



## **Teacher Grants Awarded 2015-16**

**Totaling: \$14,385**

### **Learning to Listen and Read**

**Award Amount: \$400**

**Grant Writer: Quincy Hunt**

**Site: Will Rogers Elementary**

Funds to purchase a CD player/headphones and audio sets of leveled, read-along children's literature. Each student will visit the listening center twice per week to practice reading fluently and to improve comprehension. The set is intended for one classroom although it will be shared with other teachers.

### **Microscopes for Kids**

**Award Amount: \$950**

**Grant Writer: Janita Cormell**

**Site: Stillwater Middle School**

Funds to purchase five additional microscopes. The goal is to have enough microscopes so that two science teachers could have a set of eight at one time which is approximately one microscope per group of four students. An increase in available microscopes, enables teaching the curriculum in the same order at the same time in multiple classes. Microscopes will be used by all six graders and for special projects by 7<sup>th</sup> grade science classes, impacting almost 900 students per year.

### **Audio/Visual System**

**Award Amount: \$1,000**

**Grant Writer: Ryan Henigman**

**Site: Stillwater Middle School**

Funds a 50" flatscreen TV, DVD player, Soundbar, and TV mount for installation in the band room to enable the entire class of students to listen to and analyze music and performances. The primary populations served will be approximately 277 sixth- and seventh-grade band students.

### **Math Masters**

**Award Amount: \$400**

**Grant Writer: Heather Alred**

**Site: Will Rogers Elementary**

Funds math-related materials such as dominoes, puzzles, and other games to engage second-grade students in more active and meaningful ways. A total of 84 second-graders will have access to the materials this year.

**Spanish Art: A cross-curricular & cultural experience****Award Amount: \$450****Grant Writer: Anastasia Mendoza****Site: Stillwater Middle School**

Funds to purchase art-related materials and an exhibit. Students in Exploratory Spanish will become familiar with Spanish art and culture in a three-week unit that includes study, creation of personal art, and visitation to the Diego Rivera Traveling exhibit to be displayed at SMS. Other students in the district will be invited to view the exhibition.

**Can you Hear Me Now?****Award Amount: \$500****Grant Writer: Karyn Spencer****Site: Will Rogers Elementary**

Funds to purchase headphones for use in one computer lab (approx. 32 headphones). Each student uses at least one of the two computer labs on site once or more per week for math, reading and more.

**Relevant Reading****Award Amount: \$475****Grant Writers: Jill Bindewald & Samantha Culpepper****Site: Stillwater Middle School**

Funds (along with matching site-based funds) to purchase a three-year subscription to *Scholastic SCOPE: The Language Arts Magazine*, a monthly publication covering a variety of topics and genres. About 460 students will benefit directly from these magazines. Audio recordings of each magazine are included in the subscription; therefore, the use of the magazine can meet more students' learning needs.

**Pioneer Book Club****Award Amount: \$700****Grant Writer: Kristena Rudloff****Site: Stillwater Junior High School**

This grant will fund several sets of young-adult books to be used in a series of extracurricular book club meetings in grades 8 and 9.

**Broadway Junior Production****Award Amount: \$700 (from PAC Fund)****Grant Writer: Quinn Baldwin****Site: Stillwater Middle School**

Funds will support the production of a Broadway Junior musical at the Middle School. The purchased materials will include a performance license, director's guide, 30 actor scripts, rehearsal CDs, musical scores, a choreography DVD and additional materials.

**It's Mathtastic****Award Amount: \$500****Grant Writer: Kimberly Everett****Site: Will Rogers Elementary**

The grant will fund the purchase of mathematics games, such as dice, dominoes, numeracy games, money puzzles and math-related books to support 2<sup>nd</sup> grade math.

**Ping Pong Tables****Award Amount: \$465****Grant Writer: Kyle Love****Site: Stillwater Middle School**

Physical education classes will benefit from the purchase of one ping pong table to promote team work, cooperation, hand-to-eye coordination and appreciation for sports.

