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2012 Impact Grant Awards

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District 200 Education Foundation 2012 Impact Grant Recipients

CyberSmarts: Staying Safe Online (\$250)

All Elementary Schools

Lauren Collen

Students are online for both social and academic reasons. It is imperative that they learn how to keep their personal information private and stay safe from online predators and cyberbullies. The *CyberSmarts: Staying Safe Online* set of interactive e-books simulates real-life situations so students can learn how to be safe online.

Using an iPad in the Itinerant Setting (\$525)

All District Schools

Carol Schnulle

Using an iPad in the itinerant setting will help the thirty-seven hard of hearing students in the Pre-K through 18-22 programs meet their goals related to auditory skill development, speech-reading skills, writing skills, language and vocabulary development, self-advocacy and sign language acquisition.

Science and Social Studies Program Incorporating Important Sensory Activities and Life Skills For Preschool to 3rd Grade (\$290)

Clay Academy

Trevor Mack and Pat Hackbart

At Clay Academy, there is a clear academic curriculum for the older students, but not one for the younger students, especially in science/social studies/health. A need was identified for a program that would be hands-on, involving sensory activities, and addressing important life skills for the preschool through 3rd grade.

Clay Explores the Human Body Exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry (\$541)

Clay Academy

Mark Tschappat and Travis Mohr

As a Physical Education Department at Clay Academy we would like to expose our students to the exhibits at the Museum of Science and Industry. The "YOU! The Experience" exhibit allows students to touch, see, and feel displays that will enhance their understanding of how the human body works.

Healthy Eating and Cooking for Pre-K through 4th Grade (\$100)

Clay Academy/Dean Street School E.D. Class

Pat Hackbart and Trevor Mack

Many children don't know which foods to eat in order to be healthy. This program is a hands-on program that will help children explore different types of foods and do basic recipes that they can use at home.

Life Skills Related Arts (\$400)

Creekside Middle School

Lisa Czyz

We complete art projects, Health, and cooking. Art projects concentrate on both fine and gross motor activities. Health units are based on student needs (human body and functions, nutrition, exercise, community workers, etc.). Friday cooking is with recipes the students can do with minimal help to increase independence at home.

Nook Simple Touch for Library Use (\$570)

Creekside Middle School

Jenna McCoy

The Nook Simple Touch for Library Use program will offer e-reader check out to students at Creekside Middle School. These e-readers will be pre-loaded with high interest books for middle school readers.

Integrating Sensory Exploration within the Classroom to enhance academic performance (\$450)

Creekside Middle School

Jennifer Moskowitz

This project continues to integrate sensory exploration within the classroom to enhance academic performance by creating two areas in the room to meet the sensory needs of the students within the Life Skills Program.

Extending Life Skills To Real Life (\$200)

Creekside Middle School

Natia Hong and Jennifer Moskowitz

The Extending Life Skills to Real Life project allows our Life Skills students to practice skills developed in the classroom, and incorporate them in real life situations.

Introducing Life Skills to Community Experiences (\$200)

Creekside Middle School

Natia Hong and Jennifer Moskowitz

The Introducing Life Skills to Community Experiences project allows our Life Skills students opportunities to visit community settings that they may not be able to see with their families. It will help students learn the skills needed to be a contributing member of their community.

Dual Language Library Wing (\$250)

Creekside Middle School

Daniel Aguilar

Acquire books, magazines, periodicals and other literary works to develop a Spanish Wing in the Creekside Middle School Library.

Helping Low Readers Become Fluent Readers Grant (\$390)

Creekside Middle School

Julie Stone

Phonics Blitz is a program designed for use at the middle school level and works to improve foundational reading skills for struggling students. This year, I would like to buy more student kits, so my 27 students reading below grade level will be able to benefit from having their own kit.

Best Buddies Middle Schools (\$500)

Creekside Middle School

Julie Stone, Kat Mitchell, & Joan Thomas

Best Buddies is an international nonprofit organization that seeks to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities through one-to-one friendships with peers who do not have disabilities. Creekside's program has grown from 20 members to 90-plus members over the last four years. The past summer CMS was awarded International Best Buddies Middle School Chapter of the Year!

"SPEAKEASY II" (\$200)

Dean Street School

Carla Voss

This project will utilize the I-Pad to promote articulation and language skills with the students at Dean Street School. The I-Pad is an alternative for children with speech and language problems. Many young children are drawn to technology and are dependent upon it to succeed.

