

\$26,732 FUNDS 19 GRANTS IN THE 2017/2018 SCEF FALL GRANT CYCLE

With the grants awarded in the 2017/2018 SCEF Fall Grant Cycle, BHS students learned about various post high school opportunities including college and job possibilities, learned to use a Document Camera, utilized their business skills to comparison shop for items to be sold in the school store, and competed in the Annual Long Island Envirothon. Bellport Middle School students used math to explore real world topics, received sensory items to help them focus and decrease their anxiety, and brought their classroom skills into real life practice through various activities. Frank P. Long students enhanced their reading skills with PlayAway audio books, learned to ballroom dance, received new computer mouses for their Google Chromebooks, and visited the LI Aquatic Center. The Elementary school students had opportunities to learn to make pizza, participate in ZUMBA classes, visit a working farm, develop their math skills with math games, visit the LI Aquarium and attend a live performance at Theatre Three. All these efforts could only have come to fruition with the great support of the community.

Work Based Learning

Kelly Scotti

Bellport High School

\$824.00

This grant provides several field trips for special education students to comparison shop and purchase items to sell in the high school's School Store. The students run the in-building store where they can obtain "real life" retail job training.

Read Away with PlayAways

Patricia Gallina

Frank P. Long Intermediate School

\$1,264.84

This grant will provide funding for 16 portable audio book titles by PlayAway, a company that provides audio books in a unit the size of a deck of cards. The audio books permit students to listen to a story while reading along in a hard copy of the same book. This type of activity helps students – strong readers and struggling readers alike – to enjoy reading.

Choosing Career Paths

Kelly Scotti, Elina Romero

Bellport High School

\$2,000.00

This grant covers the cost of transportation, and in some cases admission fees, to several Suffolk County locations where students with disabilities enrolled in the Career and Financial Management and Exploration classes can examine different work opportunities after high school. Organizations to be visited include Cornell Cooperative Extension, Eastern Suffolk BOCES, Suffolk County Police Department and several other locations.

Dancing Classrooms

Alicia Ulberg

Frank P. Long Intermediate School

\$2,000.00

This grant supports Dancing Classrooms, an on-going program and initiative of the Education Foundation. Fifth grade students participate in ballroom dancing classes that connect student behavior, attitude and academic goals.

Document Camera

Stephanie Pirozzi

Bellport High School

\$486.31

Struggling learners will gain confidence and improve their work with the help of a Document Camera, according to the grant writer, which will instantly showcase their work and share it with others. The camera will be used in small group instruction and will support both reading and AIS courses.

Differentiated and Engaged Learning

Jamie Calise

Bellport Middle School

\$949.18

This grant funds a one-year subscription to Mathalicious, a website that creates math lessons that explore real world topics, as well as the purchase of two Motivadors, a special timer. The timers are used to pace students when they work. The grant also provides for three stools, a dry erase whiteboard and markers to be used in a co-teaching setting.

Sensory Diet

Rebecca Donovan

Bellport Middle School

\$1,000.00

Students with autism and other special needs often benefit from the use of sensory items such as fidget kits, tactile manipulatives, putty, exercise balls and more. These supplies provide increased comfort for students by decreasing anxiety. This grant makes these items available for students in the 8:1:3 program.

Classroom Skills to Real Life Practice
Krista Albrecht
Bellport Middle School
\$1,000.00

This grant provides for monthly field trips for students in the Life Skills and 8:1:3 programs. The trips are designed to learn how to budget, spend and save money, explore job/career options, perform job tasks and utilize learned social behaviors in public forums. Among the suggested sites to visit: Castello's, Bellport; Stop n Shop; Smile Farm; and the Ronkonkoma Cinema.

The Click to Success
Tracy Behl, Theresa Tietjan
Frank P. Long Intermediate School
\$488.49

This grant pays for 30 student computer mice to be used by 4th and 5th grade students with their Google Chromebooks, issued to each student by the district. Many students have difficulties navigating the Chromebook with the touchpad. The addition of a mouse would make it easier to navigate through the pages, especially in test-taking situations where time, speed and anxiety are huge factors.

ZUMBA
Danielle Brower, Kelly Hogan
Kreamer Street Elementary School
\$1,500.00

Students in all grades will spend a week dancing their way to better aerobic health and endurance in supervised ZUMBA classes and a ZUMBA field day.

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Danielle Brower, William Champlin
Verne W. Critz Elementary School
\$1,500.00

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Farm Exploration
Deidre Wittmann, Susan Mineo, Mary Winfield, Katherine Frankie, Michele Drucker
Kreamer Street Elementary School
\$2,354.84

Kindergarten students will visit Benner's Farm, a working farm, for a hands-on agricultural experience. They will hold and feed animals, plant, see how honey is made, and learn about the history of the family operation.

How to Make a Pizza
Deidre Wittmann, Susan Mineo, Mary Winfield, Katherine Frankie, Michele Drucker
Kreamer Street Elementary School
\$744.00

Over 100 students will walk into Bellport Village as part of this grant to learn how to make a pizza under the watchful eye of a chef at Café Castello on Main Street. Students will smell the spices, task the ingredients and follow a recipe to create their own pie.

Game Changing Math Tools
Denise Yee
Kreamer Street Elementary School
\$1,595.00

Students at all grade levels will create their own mathematic tools and math games using the concepts created by Kim Sutton's popular program called Creative Math Workshops. The program uses learning tools, such as manipulatives and tactile devices, and games to enhance math study.

College Can Be Part Of My Future Plans
Crista Pervelis, Ann Haddad
Bellport High School
\$335.48

This grant provides for a field trip to Stonybrook University and a meeting with college representatives for students in grades 10-12, who have a history of homelessness or have participated in a specialized academic support system. The hope is that these at-risk students, through exposure to a college campus setting, will set their sights on a college degree.

LI Aquatic Center's Environmental Interaction
Mary Pettit, N. Paolillo, T. Giresi
J. Heaton, P. Gallina
Frank P. Long Intermediate School
\$3,820.40

This grant will fund a field trip for students in Cluster A to the Long Island Aquatic Center.

LI Envirothon

Diana Neff

Bellport High School

\$812.00

Students for Environmental Quality (SEQ) will compete in the 20th Annual Long Island Envirothon on April 25, 2018, at the USDAN Summer Camp for the Arts. On the day of the event, students compete in five subject stations answering questions and earning points for correct answers. In a sixth category, students deliver an oral presentation to a panel on the topic of an environmental problem that is posed to the group several weeks prior to the competition. The grant covers registration fees, bus transportation and team sweatshirts.

Survival of the Fittest

A. Volk

Kreamer Street Elementary School

\$2,505.16

Approximately 100 third graders will travel to the Long Island Aquarium to explore the science of animal adaption in diverse environments, part of the science curriculum. The grant covers admission to the Aquarium and transportation.

Theatre Three

Christine McMahon

Verne W. Critz Elementary School

\$1,570.60

Four Kindergarten classes will attend a play that directly aligns to the literacy program. The students will observe, listen and participate in an age appropriate play and learning about the arts.