glue, wood, nails, screws and other woodworking items.

**Garden Club, Frank P. Long Intermediate School**

**Peter Cisek**

**Grant: \$1,350.00**

The Frank P. Long Intermediate School Garden Club requested funds to restore two gardens damaged by a septic system construction project at the school. The Garden Club engages approximately 30 students who meet before the beginning of the school day to design and implement plant gardens for the school courtyard. The grant will pay for an ornamental Japanese maple tree, perennial flowers, ornamentals grasses and bulbs, rakes, work gloves, materials for a stonewall as well as other garden equipment.

**Ruby Bridges, Author, Visit**

**Susan Cook**

**Grant: \$3,000**

Historical figure and author, Ruby Bridges, will visit Verne W. Critz and Kreamer Street Elementary Schools. Ms. Bridges will discuss her experiences as a child living through the Civil Rights Movement. She will present two two-hour programs, one at each school in March 2009. Approximately 650 children will participate.

**Consider the Possibilities: A Career Exploration**

**K. Munisteri, Verne Critz School**

**Grant: \$390.00**

Third grade students will research career opportunities including the skill set and education needed for a particular occupation. At the end of their study, the students will take a field trip to Dowling College.

The grant will cover display boards enabling the students to share their research in a career fair setting.

**Project Summer Swim, Boys & Girls Club of Bellport**

**Tracie Van Dina**

**Grant: \$2,411.00**

Approximately 30 members of the Boys & Girls Club will participate in a summer program to learn to swim at Shirley Beach or Corey Beach. The cost is \$40 per child. The grant also covers transportation in Club-owned vans and staff. The lessons will be offered between June 30 and July 12, 2008.