**Quest for Chromebooks****Award Amount: \$660****Grant Writer: Crista McCann & students****Site: Stillwater Middle School**

Students who participate in publication of the yearbook and student newspapers have raised nearly \$1,600 to purchase Chromebooks to support their work. Funding of this request will purchase two additional Chromebooks for use in these classes. Students participated in the writing of this grant proposal with teacher oversight.

**Virtual World Programming****Award Amount: \$600****Grant Writer: Kelly Wardlaw, Ph.D.****Site: Stillwater Junior High School**

ROBOTC Virtual Worlds software classroom license will be funded to “challenge Junior High engineering students to write and test complex programs using virtual robots.” The license does not expire and can be installed on 30 computers.

**The Attraction to Learning about Magnets****Award Amount: \$995****Grant Writer: Emily Harris****Site: Stillwater Middle School**

Sixth grade students will benefit from an inquiry-based approach to the study of electromagnetism. A variety of magnetic materials will be funded and used in hands-on instruction.

**Bilingual Books from Language Lizard****Award Amount: \$475****Grant Writer: Julie Davis****Site: Will Rogers Elementary**

The grant will fund 30 dual-language books to be used in regular and ELL classrooms.

**Connections****Award Amount: \$250****Grant Writers: Dr. Linda C. Poe & Kalee Kunkel Morales****Site: Skyline Elementary**

As part of Skyline’s Fitness Fridays, these funds will support the purchase a variety of board games to promote interaction among students and others; specifically, students will learn about fairness and will enhance their communication skills.

**Science in Action****Award Amount: \$670****Grant Writer: Joleen Royer****Site: Sangre Ridge Elementary**

With this grant, materials will be purchased to support several multidisciplinary units: The Human Body, A Pond Ecosystem, and The Way Things Work, benefiting GT students in 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Multimedia Cultural Connections****Award Amount: \$710****Grant Writers: Cody Sherburn & Cindy Petree****Site: Stillwater Middle School**

Funds will be used to purchase six webcams and three digital cameras to extend the technology curriculum of five World Studies classes who, through multimedia projects, will exchange cultural information with students in Kameoka, Japan, Stillwater's sister city.

**The Wingman Flies Again****Award Amount: \$330****Grant Writer: Annie Ortiz****Site: Skyline Elementary**

Funds will support the purchase of one Chromebook. In this project, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade GT students will enhance their communication skills, journalism skills in particular, as they prepare a school-wide, electronic newsletter that is broadly distributed.

**All Wired Up with Makey Makey****Award Amount: \$915****Grant Writer: Rebecca Palmatary****Site: Westwood Elementary**

With this project, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will learn about engineering and technology by using a software system to create innovative projects. For example, students will learn about simple circuits and programming in this unit. See youtube link for a demonstration:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=1&v=rfQqh7iCcOU> or use key words to search. The kits will also be used in summer STEM programs, which benefit grades 5-7.

**Grant Title: Traveling Through the Page****Writer: Nicole Tracy****Site: Stillwater Middle School****Award Amount: \$250**

The grant will fund *Countries of the World* resource books for sixth-grade World Studies classes.

**Grant Title: Spark Imagination - Build the Future****Writer: Sarah Major****Site: Will Rogers Elementary****Award Amount: \$1,000**

Over 500 students in the school will benefit from materials to extend STEM curriculum. These materials include robotic cubes and (4) sphere robots which are used with an app to program inventions.

**Grant Title: Working with Worms**

**Writer: Austin Hula**

**Site: Stillwater Middle School**

**Award Amount: \$300**

Sixth and seventh grade students in special education classes will be introduced to horticulture in this project. Students will compost, plant, and cultivate flowers and vegetables. The grant will fund worms and gardening supplies.

**Grant Title: Tapping to Success**

**Writers: Melisa Gungoll & Mary Beth Talley**

**Site: Sangre Ridge Elementary**

**Award Amount: \$690**

Twenty prekindergarten students will participate in tap classes and school performances. The grant will fund tap shoes and a tap surface, providing opportunities to learn and experience music through movement.