

27,000 DOLLARS FUNDS 17 GRANTS IN THE 2015 FALL GRANT CYCLE

Every school participated in the SCEF Fall Grant Cycle. With these grants BHS students will attend a Future Business Leaders of America meeting, the Environment Quality club will expand their bottle recycling and special education students will visit and participate in career-related activities at various businesses. Frank P. Long students will continue with the Woodworkers Club, life skills students will have a functional community learning experience, the fifth grade class will visit the Long Island Science Center and fourth graders will visit the Epenetus Smith Tavern. The Elementary school students will participate in Project Fit Step, explore the waters around us and will be inspired by Djembre drums!

DJEMBRE DRUMS FOR
CREATIVE MINDS
C. Daniels, N. Santaromita
Kreamer Street Elementary
School
\$2,970.00

Djembre drumming is believed to raise the energy level of a classroom and complement teaching principles, all while incorporating music into the curriculum. Each teacher and every classroom at the elementary school will be provided with an eight-inch drum. The drum is an "amazing tool to make language, cultural and intellectual connections between students, teachers and curriculum. This assessment was formed after attending a workshop at the Ron Clack Academy in Georgia. RCA was founded by two teachers who were named Teachers of the Year by Disney. It is a popular training ground for professionals.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS
OF AMERICA
C. Masem
Bellport Senior High School
\$536.77

This grant is for a trip to the district meeting of Future Business Leaders of America at Molloy College in Rockville Center. The conference is designed to prepare students for upcoming competitive events and gives students the opportunity to network with other chapters across Long Island. The students will attend two sessions of workshops and there will be meetings for advisors as well. Students learn about employer expectations as well as learn tips on how to market an event, profit and loss margins, etc.

READY, SET, SOLVE!
D. Yee
Kreamer Street Elementary
School
\$896.90

Games and manipulatives will be used to help 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade students in need of math intervention services. The games will be used to work on seven different topics including place value, addition, subtraction and division.

MAKING READING FUN
K. Albrecht, R. Donovan,
E. Hartill
Bellport Middle School
\$1,500.00

Special needs students as well as speech students at the Bellport Middle School will work on phonics skills using books that are easier to read but have subject material more appropriate for Middle Schoolers. Various sensory materials will be purchased and will help students remain focused throughout the school day. The materials will be shared with three programs at the middle school: Life Skills, Speech Services and Autism Program.

NATURE AND
TRANSFORMATION
THROUGH ART
M. Procida
Brookhaven Elementary School
\$2,000.00

Local artist and educator Lorena Salcedo-Watson will visit the elementary school for a one-week art-residence program. During her visit she will present her collections of natural objects and discuss how she incorporates them into her work. The main focus will be how color, line, shape and texture are important in creating both imaginary and surrealistic images. The artist will visit in January. Artwork will be created during the winter and spring months and the work will be exhibited in May. This program is for students in grades 1, 2 and 3.

INTERACTIVE STUDENT
NOTEBOOKS
L. Nhotsouanh, L. Salpietro
Bellport Middle School
\$933.62

Students will create "interactive notebooks" that will help them increase their study skills and create resource materials of their own making.

OCEANOGRAPHY: EXPLORE
THE WATERS AROUND US
A. Volk, T. Bartkewicz
Kreamer Street Elementary
School
\$2,662.74

Third grade students at the elementary school will have the opportunity to work with a marine biologist to discover the ocean habitats that surround Long Island. The grant involves an Oceanographic Fishing trip, ocean habitats and other locations around Great South Bay and the Fire Island Inlet. Students will study tides, plankton tows and bottom dredging.

WOODWORKERS CLUB
P. Cisek
Frank P. Long Intermediate
School
\$1,700.00

Although retired, Pete Cisek is still helping out with the intermediate school's Woodworking Club. He has enlisted the help of nine teachers who will involve their students in woodworking projects that are pre-cut by Mr. Cisek. There will be a total of about 400 projects.