Sensibilities: Sensory Motor Kits to Help Improve Student Function in the Classroom (\$602)

Dean Street School

Pat Hackbart

Everyday tasks can be frustrating for children with sensory processing issues. They can be sensitive, active, distracted, clumsy, and disorganized. Using sensory strategies can help these students function in the classroom. The sensory kits will give preschool and 1st grade teachers the sensory tools needed to help their students.

"Through the Eyes of the Past" (\$189.95)

Dean Street School

Judy Mae Foszcz

With the intent of increasing nonfiction reading, my class will do an independent biography project to learn how contributions of long ago influence us today. Multiple copies of 12 different biographies in Spanish will be used in literacy groups. Later students will choose a different biography for independent research.

Giving Back Project (\$300)

Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center

Amy Mock

This will be our 3rd year completing this project with my group of students. This project focuses on giving back to the community in 3 different ways. The students will raise money to donate to the local Christmas Clearing House, collect canned goods to donate to the local food pantry, and collect items to bring to the local animal shelter.

A Zoo To You (\$750)

Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center

Kim Beystehner

A Zoo To You is an amazing hands-on farm animal experience for children. It gives each child an opportunity to pet and feed farm animals in a child-centered environment that is brought directly to the “pastures” of Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center!

The Polar Express (\$275)

Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center

Lori Tillman

In December I and a colleague will be teaming together to begin a project on trains. After reading the popular children’s story “The Polar Express” we will take our students, dressed in their pajamas, on a train ride to Harvard and back to Woodstock. Once we arrive at the “North Pole” (Woodstock Train Station), Santa will be waiting to greet each child with a special bell from his sleigh. We will have hot cocoa and cookies at the Trax Train Station. This trip not only allows us to bring literature to life but also gives the children the opportunity to ride on a train and learn about trains.

After the field trip, we will begin to learn all about trains. A colleague from another District 200 school will be coming to talk about trains. The final project will be having the children work cooperatively together to create a “Polar Express” train. This project will provide the children with a great learning experience that incorporates all areas of the Kindergarten curriculum.

Fairy Tale Theatre (\$400)

Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center

Kimberly Hansen, Jessie Justice

This is a theatre project in a 50/50 dual language kindergarten classroom. The students will be investigating theatres and performing a play in their second language. We focus on oral development at this age, which is the first step to becoming bilingual in the future.

Debbie Diller Math Stations (\$405.15)

Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center

Mark Jones and Shari Manke

The purpose of the grant is to obtain supplemental materials to support our core mathematics program through Debbie Diller Math Stations.

Something Fishy ~ A Visit to the Pet Store (\$165)

Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center

Toby Parker-Goad

Kindergarten students complete a unit of study in science about animals. Students compare and contrast animals brought into the classroom (bugs, worms and fish), focusing closely on structure and behavior. This trip will provide experiences with other animals, as well as further investigation into those studied in the classroom.

Cooking on a Cart (\$244.70)

Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center

Beth Miller

A large part of the Pre-K Creative Curriculum involves cooking. This exposes the students to many math and literacy skills as well as language, fine motor skills and social skills. As we are without an oven at the school we would like to have a mini oven/kitchen on a cart to be rolled from room to room as needed by the Pre-K teachers.

Books “Count” – Literacy and Math Together (\$449.94)

Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center

Maelyn Thornton

Picture books that reinforce math concepts allow Kindergarten students to more easily comprehend and reason through the mathematical concepts being taught and practiced.

Books and CDs to Increase Fluency (\$350)

Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center

Maelyn Thornton

We will be purchasing English and Spanish Listening CDs/Books in order to help increase fluency, as well as to allow for students to listen to new stories each day.

Taking Steps To Encourage Positive Behavior (\$329)

Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center

Katie Cook, Jen Frederick and Diana Frisbie

Children with strong social-emotional skills are more prepared to learn and participate in activities both inside and outside of the classroom. This project would allow us to purchase three additional *Second Step* kits for our kindergarten classrooms. *Second Step* provides instructional materials, family connections, puppets, posters and visuals, lessons and games, and book lists that will be used to supplement our curriculum.

Trail of History - Field Trip (\$200)

Mary Endres Elementary School

Rosemary Kondritz, Amy Varys, Cynthia Maire and Steven Cooper

Trail of History provides experiential learning in American history with the exact time period studied in 5th grade as directed by District 200's curriculum. It is an outdoor classroom with actors portraying Native American culture, early colonial life, and the American Revolution.

