



WFEE Fall Professional Development Grants

Total: \$4,625

Advocating for Emotional Well Being, Lori King, McCall Middle School, \$938. Lori King will attend the National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention in Philadelphia, February 21st - 24th. The conference addresses issues such as anxiety-related disorders, cognitive-behavioral therapy techniques for students on the autism spectrum and intervention for academic difficulties. King intends to use the conference as a way to expand her ability to serve as a resource for the district, learn new approaches to improve student services and outcomes, and build relationships with other professionals.

School Mental Health Conference, Jenny Bove, Lynch, \$325. Lynch Psychologist Jenny Bove will attend a two day School Mental Health Conference sponsored by Harvard Medical School. The conference will address issues facing students such as social skills, bullying, school avoidance, mental health, death and other family issues.

Treating the Addictions, Shafiya Ciccarelli, WHS, \$382. WHS Clinical Counselor Shafiya Ciccarelli will attend a two day training offered by Harvard Medical School on recognizing and treating addictive behaviors. WHS continues to see students with drug and/or alcohol problems plus an increase in students with eating disorders.

Creating Flash Games, Robert Gillis, WHS, \$1,980. WHS teacher Robert Gillis will take a four month course at the Mass. College of Art on creating digital games. He will integrate what he learns into existing computer courses at WHS utilizing the ArtMac lab which WFEE funded two years ago.

Choral Directors Conference, Irina Chelnokova, Lynch, \$500. The conference is in Providence RI, Feb. 15-18 and focuses on "Creating a Choral Community." Irina Chelnokova believes the conference will expose her to the best repertoire and rehearsal practices for student singing groups.

University of St. Andrews College Counselor Visit, Jack Burke, WHS, \$500. Guidance counselor Jack Burke will attend a conference at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland to learn more about the admissions and application process for universities in the United Kingdom. WHS sees a small but increasing number of students looking for college placements outside of the US. Burke believes the WHS Guidance Department and WHS students will benefit from a better understanding of the international admissions process.