



Westwood Educational Foundation
2009- 2010 Mini-Grants Awarded

Westwood Empathetic Signs: Thurston Initiative

This initiative will display Thurston art students' work on Westwood signs to creatively promote safe driving in and around Westwood.

Low Vision Magnification

This grant will purchase and provide training on the use of screen magnification software equipment for vision impaired community members.

Executive Function Skill Development – Speaker Sarah Ward

Sarah Ward will present on Executive Functioning Skill Development and strategies for individuals requiring further development in organizational skills.

Westwood Parenting Series

Early Childhood Council will provide a series of educational parent workshops on child development, discipline, behavior, sibling and peer relationships.

OT Intervention in Action

This grant will provide funding for equipment for four classrooms at Martha Jones and Deerfield to enhance sensory integration based on the needs of their students and strategies shared at Westwood professional development courses.

Debbie Miller & Alaska, A Nonfiction Author in Residence

The Deerfield students in grades 2 – 5 will participate in a four day program with Ms. Miller which includes writing workshops, an Alaska slide show, artifacts and information on regional animals.

Trashformations - From Trash to Art

Work with Martha Jones Ecology Club to be more earth friendly and aware of the benefits of recycling materials through art projects.

Potato Peel Poetry Residency

Potato Peel Poetry will provide a series of workshops for the 4th and 5th grade classes at the Downey School. Presentation by Andrew Green, poet, writer and teacher.

Composition and Performance

A Composer will compose a piece which connects to the social studies curriculum and teach the musical piece to 5th grade students town-wide. Students will perform this one of a kind piece at a concert.

Count on Cambridge – Math In and Around a Local Mall

One hundred and ten eighth graders will use problem solving strategies in real life situations. Students will travel around stores and take a Riverboat Tour on the

Charles River using measurement, logic and geometry to explore their surroundings.

Historia Antiqua – “Museum in the Classroom”

This grant will provide funding for Historia Antiqua to bring museum quality artwork, replica clothing, and military equipment to coincide with the Latin and World Civilization curriculum for approximately 120 freshman students at Westwood High School.

Appreciation of Diversity

Each elementary school will display a world map with flags identifying the heritage of each student as part of the Tracing Heritage Project. Students at the Sheehan School will participate in a cultural festival during which students will display and demonstrate their research of various countries through music and dance. Developing geography and math skills will be an integral part of this program.

Arts in Education

Young Audiences’ artist George Russell and Company will provide a cultural experience which explores the role of gospel music in the Civil Rights Movement.

Revolutionary War, Encampment and Reenactment

This grant will fund a reenactment of an authentic Revolutionary War Camp. Rehoboth Militia Group will set up interactive tents for all grades 5 students town wide. Presentation at the Hanlon School will include practical knowledge of the struggles of the men and women who fought for our country in the 1700’s. Pilot program was funded by WEF for the Hanlon School in 2009.

Hatching a Good Idea

This grant will fund the purchase of four chick hatching incubator kits for four kindergarten classes at the Deerfield and Martha Jones Schools. The students will learn the development and life cycle of a chick as caregivers.

Extended School Year Enrichment Programming

Three performers will present to 130 students in the Westwood Extended School Year program. Performers include a magician, reptile show and literacy presentation.

Grade 7 goes to “Eureka”

Two hundred fifty 7th grade students will attend the performance of “Eureka” at the Berklee Performance Center. This play focuses on a 7th grader studying for a math test and how numerous topics are explained to her by famous mathematicians.

New Mallet Instrument for Thurston Middle School Band

This grant will fund the purchase of a xylophone for the Thurston Middle School music program. Percussion students will be able to play their principal instrument. All music students will gain exposure to a polytonal percussion instrument.

Art in Bloom

Westwood High School ceramic students will create vases and the High Rock Garden Club will design floral arrangements which will be displayed at the Westwood Public Library.

Local Authors at the Library

Three Authors will each present an evening program for the Westwood community on their books. Three different genres will be highlighted. Alex Beam, Boston Globe columnist and author; Spencer Quinn, mystery writer; and Anthony Sammarco, local historian and author will each present.

Congratulations to all Grant Award recipients!