McHenry County Conservation District organizes this large rendezvous of re-enactors to create a "walk back in time." It is the perfect field trip for 5th graders because it brings the history we study to life. Students actually can go in a tipi, take part in an early one-room prairie school, listen to the stories of "The Buffalo Man," watch a battle from the French and Indian War, see the actual carving of a dugout canoe and help build a log cabin.

Support Math Work Stations With Literature (\$639.06)

Mary Endres Elementary School

Ellen Lohmeyer, Margaret Eaheart and Diane Rodolfo

Our 2nd grade team is seeking a grant to expand our Math Work Stations to help all our students meet the Common Core Standards in math, while integrating reading. Our objective is to continue to build our stations by integrating math literature that highlights integral math concepts.

American Revolutionary War Presentation (\$150)

Mary Endres Elementary School

Rosemary Kondritz, Amy Varys, Cynthia Maire and Steven Cooper

Two Revolutionary War actors will provide a "first hand" look at the events leading up to the war, and the debate on the pros and cons of independence from Britain. We will also be introduced to the Revolutionary War soldier, his equipment and service.

The actors will recreate the volatile political atmosphere surrounding The American Revolution. Students will experience a first person narrative of the "signs of the times of 1776" and understand the root causes of our break with England, and the appreciation of the valor of the soldiers.

African-American History: Origins in Slavery (\$600)

Mary Endres Elementary School

Rosemary Kondritz, Amy Varys, Cynthia Maire and Steven Cooper

African-American storyteller Momma Kemba gives an amazing portrayal of Harriet Tubman, one of the most famous conductors of the Underground Railroad. The Milton House Museum was an Inn that was part of the Underground Railroad. The students will get to go through a tunnel that was actually used by runaway slaves.

Social Thinking – A Whole School Resource (\$441.11)

Mary Endres and Greenwood Elementary Schools

Melinda Schuldt and Mary Schlichting

The goal of our project is to provide resources which will be utilized by regular and special education staff to increase social thinking, and serve the needs of students across all academic settings. The core concepts will provide common language for classroom management, communication, social skill development and academic achievement.

Sally Walker: An Author Come to Life (\$500)

Greenwood Elementary School

Lauren Collen and Marla Cherry

Author Sally Walker will “come to life” for 4th and 5th grade students during two one-hour presentations at Greenwood Elementary School. With fossils, rocks, manuscripts, research ideas, and a color separation of how pictures are printed, this award-winning author will bring the research and writing process alive.

Kindling the Reading Fire (\$307)

Greenwood Elementary School

Marla Cherry and Betty Hopp

We wish to expand the use of Kindles in our 4th and 5th grade reading classes. Through the use of these devices we can reinforce, motivate and enrich the reading experiences of our students.

Read Like a Detective (\$311.40)

Greenwood Elementary School

Lauren Collen

Second graders at Greenwood Elementary will learn to read informational text like a detective, using interactive digital books! Working with other students in an “informational text literature circle,” second graders will learn how to find facts and information while they improve their reading skills during our Talon Time reading intervention period.

2nd Annual 6th Grade Poetry Night (\$80)

Northwood Middle School

Betsy Iversen

We hosted an evening in the spring last year at our school where the 6th graders and their relatives could listen to and/or read their own poetry. Several faculty members also attended. It was a success, and we would like to do it again this year.

Outdoor Club (\$465)

Northwood Middle School

Deborah Dechant

“Go green” “Power Hours” “Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle”. Conservation is a must for our future. However, students will not care for their environment unless they learn an appreciation for it. My goal is to teach students about their environment, along with giving them fun outdoor activities to make them want to preserve it.

PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) –PRIDE continues at Northwood (\$500)

Northwood Middle School

Jake Wakitsch

As a part of NWMS PBIS initiatives we have been running a PBIS PRIDE store monthly for our students where they can buy items with PRIDE dollars. Through these efforts and initiatives we teach expected behaviors, promote positive choices, reward good behavior and celebrate successes. The financial assistance from this grant would help support the PRIDE store.

REPLACE WELL READ LITERATURE (\$300)

Northwood Middle School

Sue Totz

This project will allow Northwood Middle School to restore the most read titles in our collection. The bindings of these books are loose or broken entirely. We would like to update the collection with new library bound books to weather the continued check out action by our well-read students.