MAKING HISTORY COME
ALIVE
M. McGovern, J. McCarthy, D.
Perkins, J. Kelly, M. Pettit,
K. Christie, K. Gimpel,
C. Kwiatkoski, C. Negri,
T. Palermo, C. White, L. Nabi,
D. Etzel, S. Winslow, S. Rauch
Frank P. Long Intermediate
School
\$3,636.36

Fourth grade teachers at the intermediate school are taking their students on a field trip to the Epenetus Smith Tavern at the Smithtown Historical Society. They will visit the 1749 structure, experience a form of Colonial life on Long Island, writing with quill pens, dipping candles, creating candle holders and having silhouettes made. Students will also play period games and create their own tavern sign.

OCEANOGRAPHY: EXPLORE
THE WATERS AROUND US
B. Pettit, J. DeRosa
Verne W. Critz Elementary
School
\$2,260.16

Third grade students at the elementary school will have the opportunity to work with a marine biologist to discover the ocean habitats that surround Long Island. The grant apparently involves a field trip to ocean habitats and other locations around Great South Bay and the Fire Island Inlet. Students will study tides, plankton tows and bottom dredging. The grant will pay for admission to the Oceanographic Fishing Trip (\$15 each for 97 students and two buses to the undisclosed site (\$805.16).

FUNCTIONAL COMMUNITY
LIFE-SKILLS LEARNING
EXPERIENCES
J. McNaughton, D. Aiello,
R. Donovan, K. Albrecht
Frank P. Long Intermediate
School
\$550.00

This grant will provide "real life experiences across various social settings during multiple field trips." The trips are to restaurants, movie theaters, a mall and the Gateway Playhouse. In these environments, students with multiple disabilities will build background knowledge about functional life experiences. In certain cases, they will pay their own admission, order meals and interact appropriately in public settings.

IPEVO Document Camera
M. Pettit
Frank P. Long Intermediate
School
\$153.37

The IPEVO document camera is a good device for sharing student work on the classroom interactive whiteboard. It is described as a good device for capturing a "teachable moment" in the classroom and including student work as a last minute addition to a classroom lesson.

PRACTICAL JOB
OPPORTUNITIES
K. Scotti, E. Romero
Bellport High School
\$1,000

Career-related activities for special education students enrolled in the Career and Financial Management classes at Bellport High School. The primary focus of the proposal is to expose students to a variety of job opportunities as they begin to explore post-secondary careers. Among the places they will visit are Cornell Cooperative Extension and Eastern Suffolk BOCES.

SEQ BOTTLE RECYCLING
C. Watson
Bellport High School
\$1,500

Students for Environment Quality, a club at the high school, would like to revitalize the bottle recycling program by making more receptacles available around the building. It is their belief that students will more readily participate in the program if bins are strategically placed in the building.

INDUSTRIAL DESIGN WITH 3D
SOFTWARE
C. Varley
Bellport High School
\$3,000.00

This grant provides for the purchase of a 3D Printer that students will use to redesign an everyday instrument or product. This process will expose students to the field of industrial design. Additionally, the 3D printer will be used for similar projects in computer graphics classes.

BE A SCIENTIST: FORENSIC
ARCHAEOLOGY
T. Behl, L. Heaton, T. Tietjen
Frank P. Long Intermediate
School
\$758.48

Students in inclusion and general education fifth grade classes will visit the Long Island Science Center and participate in a forensic archaeology program. Using real human bones as props, teams are challenged to examine the bones for clues to information about the dead person such as age, gender and possible cause of demise. The program encourages deductive reasoning, observation and data recording skills.

PROJECT FIT STEP
D. Brower
Kreamer Street Elementary
School
\$839.00

This grant is for the purchase of 30 up-loadable pedometers to be used in Physical Education classes. The pedometers will measure how much moderate to vigorous physical activity is expended during a class session. The instruments will help students and teachers assess their fitness activity.