

WFEE
Education and Professional Development Grant Awards
2004-05

Education Grants

1. Reading/Language Arts by Kurzweil 3000; Kristine Lacey, Muraco

Grant funds will provide for a state of the art reading technology program (Kurzweil 3000) which will enhance the reading performance of students with reading challenges. The technology works by providing auditory feedback (reading text) on the computer monitor. It also provides help in test taking capabilities, study skills. Grant funds a network version of the software to be located at Muraco School along with a computer, photo scanner, teacher training and materials. **\$8,444.95**

2. Traditional New England Music and Dance Workshop; Peggy Ogilvy, Lynch **\$976.00.** Funding will allow for 9 workshops for students in grades 1 –5 involving traditional New England barn dances with professional fiddlers. 3rd grade students will have a family night of New England Contra Dance, which will become an annual event. Funding also provides for musical instruments, music books and CDs all related to the theme. **\$976.00**

3. Teaching with the Outdoors; Christine Kelley, Vinson-Owen

Grant funds a science program for students in K-5, which will allow teachers to bring science instruction out of the classroom and into the schoolyard. Funding includes a consultant from the Mass Dept. of Environmental Protection for teacher training, and teacher reference books. This is an extension of a previous WFEE grant, “V-O Science Park”. **\$2,054.75**

4. Word Work Center; Andrea Nelson; Vinson-Owen

Funding will allow for specifically designed classroom areas, (Word Work Centers) that will promote exploration of letters and words. Enhances current curriculum in grades K-2 as well as reading and resource room specialists. Materials include 4 sets of various manipulatives, letter sets, books etc. **\$1,830.00**

5. Vinson Owen Art Portfolios; Rachel Atkinson, Vinson Owen

Project involving the creation of artist’s books/portfolios for students in grades 1-3 and eventually up to 5th grade. Students will create specific art and interdisciplinary assignments for these portfolios throughout their elementary school years. Funding the books and materials. **\$501.87**

6. Technology & Teaching Reading; David Krane, V-O

Grant funds project involving the use of PDA’s and an internet service called mClass to enable teachers to take, store, format and retrieve observational assessments of students in grades K-2. Funding includes Palm Pilots and a 1-year start up and subscription fee. **\$5244.00**

7. MCBA: Fostering Literacy; Becky Ballard, McCall

Funding will add additional MCBA books to the McCall collection. Teachers can use books in their Literature Circles in class and the titles will also be used as the foundation for the Literary Lunch Program with the senior citizens at the Jenks Center. **\$625.00**

8. Forces of Motion: Domino Physics; Lanie Higgins, McCall

Project involving interactive science physics for 6th grade students. Consultant will spend day with students in an inquiry-oriented approach to understand forces of motion by creating a domino chain. Funding includes consultant fees and materials. **\$660.00**

9. Computer Interfacing for Physics; Laurence Smith, WHS

Funding will replace and upgrade the physics department's current equipment to allow students to perform experiments involving real world, real time, data acquisition and analysis. **\$5,172.66.**

10. Music Technology- Phase II; Lynne Rahmeier; WHS

Second part of the Music Grant funded last year, this grant will allow for the 5 elementary schools to be involved in this ongoing program for all students. Equipment will enable teachers to help students compose, record classroom improvisations and musical projects and to arrange music for student use. **\$6,798.00.**

11. Improving Psychological/Vocational Assessment; Jennifer Wolf, Dan Markowitz, James Goodwin; WHS

Grant will fund equipment and materials (computer and Adolescent Personality Questionnaires) to be used as an assessment tool for the school psychologists and vocational counselors at WHS. The APQ will allow school psychologists to include a vocational component to their assessments. Access to the APQ will be offered to all interested mental health professionals in the Winchester Public School system. **\$1917.00**

12. Digital Photography – MAC Lab, Jennifer Levatino; WHS

13. Digital Video/Film/Graphic Arts Production, John Fusco; WHS

The combination of these two grants will allow for an expanded curriculum in video editing/production, filmmaking, digital photography and graphic arts available to interested students in grades 9-12. Equipment will be shared with other school departments such as English, Art, Foreign Language and Social Studies and will be used for extra curricular activities such as the Red & Black and the Literary Arts Magazine published by WHS students. Funding will include an EMAC computer lab, G4 computers, digital video cameras, software, materials. **\$19,952.36**

14. Authorfest; CSA

Although the elementary schools will not participate in Authorfest next year because of the librarians being cut, McCall and WHS will still benefit from this program. **\$3500.00.**

TOTAL Education Grants: \$57,676.59

Professional Development Grants

1. Empowering Our Youth; Jeannine Lavoie, McCall

Program at McCall which will seek to empower students on issues concerning social acceptability, gender and clique dynamics among others. WFEE will fund the speaker portion of the program. The speaker, who is a nationally recognized author, will address students during the school day and the Winchester community in an evening event. **\$6500.00.**

2. Indian and Persian Miniature Painting; Maryellen Sakura, Lynch

Grant will fund a week-long course at Art New England sponsored by the Mass College of Art at Bennington College, VT. Course will expand skills in visual storytelling. Students in all grades will create a project focusing on storytelling. **\$1,075.00**

3. Responsive Classroom; Amy Natale, Ambrose/V-O

Grant will fund 11 teachers from Ambrose and Vinson Owen to be trained in the Responsive Classroom approach. This program promotes academic and social development by creating a safe, caring and respectful learning environment in the classroom. Program includes a one-day workshop followed up by in-school consulting by a Responsive Classroom-trained teacher. **\$4,917.43**

4. National School Resource Officer National Conference; Dan Perenick, Tom Gwin; WHS

Funding allows the attendance at the 14th Annual School Resource Officer Conference and School Safety Exposition in Phoenix, AZ. **\$1700.00**

5. Word Study Instruction for Grades 3-5; Loretta DiMascio, V-O

Grant will fund a consultant to conduct 4 after-school workshops for classroom teachers in grades 3-5, reading specialists, and special education personnel in the area of literacy. Consultant fees and materials. **\$4,200.00**

6. Teachers As Scholars; Judy Hession, WHS

Funding will continue for Winchester's involvement in the *Teachers As Scholars* Program through Harvard University. It is expected that over 35 teachers from WHS and McCall will participate in the program next academic year. **\$13,650.00**

Professional Development : \$33,042.43

TOTAL FUNDING: \$90,719.02