Starlab Comes to Northwood! (\$255)

Northwood Middle School

Katie Spaldon, Marcy Buchanan and Fernando Medinilla

Starlab instruction allows students to visit the nighttime sky in the middle of a school day. It is provided through the rental of Starlab equipment. It is irreplaceable for teaching sixth graders the fundamentals of star-hopping and basic astronomy, and instilling a love for the stars.

Northwood Middle School Veteran’s Day Assembly (\$400)

Northwood Middle School

Gail Vanderpoel

Northwood students and staff invite local veterans to tell about experiences in the armed services. Students participate in a variety of writing, art, music, history, and other activities to prepare them with a full understanding of our Veterans Day theme. An assembly honoring the veterans is the culminating activity.

Birthdays R Us (\$100)

Northwood Middle School

Gail Vanderpoel

“Birthdays R Us” will be a student business to provide birthday party packages for students to celebrate birthdays at school. Students will choose a menu item, i.e. pizza, cupcakes, popcorn balls, cookies, etc., and an order date and time. Math class students will prepare the food for pick-up at Lunch/Skills Lab.

Camp Timberlee Scholarships (\$360)

Northwood Middle School

Katie Spaldon and Robert Rivera

D200 Ed Foundation Grant would fund several full and partial student scholarships to attend Camp Timberlee in East Troy, Wisconsin. Northwood takes its annual trip to Camp Timberlee to provide an outdoor education experience including Archery, Wall-Climbing, Horseback-Riding, Canoeing and many other activities.

Northwood Crafters Club (\$195)

Northwood Middle School

Katie Spaldon

Northwood Crafters Club is a new after school program for students to gather and use communal crafting supplies to create scrapbooks and other paper crafts. This club will be responsible for assisting in creating the new Veterans Day Program Scrapbook for Northwood Middle School.

Math in the Library (\$30.95)

Olson Elementary School

Melinda Parrent

Math in the Library – Tessellations will provide Olson Elementary School students with a magnetic tessellation puzzle. Challenging and stimulating creativity, tessellations are a fun way to play with math.

eBooks: The Library Is Always Open (\$350)

Olson Elementary School

Melinda Parrent

eBooks: The Library Is Always Open allows Olson Elementary School students the opportunity to read library books, even during the summer months when school is out. Students will be able to access high interest books wherever they have Internet access. With an optional read-aloud feature, students can listen as they read along.

Monarch and Bluestem: Illinois Student Choice Awards (\$250)

Olson Elementary School

Melinda Parrent

Monarch and Bluestem Student Choice Awards will provide Olson Elementary School students an opportunity to participate in The Monarch Award: Illinois' K-3 Readers' Choice Award and The Bluestem Award: Illinois' Grades 3-5 Readers' Choice Award. After reading nominated books, students will vote for their favorites in February and March 2014

Get Graphic! (\$200)

Olson Elementary School

Melinda Parrent

Get Graphic! will increase the number of graphic format books available to Olson Elementary School students. Enjoyed by many students, these books particularly support reading by English language learners, struggling readers, and reluctant readers. Students are requesting both more and longer graphic format books.

Tell Me a Story: Cuéntame un cuento (\$600)

Olson Elementary School

Melinda Parrent

Tell Me a Story: Cuéntame un cuento brings a bilingual storyteller to Olson Elementary School. A dual language school, this celebration of both the English and Spanish languages will be an exciting event for Olson students.

Quiero leer: I Want to Read (\$200)

Olson Elementary School

Melinda Parrent

Quiero leer: I Want to Read will provide Olson Elementary School students who read Spanish or are learning to read Spanish more Spanish language books. Students want to read in Spanish and this grant will provide more opportunities to read Spanish books.

Launch and Learn (\$380)

Olson Elementary School

Renee Simes, Crystal Christensen, Stephanie Plourde and Marcos Gomez

Third grade students at Olson Elementary School will be constructing and launching their very own rockets. In conjunction with our study of spaceflight, the students will apply the physics of flight and blast off over Olson Field. It will be a learning experience they will never forget!

Mustang Big Give (\$215)

Olson Elementary School

John Rigby and Michelle Wentland

The Mustang Big Give is a service learning project where our students will be given the opportunity to make a difference by donating at least \$10 (\$5 earned at home and a matching \$5 from D200 Foundation Grant) to a charity or organization of their choice.

¡Vamos a leer! (“Let’s Read!”) (\$250)

Olson Elementary School

Lauren Cisneros

Developing passion and skill in reading is intrinsically linked to one’s access to quality, high-interest reading materials. The purpose of this project is to give children access to books in Spanish that will allow them to develop their literacy skills as well as develop a passion for reading in Spanish.

