

# SCEF Awards \$21,722.58 in Fall 2014 Grants

A visiting author, a visiting scientific classroom and a visiting theatrical troupe inspiring students to cope with bullies are among the recipients of fall grants totaling more than \$20,000.00. LEGO kits will help students understand simple and complex machines and a grant for the purchase of notebooks and traditional school supplies will help others hone their note-taking skills. Artists and authors will visit district school buildings during the 2014-15 school years while some students explore culinary skills and others get extra help in math.

All told, it was an inspiring grant cycle where expansive, creative ideas met traditional classroom initiatives to make South Country School District an exciting place for education.

## **Traveling Classroom: Discover the Universe**

Aimee Volk  
Kreamer Street Elementary  
**\$900.00**

Third grade students will learn about astronomy and the universe through classroom workshop and the use of scientific equipment delivered to the school in a special vehicle provided by the Vanderbilt Museum. Five different telescopes are housed in the vehicle and through interactive computer programs, students will detect "invisible" light, manipulate digital images and simulate a satellite launch. The grant pays for the \$9 student admission to the traveling classroom. Approximately 100 students will participate.

## **Laugh-A-Lot Poetry**

Aimee Volk  
Kreamer Street Elementary  
**\$1,250.00**

The students will be treated to a visit by Darren Sardelli an award-winning poet specializing in comedic poetry. He will read his poems, talk of the importance of writing down ideas and help students learn to "paint pictures" with words. His presentation will be geared to different age groups and student assemblies and workshops will be divided by grade level. The grant pays Mr. Sardelli's fee for two assemblies and three workshops.

## **Portable Secondary Teaching Station**

Jamie Calise  
Bellport High School  
**\$1,948.98**

This grant creates a secondary teaching station for inclusion math classes at Bellport High School. This portable station will consist of an interactive white board, a computer and a projector. The second station will be used in "co-taught" classes enabling teachers to deliver lessons simultaneously in situations where students are learning at a different pace. The budget calls for the purchase of one eBeam Edge Wireless System, an Epson EX5220 Wireless SGA 3LCD Projector, a Reversible Mobile Free-Standing Magnetic Dry Erase Board, and a Dell Inspiron 113147 Signature Edition 2 in 1 PC.

## **Great Gears, Working Wheels, Lifting Levers and Pulling Pulleys**

Maryanne Brandi, Jill DeRosa, Aimee Volk,  
Kevin Glynn, Laura Earl, Colleen McQueeney  
Kreamer Street Elementary School, Verne W.  
Critz Elementary, Brookhaven Elementary  
**\$3,000.00**

Students in all district elementary schools will study simple and compound machines during their science lessons using the LEGO Education Simple Machines Building Set. Simple and Compound Machines is a topic studied by third grade students. LEGO Education has developed a program that compliments this unit of study. The grant includes one Simple Machines Set for every two students. The three sets purchased (at a cost of \$935.95 each) also includes an Activity Pack which is aligned to both the National Science Teacher Association and the National Teachers of Mathematics standards. The activities—basic physical science concepts through observation, reasoning, prediction and critical thinking—are correlated to the Common Core standards.

## **Fantasies and Storytelling through Art**

Michelle Procida and Kimberly Gosselin  
Brookhaven Elementary School  
**\$1,800.00**

Visiting artist Lealand Eve Stewart will conduct four custom assemblies for grades K-3 on storytelling and art. Ms. Stewart will discuss her ideas of fantasy and magic and then incorporate those concepts into an art lesson. The students will display their creations in the school's annual Art Show held in the spring.

## **Interactive Student Notebook**

Leck Nhotsoubanh, Lisa Salpietro  
Bellport Middle School  
**\$933.62**

Students will improve their note-taking and math skills while creating their own Interactive Student Notebooks, which are created with traditional school supplies many students lack. The grant writers are to purchase spiral notebooks, glue sticks, scissors, highlighters, colored pencils and a paper cutter so students can fashion their own notebooks. The notebooks are used for class notes as well as for other activities related to topics discussed in class. The interactive notebooks have been said to be used in other classes, producing good results.

## **Plasma Cutting/Metal Sculpture**

Lisa S. Conk  
Bellport High School  
**\$1,429.50**

Visiting sculptor David Haussler will work with thirty students in the high school sculpture class teaching them to use the school's plasma cutter. The students will create free-standing metal sculpture which will be displayed May 2015 in the high school. The grant pays for the visiting artist's fee, metal for the sculptures as well as extension cords.

## **Functional Community Life- Skills Learning Experiences**

Jennifer McNaughton, Tracy Behl,  
Rebecca Donovan, Krista Albrecht  
Frank P. Long Intermediate School and  
Bellport Middle School  
**\$1,000.00**

This grant is for special education students at the Bellport Middle School and the Frank P. Long Intermediate School. The object of the proposal is to provide these students with the opportunity to participate in functional lifeskill experiences. Some of these might include going to a grocery store, a restaurant, a movie theater and a live theater production. These experiences enrich the individual's experience of the workings of the world outside the classroom. The funds granted will provide transportation, tickets and lunches.

## **Movie Time!**

Tracy Behl, Jennifer McNaughton, Amy  
Fassino, Allison Schelein  
Frank P. Long Intermediate School  
**\$777.66**

Students in life skills and self-contained special education classes at Frank P. Long Intermediate School will visit a movie theater to see "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day." First the students will read the book by the same title allowing them to compare the adaptation of the book to a movie. Additionally, students will thus expand their experiences outside the school building. The grant is for admission fees and the bus.

## **Stand Up! Stand Out! The Bullying Project**

William F. Champlin, IV, Heather Nolan,  
M. Drucker, Sonia Orfin  
Kreamer Street Elementary School,  
Verne W. Critz Elementary,  
Brookhaven Elementary  
**\$1,200.00 @ = \$3,600.00**

An original musical production by Theatre Three in Port Jefferson will deliver a message to students at all three elementary school on bullying. Through the use of popular fairytales, bullying behavior is identified and students learn how to identify offending behavior, what to do about it and how to cope with it.

**Curriculum Enhancement  
Transportation for the Advance  
Culinary Program**

*Camille Masem  
Bellport High School*  
**\$619.35**

This grant pays for the transportation of students in the Bellport High School Advance Culinary Program to venues to purchase items for their menus. The van transportation cost is \$206.45 per trip. There will be three trips for this grant.

**Science Olympiad Team**

*William R. Corbett  
Bellport High School*  
**\$2,363.54**

The Science Olympiad Team, through its advisor, is granted funds for equipment and supplies, competition fees and transportation to events including the regional event in January at Brentwood High School.

**Elements of Design (iMovie)**

*Christopher Varley  
Bellport High School*  
**\$2,099.93**

The art department at Bellport High School would like to purchase seven GoPro cameras to shoot video on the seven elements of design. Small groups (four students) will be assigned a camera and create their own films as they seek out the elements of design. They will be given a brief history of film and introduced to some of the well known film makers of the 20th century. Students will learn cinematic techniques including editing, sound and effects.