

WAUKESHA EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2009 GRANTS

The following grants were awarded in 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Program: Introducing Our ELL's To Area Arts

Target: Waukesha South Bilingual/ELL Program

Program Description: Provide South HS Bilingual/ELL students the opportunity to attend art events in the area. The art outings would be tied to curriculum in ESL, language arts and/or history and would therefore enrich and enhance classroom learning of English and the content area subject matter. These outings would further provide students who are new to the community a cultural experience they may not otherwise encounter.

Note: This program will be funded by grants from the Ken Hollub and Bob Duckett Memorial funds.

Program: Waukesha County Cultural Research Project

Target: Hawthorne Elementary – Fourth Grade

Program Description: Long term project by students for approximately one hour/week for most of the school year. Part of the project will be a one-day field trip to various sites in Waukesha County (e.g. Carroll University, UWW, Waukesha Land Conservancy, Wisconsin DNR, Waukesha County officials, City of Waukesha officials). Students will research aspects of Waukesha County history, culture, folklore and geography. They will conduct interviews with county residents and officials. After completing the research, students will publish and present their findings using a web page and written booklet. Funding is for expenses related to the culminating field trip, stipends for presenters and supplies for the documentation.

Program: Summer Books in a Bag

Target: Summit View Elementary – second graders

Program Description: Program designed for students entering second grade in the fall that have not met SDW reading benchmarks. The goal is to continue and maintain reading skills and strategies in the summer to curtail regression during the summer break. These type of books are not easily available in libraries. Grant is to fund teacher time during the summer. Summit View already has a supply of books to be used.

Program: Children's Concert Series

Target: Waukesha South Music Department

Program Description: Grant will be used to help provide funding for elementary schools to attend concerts. Provides a unique learning experience for HS students to perform for the younger audience, as well as a chance to expose elementary students to the music program and improve their understanding of music. It is the intent of the grant to provide funding to elementary schools with financially-strapped PTO's and PTA's.

Note: This program will be funded by grants from the Ken Hollub and Fine Arts Endowment funds.

Program: Girl Talk

Target: Waukesha South Bilingual/ELL Program – Female students grades 9-12

Program Description: Innovative program that will allow female bilingual students the opportunity to share thoughts and beliefs about issues that affect teen girls and will guide them in making wise decisions. Strong emphasis will be placed on preventing teen pregnancy and setting career goals. Participants will meet monthly and will also attend the annual Mujer Latina Conference at UW-Madison. The purpose of this conference is to gather Latinas to identify pressing issues affecting their welfare. Major cost in proposal is the bus to attend this conference.

Note: This program will be partially funded by grants from the Bob Duckett Memorial Fund.

Program: Discovering Waukesha

Target: Waukesha South Bilingual/ELL Program

Program Description: Providing newcomers a full day to discover and learn about the Waukesha community in a very hands-on way. They will visit city government, circuit court system, local law enforcement and fire protection, public health services, library services, etc. These students as they learn English will become the translators and interpreters for their parents.

Program: Learning Walls

Target: Hillcrest Elementary (grades k-3)

Program Description: Create kid-friendly central learning areas that every classroom shares. Examples include a huge clock with movable hands to teach telling time, large replicas of coins to help teach money, large map to teach geography. GE employees will be volunteering this summer to paint the hallways and then will help install the Learning Walls.