Hooping To Be Healthy Friends (\$200)

Olson Elementary School

Kelly Steele and Kim McLaughlin

Childhood Obesity is at an all time high. The 2007-2008 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey states that 17% of children ages 2-19 are obese! Our 1st and 5th grade Buddies want to create exercise hula hoops and implement a Buddy Hooping Program as part of our school’s focus on wellness.

Our Character SPARKLES at Olson Elementary School (\$375)

Olson Elementary School

Christy Brown

School-wide positive behavior supports and character education programs have proven to be essential components for academic, behavioral and social progress for elementary students. This program teaches and reinforces good behavioral choices for all students and contributes to a safe, consistent climate in which learning can soar.

Chef Day (\$160)

Prairiewood Elementary School

Laura Bianchi

My project will allow my at-risk Pre-K students to work together as a team and become chefs for the day. We will be cooking vegetable soup while following a recipe, introducing different vegetables, and providing opportunities for discussions on the importance of nutrition and bonding while cooking at home.

Worth a Thousand Words (\$90)

Prairiewood Elementary School

Chuck Jones and Ashley Stoxen

We are requesting a document camera through which our art teacher might project reproductions of images that are relevant to a given lesson and upon which to conduct demonstrations of artistic techniques. This piece of technology would make the teaching visuals so necessary to the art profession accessible to every student.

Bringing Learning to Life (\$799)

Prairiewood Elementary School

Tracy Jacobson and Ashley Stoxen

Bringing Learning to Life will provide students with an interactive classroom through the use of a Mimio. Students will be exposed to new ideas, provided reinforcement activities, and challenged to be more advanced learners. Bringing Lessons to Life will provide an interactive classroom filled with a world of rich resources.

Enhancing Learning with IPEVO (\$270)

Prairiewood Elementary School

Sonia Arnold, Jennifer Malecke, Lourdes Herbst, Irma Verastegui, Susan Mancera, Eliana Postigo and Ashley Stoxen

The *Enhancing Learning with IPEVO* project focuses on providing support in the dual language classrooms through the use of document cameras to aide instruction and language acquisition and development.

Mimio Teach for 1st and 2nd grade classrooms at PWE (\$799)

Prairiewood Elementary School

Bethany Kerley, Martina Frisbie and Ashley Stoxen

The Mimio Teach is an interactive tool that can be utilized in any classroom. As classroom teachers, we are continually striving to engage our students in learning, to help them process and remember what they have learned, and be able to transfer that learning to new situations. That is a challenge that can be accomplished, in part, by the use of technology such as the Mimio Teach.

The 3 L's - Literacy, Learning and Language! (\$400)

Prairiewood Elementary School

Allison Neff, Jeanette Letmanski and Cory Knopik

Requesting funding to purchase literacy materials appropriate for the Early Childhood/Kindergarten Life Skills classroom to promote literacy, learning, and language.

Enrichment Activities for the Read, Play and Learn Curriculum (\$331.32)

Prairiewood Elementary School

Jeanette Letmanski and Cory Knopik

The students in the early childhood through second grade life skills program would benefit from utilizing the materials suggested by the *Read, Play and Learn* Curriculum to enhance their literacy skills and real life experiences in the theme based model.

Creating and Cooking + Communication Learning Through Food = Loving the Language (\$475.59)

Prairiewood Elementary School

Jeanette Letmanski and Sarah Scholinsky

Our goal is to introduce cooking to our students to enhance their language, math, and occupational applications in a functional way. This grant would provide money to purchase supplies used to work on sensory input, measuring math and language building concepts. A hands on, multi-modal experience is best practice for Life Skills students.

Science In the Field (\$100)

Prairiewood Elementary School

John Girard

Using equipment on loan from Aurora University, I will be taking 4th grade students into the field at Pleasant Valley Conservation Area. During the day students will be testing, recording, and observing plants and animals in the field.

Enrichment Through e-Readers (\$225)

Prairiewood and Olson Elementary Schools

Tracy Jacobson

Enrichment Through e-Readers will provide students at the elementary level the opportunity to explore books that are both enriching and challenging while being cost effective. This opportunity will promote literature and growth in students by offering engaging material that is both current and accessible in English and Spanish.

Sensory Motor Group (\$160)

Prairiewood Elementary and Woodstock North High Schools

Kim Muschong

Sensory motor experiences are an integral part of daily programming in the Life Skills classrooms at Prairiewood Elementary and Woodstock North High School. Students receive input through various sensory stimulation to achieve motor output. These programs are in need of additional equipment/activities to support the students sensory motor needs.

Westwood We Deliver (\$360)

Westwood Elementary School

Nancy Kreznor and Elizabeth Instefjord

Who delivers Westwood's mail? Wee Deliver does! This grant would provide materials to continue Westwood's Wee Deliver program. Grant award funds would be used to purchase t-shirts for our student employees as well as awards for our end-of-year recognition ceremony and a special celebration breakfast for our Wee Deliver employees.

More SMART Learning with Our Classroom SMART™ Board (\$3070)

Westwood Elementary School

Courtney Deering

More SMART Learning with Our Classroom SMART™ Board is a grant designed to engage our district's youngest learners with learning through technology. Materials would be purchased to use with our classroom SMART Board™ to embed technology into our science, social studies, and math curricula.

Marvelous Math Stations (\$511.81)

Westwood Elementary School

Courtney Deering and Wendy Wicker

Marvelous Math Stations is a proposal to provide materials for math stations for our first / second grade combination class. The purchase of these materials will allow students to be actively engaged in meaningful math activities, which will reinforce a variety of math topics every day.

Ready, Set, Engage in Learning! (\$878.90)

Westwood Elementary School

Maggie Jensen and Tammy Ortmann

In order for students to learn, they must become active participants in the process. The utilization of "interactive whiteboards deliver engaging visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learning experiences in the classroom." (Sweet, 2010) Mimio technology allows a regular whiteboard to become an interactive surface increasing engagement, motivation, and knowledge.

Carpe Diem (\$500)

Woodstock High School

Arthur E. Vallicelli

Carpe Diem is a creative tradition at Woodstock High School that serves as the only print media of student-submitted short stories, poetry, and artwork. The magazine is entirely student-run and student-created.

WHS Math Team (\$300)

Woodstock High School

Chelsea Baird and Marcy Wiebe

Funds will be used toward math team competitions throughout the year.

Woodstock North HS and Woodstock HS Co-Op Speech Team (\$350)

Woodstock North and Woodstock High Schools

Kyle McCoy

Woodstock High School's Co-Op Speech Team (with WNHS) allows students to compete in public speaking, acting, and improvisational events. These competitive tournaments take place at high schools and colleges around the Chicago area. Students participating become better speakers and communicators, aiding in HS and college activities and educational opportunities.

Cooking for Independence (\$250)

Woodstock North High School

Karla Nussbaum, Haley Roeder and Nancy Schuette

The Life Connections Transition Program views cooking skills and nutritional planning as an essential part of becoming independent in adult life. On cooking days we plan the menu, go shopping with our list, come back to the school and cook. After the meal is enjoyed we clean up our mess.

Connections to the Community (\$500)

Woodstock North High School

Karla Nussbaum, Haley Roeder and Nancy Schuette

This grant would support our transition students in creating a partnership with the community. This includes: exploration of jobsites and community resources, training in the use of public transportation, independent skill practice and development, and self advocacy training. Our goal is for this grant to support students in overcoming individual barriers thus helping them gain a higher level of independence.

National Science Olympiad Competition (\$595)

Woodstock North High School

Marianne Jahnke

The National Science Olympiad Competition is a contest that tests a student's ability to problem solve in all the sciences. It encourages a cross-section of students to get involved in active, hands-on, group participation. It strengthens real-world application of skills. This will be Woodstock North High School's third year in the competition.

State of Illinois math Competition at the University of Illinois – Champaign/Urbana (\$300)

Woodstock North High School

Carol Koltz

The State of Illinois holds a statewide Mathematics competition every year at the University of Illinois-Champaign on the first Saturday of May for all qualifying schools. The students will compete individually and on team events by taking rigorous math exams.

WNHS Garden (\$400)

Woodstock North High School

Camden Harlan

The WNHS garden is an organic outdoor classroom where students, staff, and community learn gardening skills, healthy eating habits, and a life-long hobby. The garden provides food for the school cafeteria, culinary arts, and an in-house food pantry. It also reinforces every area of the schools curriculum.

FEA: Future Teachers Association (\$120)

Woodstock North High School

Jennifer Rooney

I would like to start a chapter of Future Educators Association at WNHS. It is a national organization that supports the recruitment and development of prospective educators.